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# Between A Rock And A Hard Place (Bend Or Break Book 6)



## Synopsis

When friends lose the benefits, can the friendship be saved? Love Me Like A Rock With the right art tools, there's almost nothing Austin can't make real. Except an official relationship with his best friend, rowing teammate and occasional hookup, Vinnie. Emotional and sexual frustration fuel a spark between Austin and Sean, the nude model in drawing class. After a quick and very dirty encounter, all the reasons Austin has been waiting for Vinnie go fuzzy in his mind. But if Austin can't get his head and his heart on the same page, he could lose both his friend, and his lover. Hard Candy Vincent always assumed he and Austin would eventually end up together. But now that Austin is in love with another man, Vinnie is at a loss. After the world's most awkward one-night stand with Bryan, a dance major, Vinnie is drawn to his vibrant spirit and calm center. Physically, the rowing jock and the glittery dancer can match each other stroke for booty pop. But for the lovers to meet on common ground, they'll have to find a way to get moving in the same direction. THIS EDITION IS A RE-RELEASE OF A PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED VERSION. MINOR CHANGES ONLY HAVE BEEN MADE.

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## Customer Reviews

This is two novellas in the Bend or Break series. "Love Me Like A Rock," BoB#6: Sometimes, one's life strategies backfire, and Austin's hardly an exception. In fact, he may be the poster boy. But he's not alone. At least once he gets the point of changing, he shares? Yeah, that's it. :) I loved this one, it's a terrific addition to this series. "Hard Candy," BoB#7: Vinnie is seriously repressed, so I was more than ready to see who would unlock him. His unique key, so to speak, is named Bryan. Bryan challenges Vinnie on nearly every front. Mistakes are made on both sides, which make the resolutions all the sweeter. This is a wonderful story for many reasons, highly recommended.

LOVE ME LIKE A ROCK. Sean. Sean Sean Sean Sean. My sweet Seany. You're kind, caring, patient, you communicate well. You talk dirty in bed. You're driven. \*SIGHS\* And you're 100% perfect for Austin. This story is told in Austin's POV, and though I wish we could sometimes see Sean's POV, the writer does a brilliant job of developing his character. His self realizations throughout the book about what he wants and what he expects from others is expertly done. I'm seriously in awe of Austin's internal monologue. I LOVE this whole series but these 2 are probably my fav of the bunch. I hope to hear more from them one

day. \*\*\*\*\*HARD CANDY I love a good opposites attract story and I feel like this might fit the bill. Vinnie's an uptight academically driven student who has just realized his on and off again (Austin from above) is in love with another man. Then he meets Bryan and starts to learn more about himself through him. Bryan - I love Bryan because he does and behaves and dresses the way he wants and doesn't give a rats about what others think of him. Both of these are great reads and will remain in my heart and reading rotation for a while.

Rock and a Hard Place Sean and Austin's story is well-written, and a fun read. Perfect "opposite personalities attract" story of a high-strung artist, and the mellow geologist who is passionate for him. Hard Candy Vinnie & Bryan's story is a sweet tale of two young men who have tough exteriors until they meet each other and can finally be vulnerable. I'm really glad I got to read these stories.

The only thing I really knew about Austin and Vinnie is that they had a weird love/hate relationship that their friends struggled to understand. In these two stories, it was obvious that Austin and Vinnie didn't understand their relationship, or lack of. In comes Sean, who has watched Austin from afar, who gets and understand Austin, who lets Austin figure out that Sean is the one for him. And

camping-camping? Hehehe! Then there is neurotic, uptight Vinnie who meets dance Bryan and yoga Bryan; and whoa Bryan is black and femme. Yep, perfect for Vinnie! My heart just melted during the dinner with Vinnie's parents and then later when Vinnie makes himself open and vulnerable to Bryan, 'Bryan Latimer, I'm proud to be with you in private, in public, anyplace you'll let me stand by your side. Wanna be my boyfriend?' Two great stories, but really, read all of Amy Jo's books. They are incredible!

This book is a combination of two novellas, Austin and Vinnie's stories. I loved Austin and Sean's story, and read it with a smile on my face the two could not have been more different and started out as a hook up and found themselves with so much more. Their story was one of my favorites by this author. The second story Hard Candy, Vinnie's story was good, and Bryan was this great guy, who deserved to find someone who loved him as is.

I like the fact that this author focuses on different characters in each book, but all inter-related. I find this series very interesting to read and I recommend it.

I enjoyed reading these two stories. I like how both of them flowed. I would recommend this book to others to read

This is a lovely pairing of a romance. We get two best friends Austin and Vinnie who are not good romantic partners for each other. They each find love that helps them grow and become their richer selves. I enjoyed Austin and Sean romance a great deal. I do wish that we had been in Sean's head. He was a great character I loved how he went after his crush on Austin. This is a wonderful coming of age story for Austin where he learns to love and be loved. Sexy too with lots of fun moments. Vinnie and Bryan's romance is a bit more moody. As they come together to trust as well as like each other the tenderness of the romance comes in. There is an interesting discussion of sexual desire that I wish had more page time but overall I was really happy with this queer New Adult Romance. The overlap and braid of the two love stories makes this book special.

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