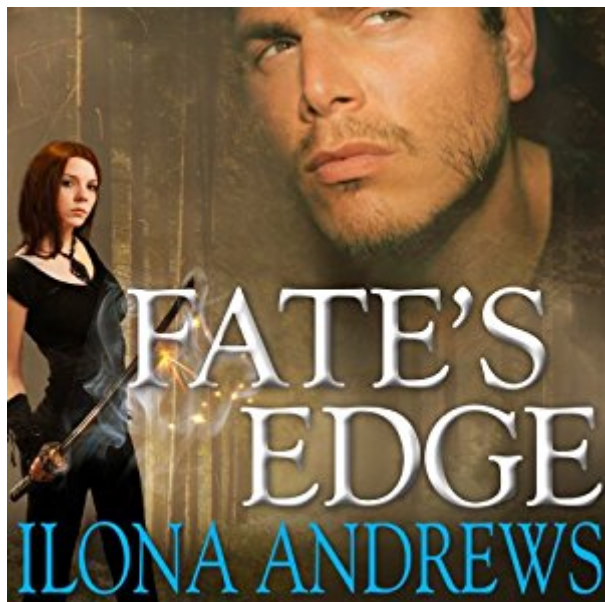


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Fate's Edge: The Edge, Book 3



Synopsis

In the latest entry in Ilona Andrews's Edge series, Audrey Callahan is determined to stay on the straight and narrow - but when her brother gets into trouble, she takes on one last heist and finds herself matching wits with lawyer, gambler, thief, and spy Kaldar Mar.

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Customer Reviews

This was the first book in this series where I was bored when I read it. The thing about this realm/world that really drew me from the beginning was the oddness of it. It is not the standard fantasy world. And the romances are not generally standard either. In Fate's edge, I was looking forward to getting to know K's character better. By the end of the book, I felt like I got to know Jack and George better, as well as Audrey, but not K. The world did not offer up anything more interesting than what we've read in the previous books. In the previous book Andrews introduced the Mire, a swampy wasteland full of criminals, where everything in the water might be out to eat you. That was fun! My friend has this system of rating books.

| | for Character development: | for World building: | for Ease of read: | for Plot twist: | for Leave Lasting impression: |
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- This book gets a star for world building, though I was not happy that the world did not offer something more interesting in this book. It was still an

interesting world over all. One star for ease of read, though it was not a page turner I am happy to be generous with this star. And it gets one star for Jack and George's character development. But the plot was not very interesting and the lasting impression that it left me was one of boredom and not really wanting to read the next book. But I will. I am hoping it is better. In general I really like Andrews, I wish I had something's better to say.

4.5 Stars This was my favorite of the series so far. I was skeptical that Kalder could carry the romantic interest lead of the book and boy I was so wrong. Not only did he carry it, he gave it a smoldering look, hit it over the head with a club and carried it off into a cave to have his way with it. He was fun, charming and said some of the wildest things. I loved every moment of it. "Oh, I don't know. I might grow on you." She furrowed her pretty eyebrows. "Like a cancer?" "Like a favorite vice." Kalder was the fun talkative less than law abiding favorite uncle in Bayou Moon. After the loss of many of his kin he has joined forces with the Mirror against the Hand. He needs to find a woman who stole a artifact valuable to the hand and convince her to help him get it back. With his charming ways he thought it would be easy to con her into helping. But she grew up in a con man family and is a little resistant to his charms. Audrey was hilarious, I loved that she is a redeemed bad girl just trying to play it normal. Kalder has definitely met his match and while they are working together there just isn't anyway sparks couldn't fly between them. "He hit her with his best smile. Her eyes widened. She took a deep breath. 'Oh no, not that seductive face. I'm overcome with the need to take off these awful clothes. What is happening? I do not understand. Oooh. Ahhh.' She touched her wrist to her forehead. 'Somebody help me. I'm being drenched with my own fluids.' 'Evil woman.' 'See now, you shouldn't have done that,' Kaldar said. She gave him an innocent look. 'You've made yourself into a challenge. Now I'll have to seduce you out of principle.' 'You can try. Not that you'll get anywhere. If you were in love, that would be one thing, but we both know this is pride talking.' Audrey patted his forearm. 'It's all right. I won't tell anybody about your shameful failure. I'll keep it completely confidential.' She pretended to lock her lips and throw away the key. The story is full of action between funny banter as Kalder and Audrey have to pull off a few jobs along the way to get closer to their target. There are multiple altercations with the Hand and a few other dangerous types along the way. But one of the best parts to the story is that Jack and George have stowed away on this adventure. Each gets to play a part and they have really come into some of their powers. I love the two brothers together as they work their way into all the schemes and plots Kalder is working up. Both are proving to be a very large asset and not the burden Kalder once

thought they might present when first discovered stowed away. I really can't wait to see what those boys think of next. Ilona Andrews does know how to pack in a lot of action, adventure, laughs and some tender moments along the way. Again a great read from the authors and a series that has really picked up steam in this book. The Edge is quickly becoming one of my favorite worlds and it will be very interesting to see how it all plays out in the final book.

All the girls in the business knew it. Marry a mobster, take collect calls from prison. Marry a gambler, hide your paycheck. Marry a conman, nurse a broken heart. - Audrey Callahan - words of wisdom on the traps of falling in love

From the very beginning I knew I would enjoy this read. The previous installments of The Edge series had me chomping at the bit. Actually nearly all books that I've picked up by this author have captured my imagination. Alas, I've still yet to start a Kate Daniels book...Of all the characters to have graduated from the Mire (you may need to read Bayou Moon, The Edge #2) Kaldar Mar is a definite favourite. He's a talented thief and grifter who plies his trade in the lands of the Weird, the Edge and the Broken. In fact it is this skill set that allows him to work for the elite organisation of Andrianglia, the Mirror. Not to mention he has the face of a devilish rogue who can unravel the coldest heart with a simple smile. All of this helps him get one step closer to his family's mortal enemy, Spider, and gain revenge against, the Hand. But his world is forever changed when he takes on his next challenge.

Audrey Callahan wanted a quiet life. She had a home of her own, a raccoon named Ling the Merciless and a paying job with a P.I. firm. All of it is turned upside down when her father comes to town. To gain her freedom she must help commit one last heist. Unfortunately no one told her that this job would set her on a collision course with a man who would shatter her walls. When these two meet it is exactly how you would expect a romance between Edgars would be. There's tasers, tie down straps, a dangerous race across continents, stowaway teenagers, wyverns and a small army of magically enhanced assassins dogging their every step. It possessed all the trappings to keep me thoroughly entertained for the past couple of days (forgive me, it's been an extremely busy week lol). It's not only the dangerous liaison between Kaldar and Audrey that had me entranced, but the character development of all members in this book. It briefly touches upon the lives of past H/h Declan and Rose Camarine, as well as William and Cerise Sandine. Funnily enough, they don't proscribe to the HEA with a large castle, extravagant gowns and tea with cookies on the front porch. Well, of course there's castles. Except their halls are decked with poisoned darts, hidden murderers and the fate of three worlds.

WARNING SPOILERS AHEAD There are three other reasons why I can't walk away from this series - Gaston Mar and, George and Jack Camarine. These three misfits are swept along on this adventure. Their

innocence breaths a different life into Fate's Edge. It also shone a light on their emerging abilities that are steadily being honed with deadly precision. We learn more about the slightly aloof teen, George, with a focus more on his flashing abilities and hand to hand combat. Jack, who is barely entering his teens, is faced with the challenges of meeting life not only as an Edger in Blueblood society, but also as a Changeling on the cusp of his first Rending. And Gaston. He has a special spot in my heart. In the previous installment we learn of his banishment from his home. It still upsets me that they allowed the youngest of the thaos sons to fall because of his stupid parents pride. Luckily he is taken in by his Aunt Cerise, her husband William and his favourite Uncle, Kaldar. To be honest, I think this read is more a coming of age story rather than the Mar's quest for vengeance. Well I think I've rambled on enough and sung the praises of Ilona Andrews| to give you crossed eyes. So I'll be signing off for the rest of the evening and sorting through my Kindle for Steel's Edge. Happy Reading.LB

This book was really interesting as it went back in forth into the different worlds. Kaldar has found his match in Audrey. I enjoyed the book and seeing the characters from the other books--like seeing old friends again. The story is based on swindles and stolen items and was a fun read.

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