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From *New York Times* bestselling author Vivian Arend.

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From Reader Review Falling Freestyle for online ebook

MaggieReadsRom says

4.5 stars!!

First line:

The bright yellow safety marker passed behind them as Dara leaned back on the solid wood boards of the chairlift, easing her skis onto the rests.

Memorable Scenes:

- first sex scene > good thing I'm read this book during a pretty cold spell or I'd have spontaneously combusted
- Jack and Kane discussing erotic romance > I love Viv for this scene
- icicles in the hot tub scene > the thought of coldness never crossed my mind

Review:

The main characters of FALLING, FREESTYLE are Dara, Kane and Jack. Three lifelong friends who embark on something that goes beyond close friendship. What a delicious, awesome read. It had everything I want in an erotic romance: well-written, steamy hot, funny, emotional and attention-grabbing.

Plain and ordinary is how Dara sees herself. She has a thing for her two best friends but doesn't dare going for either of them for fear of ruining their three-way friendship. She's pure and straightforward, what you see is what you get. I really loved how she handled both men and could match them in practically everything they dished out.

The two main men are Kane and Jack. Kane is a goofy, loud daredevil. He's the kind of man who throes himself into a situation and then doubles back to think about it...maybe... Jack is the opposite of Kane. He's solid, instinctive and supportive and is most happy when all is ordered and pristine

Though Kane definitely was a drool-worthy character, it was Jack who made me weak in the knees and that's not just because of my soft spot for heroes with his name. I loved how Kane, the boisterous, dare-devilish character, was the one who had the most trepidation about the ménage (at first) and it was Jack, the more cautious one, who dove in headfirst and was reassuring and encouraging Kane. He was also the more adventurous one in the bedroom, making Kane look the tamer one of the two. This dynamic in the book was just fascinating.

FALLING, FREESTYLE is, without a doubt, my favorite Vivian Arend read to-date, it just ticked all the right boxes: ménage, friends-to-lovers, sizzling hot sex, witty banter and genuine emotions. And when I started trying to picture in my head how certain things would work (using safety harness from skis as improvised handcuffs for example), I knew I had me a winner! The start of the book was more intense than the ending but still it was still the best Vivian Arend book I've read up till now. There was even a little bit of conflict to resolve, which is something that's not standard in her books.

I just love Vivian Arend's writing. With FALLING, FREESTYLE I was once again drawn in from the very start by the ease and humor in her writing. The banter, camaraderie and chemistry between Dara, Kane and Jack are great and a big positive in this story.

One thing I MUST mention is the Alpine Responsibility Code that was quoted rule by rule at the beginning of every chapter. They were so fitting the stuff going on in the actual chapters, I just loved them and I

wonder if there will be something similar, like a Rock Climbing Responsibility Code, in the next book.

The skiing stuff in this book brought memories back for me I'd rather forget. Years ago I discovered at a former job's teambuilding day that involved skiing lessons, in a what might be hilarious to some but in a disastrous way for me, that skiing is not my forte. I think there's still a traumatized ski instructor out there who will run screaming should I ever go down a slope in his vicinity. Still I enjoyed the joy of going down the slopes through Dara, Kane and Jack's characters.

I'm a sucker for the ménage trope as well as the friends-to-lovers trope and with FALLING, FREESTYLE Vivian Arend gave me a lovely combination of both that will definitely go on the favorite list.

Favorite Quotes:

"What's the solution? You going to step back and let me show her who's the better guy?" Jack's husky voice sent a shiver racing over Dara's skin.

She took his mouth like she took to the hills, full out, full speed--caution be damned.

"Did I offend your delicate feelings with my wicked proposal?"

He leered at her as he rose to his feet. "Hell no, I was just trying to figure out how you managed to avoid suggesting it a long time ago. Two righteous studs at your beck and call for years, and it took you this long to finally come to your senses?"

She tried to regain his lips, but he pressed his finger against them. She growled and muttered against the single digit. "Why not?"

Kane cleared his throat. "Because I'm an old-fashioned kind of guy? One step at a time." "I'll totally let you run the bases before you hit a home run with me."

Kane and Jack exchanged glances. "She likes a little restraint?" Kane asked.

Jack nodded. "Looks that way. You want to get her legs?"

"Hey guys, she's right here, listening to you...holy--"

Kane pulled her knees up and to the side. With no further preamble, he dropped his head between her legs, and suddenly she couldn't breathe.

Sensory overload approached like a freight train, and she let herself go, knowing they would catch her.

He [Kane] crawled on top of Dara and nuzzled her neck. His lips touched the lobe of her ear and he licked it before whispering softly, "I want you. Will you take me?"

Jack came to his side. "Kane? Are you going through Dara's bag? That's dangerous. Women have killed for less--"

(Kane) "You know I've got four sisters. Nothing was sacred when I was growing up. The things those girls talked about when I was around would have scarred a lesser man."

Dara was up to something, and she deserved the right to play this one out as she desired. She lifted her chin and her gaze darted between him and his friend. There was none of her usual submissive softness in her stance, just an all-out sensual burn that threatened to ignite the entire room.

(Dara to Jack) "Kane and I are going in the hot tub to f#ck like bunnies. You want to come?"

Rating:

9 out of 10 - AWESOME

Rachael says

This is a great story about three friends and their love for each other.

During a long ski trip Dara plans to seduce her two best friends after finding out they want her just as much as she wants them. The idea is to find out which man she loves more and wants to spend forever with. What she finds after 4 days of hot icicle melting sex is that she can't choose and needs them both.

There is a little bondage and a man who likes to take control in the bedroom so it's light on the bdsm - nothing too shocking.

Kitten ~♥? MM series ~ says

Best Friends in love w/your their female friend. Okay.

She wants them too?!? No shocker there.

Vacation and an erotica book are the ingredients to helping her living out her fantasy w/her 2 besties. What?

Menage Scenes: 3

Originality: 2 - I was confused w/some of the pretzel/twister position these 3 got into.

DP: 3- Only once.

Penetratee: + Submissive and Nymph. - I didn't learn a thing about her other than that.

Pentratators: + large heavy cocks. - all I knew was their eye color.

Good to help get the juices flowing. Read before going to bed not while in it unless your a good multitasked. It is was it is.

Jamie Leigh says

a good read. well written. loved the characters.

Rinny Rainwind says

A short book but good. It's a romance about a girl whose had to over come body image and self esteem issues due to a very bad accident. Her climbing instructor helps her through more than trauma. Along with her long time friend. It was a good book. I recommend this read.

Kaetrin says

recommended by MusingBookworm

Anastasia says

I decided on this book when looking for a sexy romance set in snow. Living in the South, snow is a rarity, and I figured if I couldn't make snow angels in real life, I may as well curl up with a book whose snow-capped setting fulfills my winter wonderland desire. Enter *Falling Freestyle*, a story about three best friends - two guys, one girl -- who use a winter weekend getaway to take their relationship to the next level.

Dara, Kane and Jack have been the Three Musketeers for years, and while Dara trusts them with her life, lately she's grown tired of being considered "one of the guys". Wanting to show them that she's got moves that extend beyond the slopes and a figure underneath all the snow gear, she decides to seduce them during their annual ski trip. Kane and Jack's love for Dara has begun to creep beyond "best friend" territory, but don't want to frighten her off or force her to choose between them. But when Dara proposes that the three of them spend the weekend getting to know each other better, Kane and Jack figure it's better to share Dara than neither having a chance with her at all. While their relationship may work during their weekend away, the trio must face reality when they return home. Who will Dara choose as her boyfriend and as her boy friend? Can they go back to being friends?

Dara, Jack and Kane's relationship is unorthodox, to say the least, but I really admired the friendship between the trio. While Kane and Jack are opposites, their love for Dara and respect for the other man feel genuine, which makes it hard to choose a favorite amongst them -- and also explains why Dara couldn't decide between them. Although the story contains sexual encounters that involve all three of them, the scenes are well-written and believable in the sense that the POVs of each character are realistic -- i.e., wrought with self-consciousness and worry about the effect it will have on their friendship.

However, there are still parts of the story in which belief needs to be suspended, such as the perfect hotel conditions where there just *happens* to be an already-heated hot tub awaiting their arrival. But, hey, I read to escape reality, so this was just fine by me. All-in-all, *Falling, Freestyle* is perfect for a cold night in, and most definitely one that is hot enough to melt the ice caps.

Nan Lollihan says

Great.

?Sinful says

Not even a mountain of snow could cool off these three.

FALLING, FREESTYLE is a friends to lovers story with a few twists and gallons of hawt sauce. Three

interesting characters pushing their sexual limits and taking me on all kinds of fun adventures on and off the slopes kept me enthralled. I enjoyed how these two very typical guys had to come to terms with every emotion that played out in their first ménage. How could he get turned on by watching their best friend with the girl he loved? Was his buddy thinking he was lusting after him too? Hands off, dude. And what kind of freak am I that I don't just want to dominate her, but tell him what to do to her? Those were the internal struggles that added depth to the story. It wasn't just about sex. It was about internal struggle and change.

Dani has been best friends with Kane and Jack since high school. On and off the ski slopes, the three of them have become 'The Three Musketeers'.

But secretly they all want more.

The idea of sharing a female, especially Dani, is foreign to the boys. They each want her forever, waiting patiently for her to show some sign of preference. Dani loves and lusts for her boys equally, nightly fantasizing about casting the three in some of her erotica tales. It's not until she overhears the boys discussing her that she realizes the feelings are mutual.

Only, they want her to pick. Just. One.

Dani decides their upcoming trip may be the time to act on her only chance for a ménage fantasy, not only soothing her lusty ache but also helping her decide who she is most compatible with.

All three characters are unique from the beginning. I am a fan of interesting characters. It really sets a book apart for me, and these three did strike a chord. The ability of three different people to come together and work through the challenges of such a situation was as captivating as the exploits with ice cycles and ski lifts. It was sweet, and funny, and exceptionally kinky. Get ready for an exhibitionist ride.

If a ski trip isn't in your plans this winter, this may be just the substitute you need. With plenty of downhill fun, a hot tub full of hawt, and a cabin full of insatiable friends, you don't have to travel far to have it all. Enjoy!

Darcy says

I really liked that this relationship was based on friendship and that all of those involved worried about ruining that friendship. I really loved that Dara took advantage of overhearing the boys secret conversation of her and that she did it in a way that was super sneaky.

I was impressed the way that Dara really went for what she wanted right away when they all arrived at the resort, I sort of expected her to chicken out. They boys response was interesting and not what I expected, one all for it, the other not sure.

Of course it didn't take long before the two were able to convince the one and then it was game on. Soon it seemed like there was no boundaries and all of them found new things to turn them on.

I wondered how things would go once they all went home, would things continue or would this just be a wild weekend. It seems all of the characters wondered the same thing. And again it was Dara who proposed make the weekend fun a permanent thing with them all. The guys were stunned at first, but then we had the same response, one for, one against, only this time the roles were reversed and it took a two on one to change the

mind of the hold out. I will say that the two did so in a way that had me laughing!

Anna says

This was okay, but not great. There were a lot of non-problems and really nothing much happened except a woman who can't decide between her two hot best friends gets to have them both. It's a lovely scenario to think about, but it seemed pretty far fetched. I also got a little irritated at the two guys consistent reminders that they weren't gay. It is a nice quick read and really made me want to go skiing.

grumpybybirth says

This was an awesome book. Nothing was over the top, it was just three really great friends taking their relationship tot he next level to make themselves happy. What more could you ask for. LOVED this book!!

It'a always nice to finish a book and have that happy giddy feeling!!

Beth says

Dara has been best friends and neighbors with Kane and Jack for a few years now. They love extreme sports and ski/snow board often together. Dara has held a secret crush on both Kane and Jack but never thought she'd pursue this crush because she didn't want to loose either friendship.

Jack and Kane have lusted after their friend Dara since the day they meet. But the both decided never to pursue their desires because Dara is their friend and they didn't want to compete for the same woman.

On a vacation ski trip, Dara decides to reveal her desire to try some things she's read in her erotic romances and would like both Jack and Kane. At the same time, Jack and Kane decided that one of them should win Dara...they want to keep her in their lives even if one of them couldn't have her ... with Dara's plans they both can.

This is a steamin' hot romance of three friends experimenting with a budding sexual relationship. **Freestyle** was a nice, easy, entertaining read that contained 2 stories not just 1. I did read this on the beach, but it would have been much better reading in front of the fireplace in the winter...its just that kind of book.

This copy of **Freestyle** was given to me by Goodreads First Reads and Samhain Publishing in exchange for an honest review.

Mikaela says

The Book: Falling, Freestyle by Vivian Arend

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Why was it in my TBR? I like Vivian Arend

The Review:

The blurb:

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Warning: Old friends turned lovers can get into the most trouble—exhibitionism, bondage, spanking. Anal sex, oral sex, unauthorized use of ski safety harnesses, icicles in the hot tub...the author apologizes in advance for any melted monitors.

My impressions:

I like friends to lover stories, I like threesomes. Most of all, I like Vivian Arend. So, this felt like a guaranteed good read. I must admit, I was somewhat disappointed. Oh, it isn't bad, but it isn't the sizzling book I had expected. There was a lot of sex, the interaction between characters. But, it felt like everything went too smoothly. There was no conflict. Oh, sometimes it was hinted at, but it never interrupted the story.

LaFleurBleue says

Uneven book

I really liked the outdoor, skiing and surfing description. It's clear the author loved that and it shared nicely. However the remainder was not as successful for me. The characters just remained characters, defined mostly by their hair and eye color. And I think that was it. The tentative to show a hint of emotional conflict was a miss. The hot scenes were quite steamy.

So for a light outdoorsy erotic romance, that might be it.
