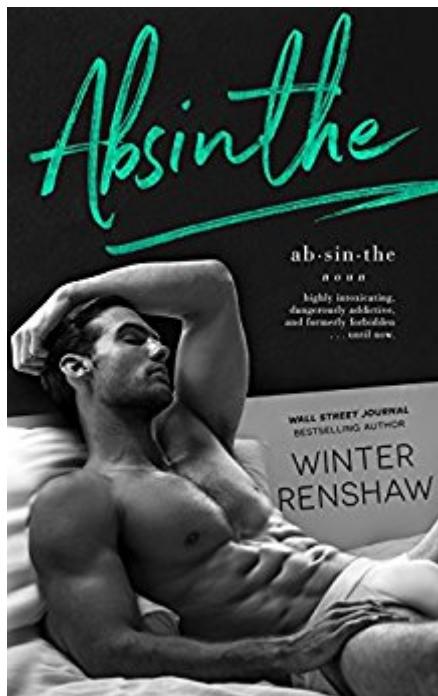


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# Absinthe



## Synopsis

The name on the screen was "Absinthe." But I knew her as the sultry voice blowing up my phone for late night chats about Proust and Hemingway interspersed between the filthiest little and mutually satisfying exchanges ... I'd ever experienced in my life. We'd never met. Until the day she walked into my office, her cherry lips wrapped around a candy apple sucker and an all too familiar voice that said, "You wanted to see me, Principal Hawthorne?" •AUTHOR'S NOTE: This full-length romance is a complete standalone and contains subject matter that may trigger sensitive readers. All characters are adults and all interactions are consensual. :-)

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## Customer Reviews

I first have to say - Winter Renshaw is one of my favorite authors. Her books never fail to evoke some sort of emotion so when I heard about Absinthe I knew it was going to be good, what I am happy to say is that out of all her books I really think Absinthe is by far her best to date. Not only does it evoke emotion (a lot of them) its a story about broken characters and how they survive to find each other again. Halston has had it rough - drug dealer parents, foster homes and now she

lives with her aunt, uncle, and cousin she is just trying to survive so she can leave. At 19 she doesn't have to stay with them but her uncle is holding college over her head so she just needs to survive the year. Ford is in his late 20's and has just landed the job of a lifetime - principle at the local upper crust high school in the area. Halston and Ford meet on a dating app brought together by their mutual love of books (their app names says it all really) but Ford has sworn off women and is not looking for anything more than conversation and whatever else may come just nothing face to face. Of course the more time they spend together talking first in text, then email and then eventually phone calls their feelings for each other start to grow, but when Ford refuses to meet Halston things end. That is until she walks into his office on the first day of school - then everything changes. Now 5 years later they meet again can they forgive each other and get the happiness they deserve. Ms Renshaw takes her readers on a ride full of pain that is authentic to her two main characters. I appreciate that while there is the taboo subject of student/teacher there is nothing that I found that broke any rules - she walks a very fine line and does so flawlessly. Ford's and Halston relationship is more than physical and that's what makes the story so heartbreakingly beautiful in so many ways. Told in dual POV's over the span of 6 years we get to see them go through life trying to forget and make the best out of their situations. The ending is well done with a great pay off that I loved. Is the story perfect no - there are few things I wish that there was more especially when it comes to Ford and his history but the core of the story is about Halston and Ford together and that is why I give it the 5-star rating. All in all a fantastic story about love, books, and survival. A novel that I found I couldn't put down until the very end

I love winter Renshaw books the story is amazing characters for off the chart passion chemistry love hurt and true love will always be it was a wild and crazy ride it has lots of twists and turns I didn't stop reading until it was finished

Oh my freaking God! This book was insanely incredible! I loved every page. I couldn't put this book down. I HAD to read the next page. I NEEDED to know what happened next. I was gripped from the first page. Even kept me up past bedtime! Halston aka Absinthe, is living with her aunt and uncle. They made her feel like they were doing her a favour by taking her in. She never really had a family or a place to call home. Her parents were drug addicts and they were cruel to her all the time she lived with them. She's never felt like she belonged until she started talking to Kerouac. She had a deep connection with him but didn't know who he was. Ford aka Kerouac, has just moved to a new location to become the school's new Principle. He's young, late twenties. He's been screwed

over by his stepmother and so has his sister. All the women seem to be after him but he's only interested in Absinthe. Who he met on the dating app, Karma. He likes to control every aspect of his life. They get chatting over the summer, about books and sex but it gets just a little to close for Ford in the commitment department and they stop speaking. When the school year starts they come face to face and it's not good. He's the principal and she's the student. But they can't seem to get out of each others heads and dare I say, hearts! Then along comes the meddling little busy body, Bree! Who goes and ruins it all! Good I hated that girl with a passion. In fact, I hated all her family, especially Uncle Vic! Halston is shipped off to boarding school, never to see Ford until 5 years later. I was getting upset as one year passed, then two, then three, until it was 5 years later. I was dying to know if they finally found each other again! When they did I was overjoyed! When Ford received that letter from Halston, in the hotel, my heart was breaking for him. I had to hold back my tears. I was rooting for these from the start. My heart also broke for Halston for all of what she had been through in her short life. But she came out better and stronger than any one! She totally deserved her happy ever after! I just want to blabber and blabber on about this book but I'm afraid I'll give it all away, so get your one-click finger moving! You won't be disappointed with the money you spend on this book! I voluntarily reviewed this book in exchange for an advanced copy!

Yes, this might be my favorite so far. Great characters and literary references make this such an interesting book. What begins as a taboo student-teacher story becomes a thoughtful tale of two people who meet at the wrong time, but know in their hearts they're meant to be together. Halston is a complex character, a young woman wise beyond her years. She's strong and focused, planning for her future. Planning for a life so far removed from her painful past. Ford is a new high school principal, ready to start a new chapter in his life. He's totally unprepared for the student who pushes all his buttons, tempting him to cross every boundary. This book is wonderful. It handles the whole student-teacher scenario in an honest, refreshing way...just because a couple seem perfectly matched, there isn't always an easy path to love. I loved the timeline of the story, I loved the struggle of both main characters. It's awesome storytelling in a 5 Star read!

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