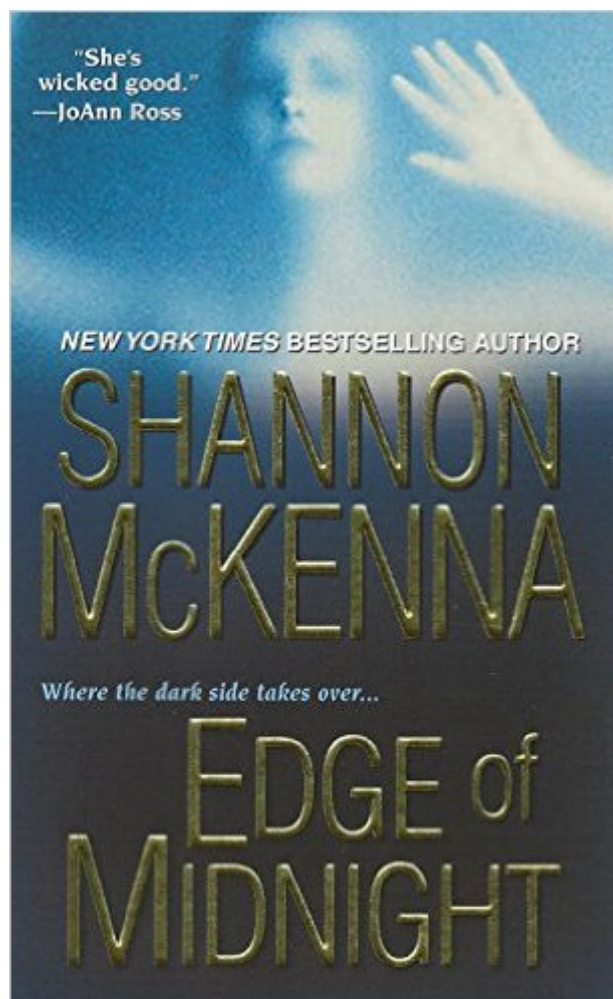


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# Edge Of Midnight



## Synopsis

On the very day an arsonist burns down Liv Endicott's bookstore in a small town in the Washington mountains, she finds fate has another shock in store for her. Amid the smoke, rubble, and tears, Sean McCloud appears, calling her name. He's every inch the man he always was--the man she kept on wanting. But wanting is not the same as trusting, and she doesn't dare let him get too close. Yet a ruthless killer is gunning for Liv, and she'll die unless they join forces to unearth a chilling truth--and come together in a blaze of searing passion. . . "A passionate, intense story." --Romantic Times on *Edge of Midnight*". . .this action-packed novel is sure to be a crowd pleaser." --Publishers Weekly on *Edge of Midnight*"Super, sexy suspense!" --Cherry Adair on *Hot Night*

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## Customer Reviews

First I have to say that the general way I experienced this book, until towards the end, was like when you see a train wreck, you feel a bit repulsed and ill at ease, yet you cannot look away. Ms. McKenna's style of writing is, in this book anyway, very bawdy, raunchy, and gritty and it felt a little too intense sometimes. However, I did enjoy it and could not look away for the most part. Right out of the gate though, I couldn't stand Sean. He's so self destructive and full of self pity. And, he is supposed to have loved and dreamed about Oliva for 15 years, and yet their first sexual encounter was so base and crude to me. And Sean was such a jerk, that I felt a bit ill after reading it and decided to not read the book further. However, I'm really stubborn. So after reading a bunch of other books, I came back to this one reasoning that a lot of these alpha males start out somewhere in the

stone age and end up in the 21st century due to loving and be loved by their woman. I wanted to see where the author would go with this; if Sean would change. This is my first Shannon McKenna book and based on others' ratings I probably should have started with the first McCloud brother book, but that's how it goes. I'm glad I did pick this up again, although I still never really totally warmed up to Sean until after the proverbial manure hit the fan towards the end when I started to feel, this guy is OK. The way he and Olivia related made me feel a bit uneasy and not quite relaxed. Until the end, he's all--- you are my goddess and I bow to you and live to lick your boots type of thing--- to Olivia, yet he very insistently and sometimes coldly and forcefully orders her to do things when they are physical, although Olivia is aware of it and even tries to wrestle control herself at times.

This book tells the story of Sean McCloud, youngest of the four McCloud brothers, whose stories were told previously in "Standing in the Shadows" and "Out of Control". Sean and his brothers were raised by their paranoid and delusional widowed father in the backwoods of Washington state. Older brothers Davy and Connor and friend Seth Mackey ("Behind Closed Doors") have all settled down with wives and are starting families of their own. But Sean's life seems to be on hold. He has never gotten over the supposed suicide death of his identical twin brother Kevin 15 years ago. Nothing seems to hold his interest for long; not his various jobs or any one woman. His brothers refer to him as a "man slut" due to his prolific and shallow love life. They want him to find the kind of happiness they now enjoy with their own wives and to stop drifting thru life. But the only woman that meant anything to Sean was his teenaged girlfriend Liv, who he cruelly dumped in order to save her life. Sean has kept tabs on Liv for all these years, and surprisingly comes in contact with her again. He discovers that she is back in Washington and owns a bookstore that is torched by a crazed stalker who Liv refers to as "T-Rex". Although she doesn't want to trust him, Sean convinces Liv that she needs protection until the stalker is captured, and she reluctantly lets him help her when her parents seem less than interested in believing or helping her. Sean and Liv are on the run after the stalker makes an attempt on her life and Sean saves her. This attempt is tied into Kevin's death. Before Kevin died, he gave a note and a sketchbook to Liv to deliver to Sean. The note gives clues about a person that Kevin thought was trying to kill him.

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