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When college student Madi Ryan wins a contest she didn't enter, she reluctantly accepts a weekend date with gorgeous singer/songwriter Jake Morgan. Determined to find something wrong with him, Madi sets out to prove he's not all he appears to be.

Haunted by mistakes, Jake Morgan lives with a past that prevents him from having a future... until Madi Ryan walks into his life. As his walls and his rules slowly crumble around him, Madi makes him doubt everything he thought he knew. Her desire to find something wrong with him fuels his interest in her. It doesn't hurt that she's beautiful, feisty and keeps him guessing.

As the weekend turns into something more long term, Madi finds herself drawn into his world and his charm. From harmless flirting, to denied passion, no matter how much Jake tries to push her away, he ends up pulling her in. And as Madi tries to put him together, he unknowingly tears her apart.

Contests don't always have a winner and a loser. Sometimes love takes all.

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From Reader Review The Contest for online ebook

Brandy Moore says

This book is for ages 15 and below. Extremely juvenile. It picked up a little at the 75% mark but not enough for it to be considered a good book. I just feel accomplished I finished it. Yay me.

Carro Herdegen says

The sexual content was more than I wanted to read, so I skipped a few descriptive scenes. For most of the book, both leading characters are made out to be angels, which became less interesting to read about as I kept reading. Then, when the flaws and conflict came out, I felt like they should have been a bigger part of the story, rather than coming in suddenly.

Gloria says

Great read!!!

This is my first read from Dawb L. Chiletz and i loves it... Jake and Mandi couldnt have been more perfect for each other!!! Jake is totally thay swoon worthy rock star with that sexy smirk that drives woman wild. Madi is your collage student that likes to keep everything simple and doesn't like change. But thanks to her best friend entering her in a Contest everything will change for her.
Loved it!!!

Tsukushi says

This one was totally amazing. NO KIDDING. Just a little Colleen Hoover-wannabe-thingy, but completely understandable. The dialogues were really good and entertaining. All in all, REALLY GOOD.

Dawn says

What a fabulous story. I found myself not wanting to put this book down. Dawn Chiletz is a wonderful story teller. I love the stories she tells. I was fortunate to get to meet her at an author signing and bought all of her books. This is the third book of hers that I have read and can't wait to start Waiting to Lose.

Renee says

Goodreads-we need the option to give half stars! I would give The Contest, which happens to be Dawn

Chiletz's debut novel, 3.5 stars. I have read two other books by her before this one and absolutely loved them. I can honestly say that her writing improved greatly since writing her first book. Jake Morgan is a famous singer/songwriter that just so happens to be quite popular with the ladies. Madi is a college student who happens to win a contest to meet Jake. Madi is not the crazed fan like Jake expected and since she impressed him and his staff so much, he decides to hire her for the summer. The lines between professional and personal get blurred as they try to figure out what exactly they are to each other. I liked The Contest, but I would have preferred it if it was written from both Madi and Jake's point of views. While I liked Jake and Madi, I just couldn't connect to them all that well. With that said, I thought the story idea was really original and it definitely got better as it went on. So much that I am looking forward to the next book in the series and more from this author!

Beth says

3.5 Puzzle Piece Stars

Yep, sweet. This is a sweet book. Not too much steam. A touch of angst. And lots of sweet.

Madi is a college junior. She works hard at school and at work. She knows people. She can see what makes them tick. She may be a touch overboard on finding faults with people. Especially guys. Madi is really good at finding faults with guys.

People are like puzzles...Sometimes you find one that's really challenging and interesting so you keep working on it, knowing that if you give up, you'll never see it for what it's supposed to be.

Mad's best friend enters her in an on line contest to win a date with a rock star. And you guessed it....she wins. So Madi heads for California for her date with Jake Morgan.

Jake is a star. A workaholic rock star. He cares about his family and the few people he lets close. He is really a nice guy. He just happens to have a job that puts him in the limelight.

When Madi and Jake meet there are not explosions and clothes ripping off. They are both polite and sweet. Madi is happy to be experiencing something new and meeting people.

Madi and Jake take it slow and easy. Their relationship builds from being polite and blushing to flirting and wishing they were kissing. Jake has some demons he is battling. Can sweet Madi bring him out of his self-imposed love excile? Jake wants to protect her from himself. Jake doesn't think deserves love.

This is not my normal read. Usually I go for more steam. The writing was good. You connect to the characters and are rooting for them to just GO FOR IT already. This is Ms Chiletz first venture. I predict she will find some readers want romance, hearts, and flowers. Cause this one delivers all of those.

Melissa says

One of my favorite rereads!

FIVE STARS

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No matter how many times I read The Contest by Dawn L Chiltez I feel like it's the first time.

The characters bonding, flirting, back and forth banter, heartbreak and happiness are so real they could have fallen in love right in front of me instead of in the pages of a book.

Melanie says

Holy Moly. Dawn Chiltez is a genius.

I freaking loved this book! The humor, the banter, the emotion. I loved how Madi never gave up on Jake. I love how this was a rockstar romance, but more of a 'wholesome' romance without all the drugs, alcohol, and sex. It was still raw and deep and has some difficult subjects, but the way her story developed was just amazing. Dawn's books are just perfection and she has quickly become a favorite of mine.

Liz says

Madi wins a contest to meet her fav rock guy, Jake. They meet, but it's insta-like but not love. It's a slow burn romance here.

You can tell that this is the author's first book: character development is good, but not great; the slow burn thing is not well done. And the drama feels contrived, not real.

Other books by this author are much better!

Meg Murphy seppi says

Was a great book!! I started it and finished it in 1 day because I couldn't put it down! Stayed up until 5:30 the morning knowing I had to be up at 7:00, I liked it that much!! Great Job Dawn!!!

Mandy says

I really enjoyed this book!! Really good story and major sweet moments. I can't wait to read the sequel! And I just noticed that it was published on my Birthday. That's even more awesome lol!

Mihlean says

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[First read: August, 2015]

Donna ~ The Romance Cover says

The Contest (The Contest #1)

Waiting to Lose (The Contest #2) by Dawn L Chiletz

3.5 stars and 4 stars!!!

“She walked into his life in a contest and now he had to compete with his heart and his head to keep her away.”

So, I can now say I have read every single Dawn L Chiletz book, I started with The Fabulist, then read Confessions of a Carpool Captive and have worked backwards to this authors debut books, The Contest and its sequel, Waiting to Lose.

“You’re my steak, too.”

One thing that was abundantly clear while reading these two books is that Dawn L Chiletz’s writing has improved significantly in her later releases, but the trademark voice that I fell in love with though is ever present in this series. The Contest in particular actually screamed debut in so far as there was a lot of superfluous content and I felt that it could have been edited and trimmed a little further. But, I didn’t really care or mind because I had got so involved with this story and the characters that their day to day shenanigans became entertaining and enjoyable to read.

“With you, there are corners and edges that don’t seem to fit together. Your pieces are worn and twisted by time and hands that thought them to be damaged beyond repair. But I can see that’s not true. You just need the right hands and the right amount of patience to put the picture back in place. I’m not giving up. Solving your puzzle is the key to your heart. You should know that I plan on finding every piece until I put your broken heart back together.”

Madi is an A star student who works hard, studies harder and wants to succeed. Madi not only studies the human psyche she can read people too...like a book and this has led to many a potential relationship being over before it has even begun. Her opinion on the opposite sex isn't fantastic but she is not closed off to the idea of romance either, she just hasn't met anyone she has connected with or trusts. Madi though was adorable with a capital A, she is super cute, honest and has a fantastic sense of humour, her work ethic is fantastic and everyone loves her.

“With that he had given her his soul.”

Madi has a best friend called Kendra and Kendra spots a contest to spend the weekend with the one and only Jake Morgan. Jake Morgan is in a band that these two girls idolise and so Kendra enters her...and she wins.

“Jake has been amazing to me. He's kind, thoughtful, compassionate, sincere, appreciative and humble. I've never met anyone like him and I'm sure I never will again.”

Jake Morgan was a sweet as Madi, he was adorable and this is why it was easy to become engrossed in their story. Jake is a workaholic though, he lives, eats and breathes music and has very little time for anything else, hence the no girlfriend...even if he does find one, they up and leave because no one wants to be second best. I loved the people that Jake surrounded himself with (bar one), this group of characters were a family united in their music not blood but the loyalty to each other was admirable and inspiring.

“I read somewhere that you shouldn't be afraid to change because even though you may have lost something that was good, you may have gained something even better.”

So Madi meets Jake, Jake meets Madi and the rest is history, but boy does Dawn L Chiletz make you wait for the inevitable. The push and pull at times was as frustrating as hell, but totally understandable as these two navigate foreign waters to both of them. Madi is still in college, Jake is a successful rock star, one lives in Chicago, one in LA...it may as well have been the other side of the world. On paper, these two had nothing in common, total opposites, chalk and cheese and yet together...they just worked. Madi brought out the best in Jake and Jake gave Madi that confidence and belief that she was lacking.

“Doubt is like a disease. It creeps into your blood when you least expect it and feeds off the darkness inside you, causing you to bleed inwardly and crushing all reason.”

The path of true love never runs smooth especially when played out in the public eye and these two have a

lot of hurdles to jump, speed bumps to navigate and curve balls to dodge. It seems love wants to test them and boy does it do just that.

“You have so much to give. I hope you find it someday. I love you, Jake, and I always will.
You are free.”

While this read is sweet and swoony it was a little predictable, but the way the author delivered it made it just as entertaining. The connection that I had to the characters was on point and even I shed a few tears as these two find their feet. The banter and dialogue was fantastic and as ever Dawn L Chiletz's ever present humour was never too far away. The relationship between Madi and Kendra was beautiful and their interactions brought me to tears of laughter many times. Friendships like these are to be treasured and Dawn L Chiletz certainly brought these characters to life.

“You mean his chopstick touched food that your chopstick touched? It's liked you swapped spit. He might as well have kissed you.”

I adored this duet, inhaled it in one and a half days and couldn't put it down. It totally threw off my reading schedule but was well worth the time spent. While it does have some great plot twists that certainly got my blood pumping in ire on the whole this was a cute romance and one that was a joy to read. Loved it.

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Christine Alibutud says

Ugh. It kind of started it out well for me, but then I found myself eye-rolling one too many times, and I just lost interest. Sorry.

1.5 stars!
