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Out Of Beat (Boys Of Fallout Book 1)



Synopsis

Danny 'Madman' Maddox isn't supposed to make Skylar Haze's heart beat out of rhythm. At least not anymore. She hasn't seen that boyish face, always covered in a five o'clock shadow, dimpled smile and teasing hazel eyes since the day he left to go on tour with her brother Joey's band. Now with a major record label backing them the band is in need of a bit of help, and when Joey asks Skylar to be the band's photographer, she can't help but say yes. Of course, Joey doesn't know about that forbidden kiss. The one Skylar hopes Danny's forgotten. But can she? One smile and she finds herself slipping again. But he's the drummer, and he's beaten her heart before. And she won't let it happen again.

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Customer Reviews

Out of Beat by Cassandra Giovanni is the first book in her new Boys of Fallout series. Rocker romance that is much more on the young new adult side with it's minimal cussing and fade to black love scenes. The pace was slow but steady and the characters were well-written. The story is NOT

overly dramatic but does touch on some deep topics such as child abuse, domestic violence, and bullying. The characters also grow and learn to lean on those they trust and that sharing your story can ease your burden. The two main characters in this, Danny and Skylar are best friends. Danny is the drummer in a band with Sky's brother and two other guys, Zack and Aaron. They are all as close with her as her brother is but Danny and Sky are closer than that. After one shared kiss years ago, They're back and taking her on the road with them to be their photographer. The story covers their lives on tour, their success that grows as they become more cohesive as a team and family, and has a happy ending.

I love this author. Her books are so in depth. The emotions that run through you are as if you literally feel the pain and sadness. As well as the joy and laughter. When I read her series Beautifully Flawed I actually openly wept. That is how incredibly well written her books are. The Beautifully Flawed series is not done. But I highly suggest that anyone who wants to read a love story that is close to real-life and not all sunshine and lollipops this is one of the authors to follow.

4.5 stars
18 year old Skylar doesn't really know what to do with her life. Her parents want her to go to college and she wants to do something with her passion for photography. About to sign on for summer classes her big brother comes up with the most perfect idea! She's going to come on tour with their band and be their tour photographer! They've been doing this official band thing for three years now - ever since they left their hometown when they were 18. The only problem with this new job is Danny. Skylar's first love. Her first kiss and the guy who never called these last three years. He's been her best friend growing up. And she was the only one he could confide in about his horrible home-life. And now they're supposed to live together in a tiny tour bus? And poor brother Joey - he doesn't know a thing about the history of his little sister and his best buddy! WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON THAT TOUR??? READ THE BOOK TO FIND OUT!
Give me a rockstar book and I'm happy. This is and will always be my favorite kind of romance! And this story was adorably rockstarish! I loved the whole rockstar part of it. We're on tour - on the bus - on stage - doing promo stuff like radio interviews and mall signings and video shoots. I want to go back 20 years and be Skylar! This would've been my dream back then. Living on a tour bus with 3 guys who love you like brothers. Or in Danny's case of course NOT like a brother!
And since I have to say I would have to go back in time 20 years for me to be that age, this book was a tiny little bit too young for me. Skylar is 18. All through the book she's 18 and the guys are 21/22. And she's a skater-girl. That is

so far outside my real life. I only know male skaters - and those only in the 1990's
But anyway - I still loved the story. Next to being rockstars on tour, we deal with something very serious, something that's always there, has always been a problem and will unfortunately always be a thing in schools: BULLYING! Skylar had huge problems at school once the guys left to be rockstars. And even though some years have gone by, she's still stuck in that painful time. But Danny and the boys will help her with that! They're all so adorable. Slightly over-the-top crazy in Zack's case! I loved them all! Can't wait which band or bandmember will be in the next book! "OUT OF BEAT" was an amazingly adorable and serious rockstar romance! Run to your nearest bookstore for your own ride in that tour bus!!!! If I had to name some things I didn't like... As I mentioned before, the age thing. I'm a bit old for such books. And I don't know if it's because of their age, but I was a bit disappointed that we didn't have any SEX in here. We fade to black before the only sex happens. I don't like books - rockstar books - without any sexy scenes. It was still adorably romantic but I missed it. The writing was a bit weird here and there. Some expressions got on my nerves after reading them 20 times. Like HE COUGHED IN HIS HAND - SHE PUT HER CHIN ON HER SHOULDER - weird things like that. Too often. BUT - other than that I really enjoyed the book. I finished it in one day! 4.5 Stars - most of those stars are for the rockstarness of the book

My Rating: 4.5
Favorite Quote: Will you promise me that somewhere, when we're both ready, that forever is what we'll have to make ridiculous promises?
My Review: Out of Beat was an entertaining, engaging, and sweet and tender upper YA/mild NA hybrid. Although either of those genres would be a rare read for me, I enjoyed the novel start to finish. The writing was extremely insightful, observant, emotive, and each scene and thought process was well detailed and easy to follow. I reveled in the ease, playfulness, and supportiveness of the band members' relationships; as well as their wit, banter, and interplay. The characters were adorable and endearingly flawed while the story was relevant, powerful, and highly relatable. Having been heinously bullied in high school by an odious rat bastard and his mindless minions, the storyline resonated strongly with me, despite the 40 odd years since that hideous period of my life. The friends to lovers trope remains one of my favorites and Ms. Giovanni's work was well crafted and heart squeezing. I also derived great pleasure in the thoughtful music with a message and public service actions the band members employed. This was my first maiden voyage in reading Ms. Giovanni's words, and it was an enjoyable journey that I look forward to repeating.

Out of Beat by Cassandra Giovanni***4 stars***Super sweet story about reuniting true love, overcoming past tragedies, and mixing it all up with a little rock n roll. Skylar has always been close with her brother Joey and his band mates, so when they leave on tour and she's left to fend for herself, she discovers that real life has its definite ups and downs. Danny was always the one that got away, and took Skylar's heart with him. No one has ever compared, and when he's finally back in her life, she knows she can't let him slip away again. Being asked to do photography for the band, she's now thrust into the madness that is her brother and the band, and all that comes with it. Secrets are revealed and whether they can all move past the lies and deceit that some of them feel, will be the true test of family and friendship. Loved all the boys in the band, they're a riot, and bring much needed comic relief in times of sadness. This story shows the true meaning of friends that are family, and finding yourself and the love you thought was lost. Beautiful and fun all wrapped in one!

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