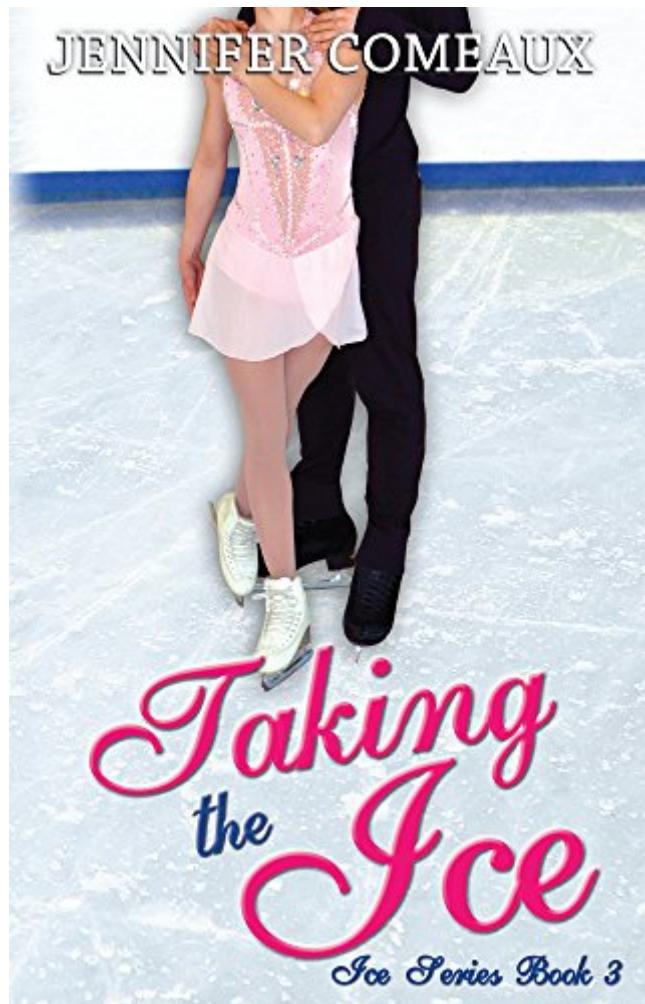


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# Taking The Ice (Ice Series Book 3)



## Synopsis

Olympic rings and an engagement ring. Courtney Carlton is ready for both. She and her boyfriend Josh have skated together and dated for four years, and they've reached a critical point in their partnership both on and off the ice. With the Winter Games coming up and their career nearing an end, they are fighting to win a spot on the Olympic team, something Courtney has dreamed of since she was ten years old. She also has another wish she hopes comes true soon.

She's waiting for a marriage proposal from Josh that she expected to happen by now. Will she realize either dream or will her heart be broken from disappointment? TAKING THE ICE is a 43,000-word novella and the final book in the Ice Series. Book #1 is CROSSING THE ICE and Book #2 is LOSING THE ICE.

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## Customer Reviews

This book. I can't even. What a wonderfully delightful wrap-up to Courtney and Josh's adventure together. The Ice series, by Jennifer Comeaux, has been one of my favorites, and I'd recommend reading them in order. In addition, Ms. Comeaux wrote an additional series (The Edge) that focuses

on the younger years of Courtney's coach Em, but you can always go back and read those after if you've already started these books (that's what I did). We meet Courtney and Josh in December, almost 3 years after the end of the second book, *Losing the Ice*. They have skated well together and are now once again facing the pressures of competing well enough to make the Olympic team. All the series regulars are here, with the addition of a few new characters who present some added pressure. I was really wrapped up in the story and couldn't put the book down. It wasn't a very long read, but felt like a good length for the story at hand. Sometimes authors drag out angst just to hit a page-goal, and the story suffers because of it. In this case, it felt just right. Josh remains as loving, loyal, and silently strong as ever. If ever there was a perfect book boyfriend, he's it. Courtney is faced with the difficulty of skating on top of the internal stresses associated with her past skating goals, which have thus far come up short of her lifelong dream. When you add Josh's insufferable parents to the mix, you'll probably be wondering just how much more they can take. That being said, the book has plenty of sweet, tender, and happy moments that left me swooning. The relationship between Court & Josh is so strong, but she is longing for an engagement ring. After seeing how Josh's parents interact and learning more about the way in which they raised (or didn't raise) their children, she has to wonder if he might agree with his sister Stephanie in swearing off marriage forever. I absolutely loved all the interactions with their coaches, and fellow skaters, and especially Liza! She was a wonderful surprise, full of so much energy and inner-strength. And her relationship with Courtney is something many sisters would long for. Even Stephanie surprises with an unexpected interaction with one of Courtney's competitors. Will Courtney and Josh pull it together at Nationals and get to take that elusive trip to Sochi? Will Courtney get the engagement she has been hoping for? Or will Josh's mother pull off the incredible upset and finally succeed in driving a wedge between her son and the girl who she believes has derailed his life? I'd recommend this book to anyone who enjoys romance, ice skating, the Olympics, and light-hearted feel-good stories. I was gifted a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

This novella is the third book in the "Ice" figure skating series, which follows pairs skaters Courtney and Josh. In book one, they fell in love as members of rival pair skating teams, in book two, they endured problems on and off the ice, and now in the trilogy's final book, are on the cusp of an Olympic season and about to become engaged. Most of the conflict in this book focuses on whether Courtney and Josh will overcome their on-ice issues to make the U.S. Olympic team. While the two still clash with Josh's awful family, the couple's relationship is solid and they're very much in love. Josh is gentle and kind-hearted, Courtney is the more vocal half of the couple and in previous

books, has shown no qualms about speaking her mind, especially to Josh's mom. In this book, she's still quite outspoken, but has a moment of conscience that reflects a new maturity. Comeaux effectively shows how Courtney has grown up, softening a rough edge, while not taking away from her personality. I appreciated that Comeaux simply allowed them to be happy, and to focus the story on their skating. As a figure skating fan and author, I am in awe of the way this woman writes skating scenes! She captures the couple's programs beautifully, and her knowledge of the sport shines through. Readers looking for a sports romance that's a little different, and not only features a female figure skater, but a male skater as well, should check out the Ice and the earlier Edge series. I look forward to seeing what Comeaux has in store next!

Jennifer Comeaux writes romances that are of the sweet variety. They are hearts, flowers and love notes kind of stories. Her books all center around the world of Ice Skating. I enjoy books about female athletes and she writes the skating world masterfully. This is the final part of Courtney's story. It's probably best to read after the first two in the series to get the full benefit of the story. It is very low angst over all (which fit what I was in the mood for but angst-lovers beware). The three novella series for Courtney kind of remind me of serials in the pacing and issues in each. Solid 4.5 stars

The Ice series was very good and Taking The Ice kept that trend going. I love figure skating and that probably helps when reading these books, but I think they could appeal to anyone. I enjoyed the various couples and the challenges they faced and felt that Ice #3 was a great way to wrap up the series. Not only was there romance, backstabbing, family drama and excitement, but people like me that enjoy figure skating, got lots of background information on the sport. I'll be looking forward to Jennifer Comeaux's next book and would definitely recommend this series.

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