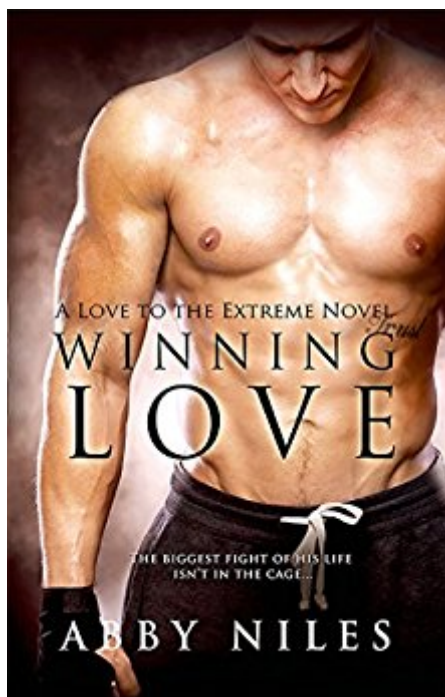


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# Winning Love (Love To The Extreme Book 3)



## Synopsis

Winning Love by Abby NilesMac "The Snake" Hannon has spent years throwing himself into cage fighting as a way to lash back at the natural disaster that destroyed his future. A call for help has Mac returning to the one place he swore never to return: Kansas in the height of tornado season. There he meets free-spirited Gayle Matthews. At first he wants nothing to do with the infuriatingly persistent woman, but the crazy challenges she tosses his way are impossible to resist. As she thaws years of bitterness, bringing back the Mac he believed long gone, he starts to make peace with the past and see the future again. Until he learns she chases his worst nightmare then he can't get away fast enough. Meteorologist and storm chaser, Gayle Matthews is no stranger to being left behind and now believes in living in the moment. She wants to do just that with the handsome extreme fighter with the achingly sad eyes. As she works to replace the sorrow with desire, she finds herself breaking her one rule: have fun but don't fall in love. When he suddenly pushes her away and she discovers the horrifying reason why, she issues one more challenge: face his fear and come on a chase with her. Will squaring off with the past lead to a victory for heartache or love?

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## Customer Reviews

Sometimes a book comes along that just gets you to feel so much that it makes you want to go back and re-rate all of the other books-- Knock them down a score or two, because they really can't be in the same category as the this one. Seriously. If I could give this more than 5-stars, I would. Winning Love is the 3rd book in the Love to the Extreme series, but it absolutely can be read as a standalone. Dante and Tommy (from books 1 & 2) make a brief appearance near the end of this book, but that's really all that ties them all together. I remember reading book 2 and thinking Mac must have one doozy of a story, but I really wasn't prepared to get so swept up in the pain and anguish that he's gone through. When the book opens, Mac Hannon is going to Kansas to help his friend, Lance train for an upcoming amateur fight. Lance has hopes of making it to a professional level and Mac feels like he owes his friend a debt for saving him when tragedy struck four years earlier. Mac isn't happy about returning to the state that holds such extremely painful memories. All those years ago he lost his wife and unborn child when an EF-5 tornado raged through their town. Mac is nearly completely devoid of spark. He seems to only feel anger and guilt and torment. He doesn't allow himself to enjoy much from life. But then, he meets Gayle. Gayle is the yin to Mac's yang. She's the other side of the coin. She too has lost everyone she loved because of a tornado. But she lives her life to the fullest each day, and has dove head-first into researching weather patterns and tornadic activity to help others avoid the same horrible fate as her family. Gayle pushes all of Mac's buttons. Annoys him, amuses him and arouses him when the last thing he wants is to feel anything.

Wow " what an intense read. I really enjoyed Mac and Gayle's story and just loved watching Gayle help Mac begin to heal from the losses he has suffered. I just love a damaged hero, and when you throw in a heroine that is every bit as damaged as the hero but has chosen an entirely different path to help cope with her losses, you have a recipe for some fun interactions, lots of playful banter, and some serious emotional outbursts that go straight to your heart. It was so much fun watching Gayle's antics throughout the book. From her constant challenges to Mac that she used as a way to get him to do things he normally wouldn't do " like play Twister or attend a Zumba class " to her ability to know just when to push and when to pull back as she navigates the battlefield that is Mac's heart, Gayle constantly had me laughing and admiring her ability to give Mac just what he needed, just when he needed it. Mac could be so infuriating at times, but once he finally gives in and acknowledges his attraction to Gayle and commits to taking things further with her, you could see just what a sweet, caring man he was. In my opinion, Ms. Niles does a wonderful

job describing the tornado activity in the book, and was able to communicate the emotional trauma that can happen when something like a tornado rips your whole world away from you – whether you are there to witness it first hand, or have to carry on and survive when everyone you love has been taken from you. Having never gone through anything like this, for me it really worked, and it just reinforced the fact that there are so many things that we don't control – Mother Nature being one of them. I haven't read the previous two books in this series, but didn't feel that I needed to in order to enjoy this one.

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