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My name is Livie Marie Acosta. I am a firm believer that childhood memories are supposed to be happy, joyous, and beautiful. I also believe everyone else in life has just that... except for me, of course.

I came close to having that once with my own family. I had a loving mother that treated me like her little princess. My father was, and still is, the biggest support system in my life, but even his love isn't enough for me at times. I would have been a proud big sister at the age of seven, but Antonio Jr. was torn away from us before he was even born.

I was destined to be alone and hurt, both emotionally and physically scarred.

The only skeletons that remained of my once happy family was a father I adored, but who lived hundreds of miles away, and a mother whom I had spent most of my own life saving from her demons.

Like many people, they are scarred so deep that when they bleed, it is a reminder that they are still human.

I have a secret. A secret only I know about. I keep my secret well, and keep it hidden from the peeping eyes of the world.

At least I tried... that is until two angels barged into my life, and into my scattered heart. Their presence in my life spun me on my heels, turning my world yet again upside down, and right side up all at the same time.

What I find could either save me, or finally push me over the edge.

Here is my story...

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## From Reader Review Oceans Collide for online ebook

### Books Laid Bare says

This is not a smooth ride and nor should it be. So hang on tight as you get to know Livie, Lawrence and Ocean!

It may seem strange that in this we have three major players to contend with but that fact only adds to the pleasure that you will get from this story, because each of them brings their own dynamic to the tale and that is a great big fat positive in my book.

Livie has been through more than most growing up, my heart went out to a young woman that deserved better than she had.

Lawrence (Law) well OMG the man needs a health warning, he is just too good to be true. I want a friend like him, he was joyous!

Setting up his new fitness centre, means that he is hiring staff and when Livie turns up looking for work, the attraction is unmistakable. Not to say that what they have is carnal, because they seem to share a deeper bond and that means that they are destined to be the very best of friends.

When Law's life seems to be getting out of hand following a situation with his father. It is Livie that is able to ground him and give him the stability that he needs. And when it is Livie that needs support, he is by her side to return the favour but this time he is not alone because he has a sidekick by them and what a man he turns out to be.

So just when we are all bobbing along , getting to grips what is happening to Law and Livie, in comes the indomitable Ocean, and oh my lord, what is in the water because he is damn well gorgeous!

Law and Ocean are family, cousins and Ocean not fully understanding the situation between Law and Livie wont step on Law's toes but his reaction to Livie is primal.

From the minute he sets eyes on her, the temperature goes through the roof!!!

The three of them, are amazing, I loved the connection that they have and the dynamic that each pair brings to the scenario, Livie and Law are a tight as you can be, Law and Ocean are just brilliant together and Ocean and Livie- OMG they have something that is just so solid that I was smiling for them both.

Secrets and history are the driving forces of this story but it touches on aspects of life that are difficult but it does so both with tact and empathy.

I look forward to reading the next book

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### Katrina Marsolais says

wow....absolutely amazing

## Julie Kirby says

Thank you so much for the opportunity in reading a ARC copy of this book, I really cant wait for the next installment!

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We then get to meet Ocean, Oh boy! how can there be two very handsome hot hunky men in one family! The boys are cousins. Ocean notices Livie immediately, and I must admit I didn't notice straight away but boy are Livie and Ocean explosive together. They bounce of each other perfectly.

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## **Twin Sisters Rockin' Book Reviews says**

Overall Rating: 4.5 Rockin' ★★★★★?

*“I was damaged goods. There was no hope for a girl like me. Just a tragic ending somewhere along the narrow and forever winding road.”*

*“If you drown...I drown, baby.”*

Ocean's Collide is M.A. DeOlmos' first book in her Ocean's Trilogy. I was hopelessly lost from the beginning with the very well developed characters and their plight's. From the very beginning I was drowning in story. I was captured by the way the author developed the characters. They were shapely and fully formed. I felt their pain, weaknesses, and passion.

Lawrence “Law”, to his friends is an awesome guy all around! Law was an MMA fighter during high school and was really good. I loved him from the beginning to the end. I could totally tell he was caring, funny, sexy and all with a heart of gold. He's finally got together the funds to open his own MMA studio and he's stoked.

Livie Acosta is a young woman coming into her own. She lost her mother and her father is all she has left. She is trying to lose track of the demons that disturb her. Livie is desperate to find a job and begin her career, in fitness of course. Of all the places in all the world, she had to walk into the newly opening MMA studio of Lawrence Hawthorne.

Ocean Hawthorne, the cousin and fellow MMA fighter, is angry. He's mad at the world, upset with his family, and punishes himself regularly. After his stint in rehab, he's trying to tamper things down. When his cousin, Law, asks him to co-own an MMA studio, he might just get the chance to start over, fresh and new.

Will Livie get the job of her dreams and stop her haunting demons? Can she find the happiness that she deserves? Will Law and Ocean's studio be a success? Who will Livie give her heart to? Read this book! Just beware...there is a cliffhanger that will make you beg for the next book!!!

This story has everything! From friendship, compassion, and a bit of erotica but most of all love, the book is packed full. In a most unusual triangle with family and devotion, the author brought a new spin to how being under the most dire of circumstances that everyone deserves to be happy. I loved, loved, loved, reading this book. It brought tears to my eyes and caused my heart to sing. Way to play it, Melissa! ~TSRBR

Hero – Lawrence Hawthorne 5.0 stars

Hero – Ocean Hawthorne 4.5 stars

Heroine – Livie Acosta 4.5 stars

Steam Level: 4.5 stars

Plot: 4.0 stars

Cliffhanger: YES!

Would I recommend this book: Yes!

Would I read other books by this author: Yes! Absolutely! She's on my reading radar!!! Can't wait to read the next book!

\*\*\*Received an ARC of this book from the Author in exchange for an honest review\*\*\*

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## Christy says

### *Rating is 5 out of 5 Ocean Wave's*

Livie has been threw hell and back with her mother. Her mother was a drunk and into drugs, there have been many times that Livie had to save her mom from herself. This is the one time that Livie wishes she didn't ignore the call that night and take her time getting to her mom. When she walks in, her mother is already gone. Her mother spent years fighting herself and in turn it made Livie be the adult. But Livie has always held everything in until she felt like she was going to pop. There is only one way that she knows how to release that anxiety and anger and she hopes no one ever finds out.

Livie's dad left her mother years ago. Livie never blamed him for leaving, but instead of going with him, she chose to stay behind and rescue her mom every time she needed it. He was her number 1 supporter in life and would give her the world if she would let him. They had this unbreakable bond that was impossible to think about crumbling, so she hoped her dad would never find out the secret she kept from him. It may just make his world fall.

Livie was taught Martial Arts and Jiu-Jitsu when growing up by her father. So she was kind of a workout nut and knew there was no better job for her then to work in a gym. She remembers seeing an ad for a new Martial Arts gym opening up and took the chance and headed there.

Lawrence Hawthorne is an ex-cage fighter who had this dream of opening up his own studio. His long time friend MacKenzie had an empty studio that was a gym that didn't make it and it was the perfect spot for Lawrences new MMA Studio. He is ready to move on in his life and past the things that hurt him when he was fighting.

Livie has just stepped into the gym that Lawrence bought and has come prepared with a resume and all. When Lawrence asks her if she is qualified for the job, she does more then answer him, she shows him by kicking his ass on the mat with her moves. She has no idea that it is THE Lawrence Hawthorne standing in front of her. She totally gets the job!

Lawrence has this feeling of protecting Livie. There is something about her that makes it hard for him to stay away from her. It is not like a romantic chemistry, but more like a brother/sister chemistry. The moment he saw her, it is like she brought Sunshine into his dull and dim life.

Lawrence needs his cousin Ocean. Ocean is the only person who can keep him calm and talk sense into him when he needs it. He needs him now that his dad is trying to take his mothers house from her. SO when Lawrence heads to Boston to see some lawyers that Livie's Father set him up with, he needs Ocean by his side to keep him from murdering his father.

Ocean is currently the number 1 Cage Fighter in the World. when Ocean was having trouble staying off of drugs after an accident he blames himself for, he was headed to the bottom. Lawrence saved him and sent him to rehab, for this Ocean owes him.

Livie comes face to chest with Ocean Hawthorne and doesn't understand the way he is effecting her. It was like instant chemistry with these two. Ocean feels the need to protect her and shelter her and guard her with his life. He has never felt like this before with a female.

Ocean is this overbearing, jealous jerk when it comes to Livie. He always thinks the worse of those around him. He hates the way men look at her and how some of them come on to her. He knows that she could handle herself, but he has this caveman, green eyed thing going on and needs to pound his chest and fluff his feathers, letting others know that she is spoken for, even if they haven't made it official.

When Livie has an episode in the car, Ocean is the first one to come into the back and hold her. He knows at that moment that it is going to be impossible to not fall in love with her. Livie and Ocean are fighting their feelings for one another because each has something to hide from the other. They are afraid to let one another in and it just may keep them apart.

Livie needs Ocean as much as she needs the air she breathes to survive. Ocean seems to be the only person who can keep her calm and help the pain go away. Ocean is starting to catch on to what may be her secret, but he wants her to tell him. He wants her to trust him with her heart and let him in.

When Ocean walks in on her after her shower one night, he sees it right there in front of him. There is no way she can deny what he is seeing and he wants answers. Livie feels as if she needs to hide. She starts to run for the bathroom and on the way there, Ocean catches her and she does the only thing she knows how. She fights him. She fights him with everything in her until she can fight no more. It is here at this moment that she realizes that he really does love her. That he really is the only person who calms her down and can help her get through it.

***“Ocean?”“Yeah baby.” “Please don’t leave me like everyone else, don’t let me drown Ocean.” “I hugged her tighter. “Livie I won’t let you drown. If you drown I drown baby.” I held onto her and closed my eyes, and silently cried myself to sleep.***

This is the part in the book that I became a fan of Ocean for life. Any man that shows emotion, I am more than happy to love him. Ocean and Livie are finally moving in the right direction and are happy where their relationship is, until Livies whole world comes crashing to the ground with one phone call.

***This book was always moving. There was always something going on that kept my attention and wanted me to continue to read. I mean who doesn’t love sexy fighters? I know right, we all do!! I am definitely waiting for book 2 on pins and needles, needing to know where Lawrence, Livie and Ocean head to next.***

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## **Spunky N Sassy says**

~~~Zarah's ★★★★★ Review~~~

You Drown, I drown

I received this title courtesy of Sweet and Sassy Book-Aholics for an honest review

Livie (Sunshine) Acosta has had a rough go of it. Consumed by guilt she takes a very dark road trying to cope with her pain. But don't be fooled - she is one tough chick!

Attempting to take back some control of her life - Enter Law Hawthorne and while there is obvious attraction between the two, disappointing (for me anyway :-)) they are more like brother / sister or kindred spirits. Law pushes Liv towards his cousin Ocean and his thought that these two very damaged individuals might just save each other. (If they don't destroy each other before hand)

Now she has two fierce warriors fighting to love and protect her from her demons, but they both need her as much as she needs them.

M.A.Deolmos doesn't water down anything in her descriptions as the scenes play out - the story had me cringing with every swipe of the razor and tears welling at the torment the trio went through. This is not a hearts and flowers romance - it's raw and intense and the issues are quite confronting.

There were a few editing errors with mis-spelt words (waste I/o waist and wilder-beast I/o wilde beast) and I personally want a fan of the quirk movie and celebrity references used to describe how the character look but the Author explains this as being a quirk if Livie's.

If you don't like cliff hangers - then you will hate this as this one is a MONSTER! Again the author captured the pain and emotion of the final scene so well I was virtually yelling at Ocean and Law the "Hurry the Hell up"

I really enjoyed it - well done.

~~~Sharlene's ★★★★★ Review~~~

Livie has been taking care of her mom for a while and neglecting herself in multiple ways. It's about time she meets Law and Ocean who start taking care of her for a change. Needless to say she doesn't know how to handle it. This sounds like your stereotypical romance novel but the set up and events of the book give it more of an interesting twist.

I really enjoyed the 3 POV's in this book. Being able to explore this story from Livie, Law and Ocean's perspectives made the book much more enjoyable for me. This is not a menage book but the characters are all very close. The characters were all very likeable as well. Although at times I felt they were a bit juvenile.

The book was an easy read. The author even provides translation for any Portugese that is spoken in the book. Don't know about you, but I hate having to use Google Translater for figure out what someone in a book is saying.

There is a major cliffhanger at the end of this book but the second book is already out so you can buy both. Overall, this book did not captivate me but I did enjoy it and went on to read the second book in the series.

~~~Dee's ★★★★★ Review~~~

This story is unbelievable in its depth of human emotion and in the bottomless pit of mental darkness and despair. It was enlightening to be present in the mental thoughts of the three troubled characters, Law, Ocean and Livie. Liv's lack of self worth lies at a minus zero which she compensates for by cutting herself. Her need to inflict physical pain in order to numb mental/emotional pain leaves the reader with a better understanding of the psychological black hole that one can fall into.

Ocean has his demons too. He and Livie fall in love and form an alliance to save each other. But is that even

possible? Rather like the blind leading the blind. Ms. Deolmos skillfully weaves the different strands of passions, struggles, situations and events to form an exciting, entertaining and realistic roller coaster ride that has one hanging on for dear life. The cliffhanger will paralyze you and force you to reach for the next book. No way can you stop now! I was given this book in exchange for an honest review, Five Stars!

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## Christie72 says

~3 ½ Stars~

The beautiful cover and the synopsis of Oceans Collide caught my attention. It appeared that the story would involve damaged individuals with painful pasts and lots of angst, and it didn't disappoint. It was a rollercoaster of emotions.

Livie is a young woman trying to make a change in her life that hopefully will be happier than her past. Her past is quite dark and painful, and she has a secret way of dealing with those emotions. She soon meets Law after getting a job at his new martial arts gym. The two of them form quite a deep bond and friendship, and that's all it appears to be is a friendship which both of them need. Law's cousin, Ocean, moves back to help Law deal with some family business and to be a partner in the new gym. It quickly becomes apparent that there is something deep and sexual developing between Livie and Ocean...this is not a love triangle! As I said before, Law and Livie are just friends, and that does not change throughout the story.

There were aspects I really liked about the book, and then there were some things that I thought would have made it better. I LOVED the characters. There were many layers to each character. For example, Livie was a tough chick! She has been trained to defend herself and make no mistake she is more than capable of taking on anyone! Yet, underneath, she is so vulnerable and fragile, especially in dealing with her past. Ocean is your typical alpha male who is an MMA fighter. He is vulnerable and fragile underneath as well. I thought the title of the book was perfect. Because when these two meet, it's like two oceans meeting. They are both beautiful souls, yet there is so much turbulence that the two of them could end up drowning each other. The only drawback to the book was so much action in such little time. It's so rapid that it's hard to wrap your mind around all the things that happen. There is also a cliffhanger, but cliffhangers don't really bother me. Plus, the second book is out, so you don't have to wait!

I enjoyed Oceans Collide, and I liked that it was told from different POVs. So, I knew what each character was thinking. I am looking forward to reading the second book. It is already downloaded on my Kindle. I can't wait to see the even deeper levels of Livie, Law, and Ocean.

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## Tricia says

**3.5 to 4 Stars** ~ on this rare occasion I rounded up my stars~

**Great start to a series!** This entire story takes place in just over a few days. It is a whirlwind of emotion, as the dark intertwines the lighter moments of their story. The author writes from all 3 POV's, without repeating scenes, and without confusion. This is NOT a love triangle, but a connection between 3 characters that when brought together, find, that for some reason they need each other.

Law and Ocean Hawthorne are cousins and trained MMA fighters that have their own set of baggage and drama. And of course, the Hawthorne Boys are crazy possessive, and needless to say, HOT. Livie, grew up

in a tough life, on the outside she is strong and learned MMA and kickboxing from her father, she is an all-around gym rat. However to recover from emotional pain, her coping mechanism is her own secret.

This story is always moving, and something is always happening that kept me interested. There is insta-trust, connection and love, in this story. But we are dealing with MMA fighters and they react on emotion and impulse, so I would not expect it any other way.

Book 1 does end in a cliffhanger, not one that you need to wait for the book 2 to be released, one that will set off your adrenaline, and eager for book 2. There is a lot more story to tell, I am anxious to see what is in store for Livie, Law and Ocean.

The reason for the 3.5 stars would be, I wish there was just a little more time to have passed, to allow for more character development. I am not a fan of cliffhangers, and there were a few grammatical errors, which caught my attention, but did not take away from the overall experience, so for that I rounded up.

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## **Donna says**

Livie Acosta is 23. Her father taught her everything he knows about jujitsu, martial arts and kickboxing. This part of her life makes her happy but that's about all that does. Livie has had a hard life with the people she loves either turning their back on her or completely leaving her. She is in a lot of emotional pain and there is only one way she knows how to deal with that pain, by causing herself physical pain.

Law (Lawrence) and Ocean Hawthorn are top ranked MMA fighters who deal with their own emotional pain. One has a habit of beating his dead beat dad while the other has fights with drug addiction. Can these three help to heal each other? They certainly want to try.

I have mixed feeling about this book. On the positive side I think it is wonderful that this author is dealing with such a wide spread problem of self-mutilation. Unfortunately this is a big issue in our world and it might help those going through it to read about a character who is also dealing with this issue. The passion between Liv and Ocean is HOT! Oh my I have to say their sex scenes had me reaching for my B.O.B. and that is always a plus for me while reading a book.

However these three characters are between 23 and 25 years of age but the way they act throughout this story was very immature. Emotionally stunted individuals do not always act maturely but I felt like I was reading about a pack of teen ages. The one character has broken his father's nose more than once, they yell and physically attack each other when upset and cling to each other for dear life the rest of the time. I found their behavior very frustrating. Also, I had a hard time with the fact that these three have only just meet each other and within hours are so dependent upon one another that they can't stand to be out of each other's sights. Within a couple of days they are sharing bank accounts, moving in with each other and saying they could not live if the other one was not around. The author uses some lines that had me shaking my head. At one point Ocean says to Livie "I'll never let you drown in this ocean, baby" and "I loved this girl so much that I wanted to punch her in the face for talking like that". I couldn't help but feel this was juvenile.

I won't say I loved nor disliked this book; I'm not really sure how I feel about it. I give this book 3.5 stars with 4 hands down the pants.

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## **Andie Lea says**

Livie, Law, and Ocean quickly became my absolute favorite trio. There is definitely a lot of love between the characters and as a reader, you see that right off.

From the moment Liv meets Lawrence, you just know in the back of your mind (Without looking at the back cover!)that there is an instant connection with these two. Their spark ignites almost immediately.

And then we have Mr. Macho-Big-Muscled-Beefy-Man Ocean Hawthorne come into the picture. He instantly turns Livie's world upside-down. She begins to experience the feelings she has never once felt for a man...that special UMPH that awakens a woman's libido. (You know what I'm talking about!)

The love between these three characters is superb. But with good, also comes bad.

Livie, Lawrence, along with Ocean come from darkened pasts. And while the guys make sure Livie is well taken care of by placing her securely under their wings...they will soon realize that she is way more fudged up than they assumed.

Will Law & Ocean's love for Livie save her from self-destruction?

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## **Breanna Eichhorn says**

There are only two reasons why Livie's mother would be calling her at 3AM, was either drunk off her ass and needed her help or two she was higher than cloud nine and she needed her help. She got two calls from her mother in less than an hour which means bad news. The company that her mother keeps around was down right bad news. Livie found her mother too late to save her, she committed suicide, there was a letter that her mother wrote to her but she doesn't want to read it yet. Antonio paid Tara, Livie's half of the rent to the end of the year, he also got her a suite and paid that for three weeks. Three weeks is all the time she has to get herself together, she didn't want to accept it, but her dad said she can and she will she also had to promise to go to New York. Lawrence met with Mackenzie at Starbucks to sign the lease and get the keys for his studio. He was so excited to go to the studio and forgot to lock the door and when he got to the front he saw sunshine. He looked at Livie's portfolio and asked her to fight him, he got knocked down twice and he gave her the job. He asks Livie to help him name the studio and she thought of HAWT. Law calls Ocean for his help, he comes to help him and he walks into the house and runs straight into Livie. He started to call her Zena and she didn't like it so she told him to call her Livie. They all went on a trip to Boston and Ocean walks into Livie's room and sees her scars.

Livie doesn't wear shorts or anything where people can see her scars, she is a cutter, kick boxer, she is 23 years old, she started Martial Arts training and jujitsu training at the age of eleven. She gets called sunshine by Law. Antonio Acosta is Livie's dad, he is a known realtor in New York, he is 42 years old and he left Livie when she was 18 years old. Lawrence lives with his mother while saving up money to start his own Martial Arts Studio. He is 25 years old, has MMA Titles, his father's a sore spot. He is very protective of Livie, he also sees the pain in her eyes. Ocean is Lawrence's cousin, he hasn't been home in four months, it causes so much pain, his sister was his world and his heart. He got addicted to cocaine, Law got him into rehab, he also sees the pain in Livie's eyes. Layla is Lawrence's mom, she is a pediatric specialist.

This story had me feeling a lot of emotion. I loved how I could feel the emotions of the characters. I also loved that they all have their own demons to fight. I also loved that I couldn't put this book down. This is the first book in the Ocean series. This is also my first book by M.A. DeOlmos and it most definitely will not be my last. I'm looking forward to the second book in this series. I loved her style of writing. If I could give this

book more than 5 stars I would. I highly recommend this book.

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### **Nicole De vos says**

First of all I want to say a MASSIVE thanks for the ARC, from the moment I received it I could not put the iPad down until I read the whole book (managed to read in just under 4 hours)..

This book is just jammed packed full of raw emotion, that will have every reader sitting on the edge of their seats wanting to know what will happen next.

It tells the story from 3 POV's and is fast paced but definitely not Rushed.

The 1st character is Livie Acosta, who has had a dramatic early childhood that scars her and she still battles with these scars as it shows right from the very beginning that she cuts herself. From the very 1st page you can tell this will be a cliffhanger and WOW M A Deolmos didn't miss a beat! With a sudden departure of Livie's mother, Livie decides with the love and help by her father who she is extremely close to look for her passion of MMA and personal training in her career . This is where she meets the very sexy Lawrence (Law) Hawthorne and from the moment they meet you can tell they have extreme chemistry but not in the way we all think. They need each other like brother and sister!

Law's entrance into the book gives a very detailed description of what he looks like (Alex Pettyfer... Yum!) Law has been boxing and MMA fighting all his life and it shows although he does have his past haunt him as well it is Livie that is his Rock! Law still lives with his "sweet but takes no crap from anyone" mother Layla. When Law gets news of his father's evil ways that try to hurt his mum Law decides to take matters in his own hands and This is where we meet Ocean Hawthorne, Law's cousin, who is also a professional MMA fighter with titles under his belt he also happens to look like Steven Amell- win win ;)

Once Livie and Ocean set eyes on each other the emotion and feelings they have us so raw and HOT they can't live and won't without each other, the same as Law needing Livie around the 3 decide to share a house together! Being that the boys know about Livie's cutting they do everything to help her stop! And they nearly succeeded when Livie receives the devastating news that her father has died. She goes searching for anything that will ease the pain!

And what a explosive cliffhanger at the end! So can't wait for book #2!!

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### **\*kawehi.reviews says**

**My thoughts:** "Ocean's Collide" was by far one of the most rollercoaster-like books that I've come across in a long time. I swear, after reading three characters' POV's alternating pasts and issues, my mind was practically reeling with a whole lot of astonishment.

I mean, there's so much angst and like a shadow of darkness foreboding the aura of this book that even the

three main characters (Livie, Lawrence, and Ocean) carry a whole lot of drama and baggage with them. Was kind of overwhelming to say the least.

Ms. DeOlmos has definitely stepped up her game in this book as there were several twists and turns I did not expect or foresee and the ending. My gosh, the ending!! It left me literally shocked with my mouth hanging on the ground!! What a cliffhanger!!

“Ocean’s Collide” is a very decently written book that will play with your emotions, throw you up and down, get you all hot and bothered, and leaving you hanging and wanting more at the end!!

Awww!! Melissa, you are such a tease!

I can’t wait to BETA the next book in the series so thanks for offering me the chance to!! It will be my first time ever so I hope that I can give you good advice and critiques to give your story justice! \*crosses fingers\*

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## **Jen Cothran says**

4.5 out of 5

Oceans Collide by MS DeOlmos

This book is a kick to the solar-plexus and will leave you flat on your ass crying for more. Its rawness and pain suck you in and keep you hoping against hope that things will get better. Trust and letting someone in is so much harder than people realize and you only make it if you want them in your life. I had no idea what this book was about other than I was asked to read it and form an honest opinion of it, I certainly had no idea what a dramatic end the book would have. One of the worst book hangovers ever!! I just hope the second book makes it out soon!!

Our lead female is Livie...She is twenty-three and when we first meet her we find out she has certain fetishes, or maybe harmful habits would be better at describing them. She loses her mom and tries to find her way forward, but it’s easier said than done. Her dad is her rock and they have a great relationship...one I envy very much. Even as her dad reminds her, “You’re twenty three and still my little girl. So get over it, kid.” You can feel the love off every word. He sets her up in a hotel and she sets about finding a job and not only does she find a job, she finds something so much more.

Our lead male....well the first one we meet is Lawrence or Law...\*sigh\*...he is staring up his own MMA training studio and you can feel the excitement radiate off him. He is twenty five and has multiple MMA titles of his own, so this was his next step or goal with the studio. He has a heart of gold but a temper to those who do him and his own wrong. Don’t cross him or the ones he loves. He and Livie meet when she comes into his studio and applies for a job. Not only does she get the job by proving herself to him, but she gets a cute nickname from him too...Sunshine! But what makes their relationship awesome is that he lets us know “Now I just wanted her in my life period. I wanted her friendship, her loyalty, and her trust more than

anything else. She wasn't like the other women I've met. She seemed special."

Our love interest/other lead male is Ocean... \*swoon\*... Oh.My.God!...."I tripped over my own feet and collided with a body. Only this body wasn't Law's....The massive rock hard frame sent chills through my entire body and had my womb vibrating in a way I had never experienced before." "Six foot two, maybe three. His tan was perfect defining his sharp jaw and facial features. His eyes were a warm chocolate brown that looked like they were rippling with deep sprinkles of green. His lips, oh my god, his lips." I mean after meeting Ocean like that, what girl wouldn't have her panties melted right off. Of course Livie doesn't play nice at first, but she comes around quickly. For Ocean his cousin Law is a brother more than anything, and Law needed him so he showed up and will help any way he can.

Tempers and tension consume the book, from the main three characters to situations in their lives that keep them connected to one another. Law and Ocean want nothing more to protect Livie/Liv/Sunshine though they may have taken on more than they bargained for. The drama/love/healing/acceptance/and ultimately heartache are written in a manner you can feel, which I found made the book almost impossible to put down. Family love, bonds, and problems is at the core of the book, giving it a connection with the reader that you can empathize with.

Watch out for a somewhat cliff hanger of an ending...but here's hoping it's not too long a wait for book two!!

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