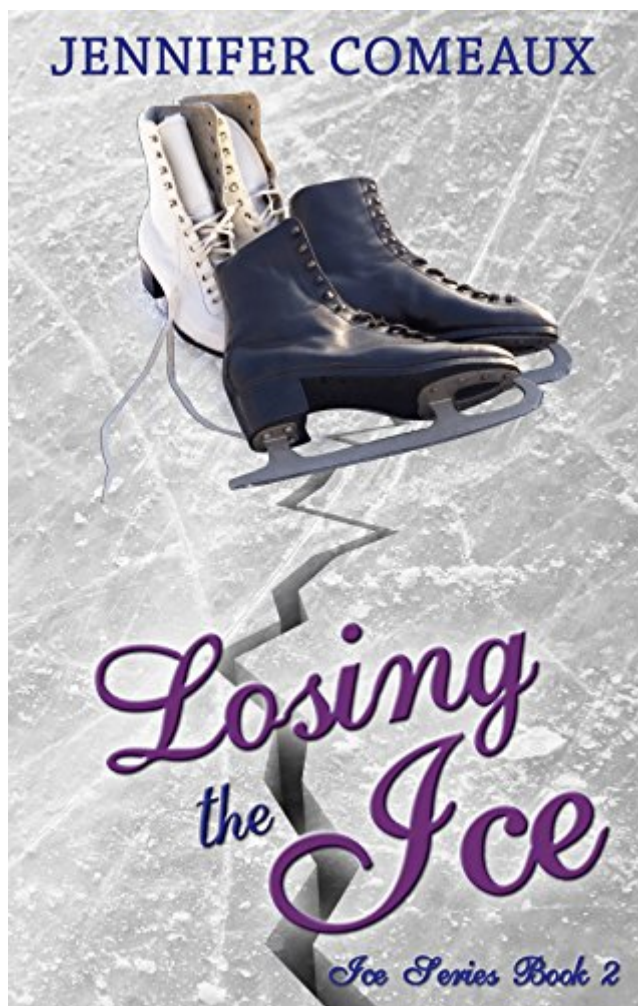


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Losing The Ice (Ice Series Book 2)



Synopsis

Courtney and Josh are in love and excited to finally compete as skating partners. When they take the ice for their first competition, they want to show everyone, especially Josh's family, they are the perfect pair. But ice is slippery, and one misstep puts all their dreams in jeopardy. Now they must show each other both their love and their partnership are strong enough to survive. **LOSING THE ICE** is a 36,000-word novella and the sequel to **CROSSING THE ICE** (Ice Series #1). It is followed by the final book in the series **TAKING THE ICE** (Ice Series #3).

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Customer Reviews

A huge fan of Jennifer Comeaux's first series, the "EDGE" books hooked me on her world of competitive figure skating, with characters and plots so well crafted that they lived on in my mind long after I'd reluctantly read the last page. Her Ice Series Trilogy picks up several years later, continuing Em and Sergei's story, focusing on students we'd met first as young skaters in the EDGE Series, Courtney and Mark, now the senior skaters hoping for their shot at Olympic Gold. I binge-read the three Ice Series books during a recent beach trip...once again the characters

captured my heart and the story kept me reading "Just one more chapter" late into several nights.... Each book could be read on its own, but reading them in order within a few days was a treat! Once again Comeaux's world gives an inside view of the sport of competitive figure skating, the sacrifices and dedication of the skaters, parents, and coaches, and the realization that not even those who work hardest are guaranteed the success they seek. Courtney and Josh's relationship develops and grows over the three books. From the initial sparks in *Crossing the Ice*, through the early conflicting emotions of becoming involved with your competitor in chasing the same prize, I wanted Courtney and Josh to make it. *Losing the Ice* (book 2) takes the couple through a particularly difficult time in their relationship, while adding depth to both characters. The third book, *Taking the Ice*, (no spoilers!) concludes the trilogy wonderfully, but hopefully this is NOT the last time Courtney and Josh play a role in one (or more) of Comeaux's future books. Yes, this reader is eagerly anticipating future series! *Taking the Ice* (Ice Series Book 3)

Losing the Ice is an exceptional novella. Seriously, it's just so, so good: exactly what I've grown to expect from Jennifer Comeaux. Courtney and Josh are interesting, layered characters, and their story is told through clear, engaging writing. Jennifer is perfect at writing both sweet moments for the characters and total crises. She's a pro at making her readers feel the emotions of her characters. Whenever I pick up a book from her I completely identify with the characters and feel like I'm on the journey along with them, feeling their anguish and their love. Another thing Jennifer is great at is writing moments on and off the ice that have to do with skating, training, etc. You can tell that the author is a super fan of skating, because all the descriptions of Courtney and Josh's work feel real. Admittedly I'm not into watching skating, but I love books about any type of sport, and Jennifer's works always draw me in to the competition and artistry of skating. This book is a sequel to *Crossing the Ice*, which is definitely something you should read to get the full picture of the characters and their situation. Here we have Courtney and Josh partnering in skating for the first time, but it's not at all smooth sailing for them. Beyond skating issues and emotional issues which I won't get into (because reading about them yourself will be so much more fulfilling), Jennifer has done the most amazing job at creating a character you'll positively loathe. All of Josh's family is pretty terrible, but no one can beat his mom. I already knew that Jennifer was a pro at writing characters you absolutely despise (see: Elena, for most of *Edge of the Past*), but Josh's mom takes the cake, because I can't find anything redeeming in her. She's not exactly warm and welcoming to Josh, but she is beyond evil in her dealings with Courtney. As hard as these scenes are to read, I

love how they show Josh's loyalty and how much he's grown as a character. He stands up for Courtney and he's strong in his convictions, no longer willing to sit back and let life happen to him. If you hadn't already gathered, I absolutely loved this novella, probably even more than the first book in the series. Its short length just made me want more of the characters, so I'm glad that there will be a third book featuring Josh and Courtney. I love these books, just as I loved Jennifer Comeaux's Edge series. If you haven't read her amazing novels, I highly recommend you start with Life on the Edge and go from there.

I really enjoyed Losing the Ice. It may be personal preference but I've enjoyed the Ice series even more than the original Edge series from which it spun off. I enjoyed the fairytale romance of Sergei and Emily but Courtney and Josh feel more real somehow. You can see yourself or your best friend easily in Courtney and Josh is the shy, sweet guy that your mother told you to date in high school and you probably should have listened. And that makes me a little more invested in them. The book is a novella, which is a change from Jennifer's other books. While I missed the excitement of going through an entire competitive season with the skaters, I liked that this zeroed in on one specific time frame where they truly showed their mettle as a couple and then as competitive athletes. It felt very focused with little to no filler paragraphs. I really enjoyed the character growth for Stephanie but appreciated the realism that the family issues that were presented in Crossing the Ice weren't resolved here and will likely play out into the next book. I missed Liza, who I felt really popped as a character even with her limited supporting role in the first Ice book, but I feel like there's more to come with her in future books. As always, the skating related details were on point and there's some fun little jokes that will make skating fans smile although it's not necessary to follow elite skating to enjoy this story. In all, I really enjoyed catching up with Courtney and Josh and seeing this new chapter in their skating lives really begin. I already can't wait for the next part of the series.

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