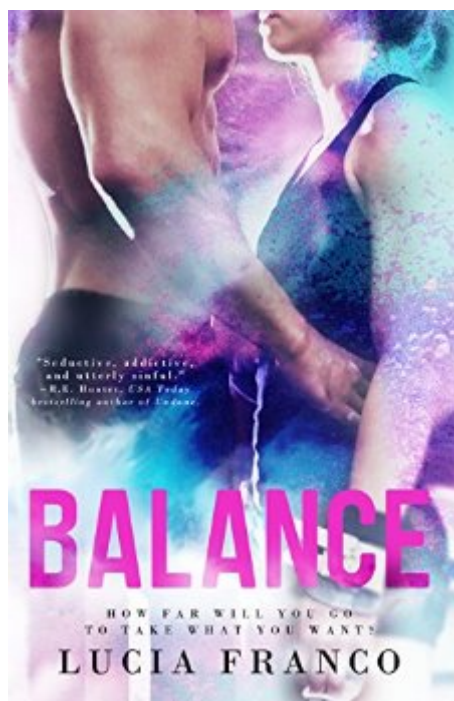


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# Balance (Off Balance Book 1)



## Synopsis

Adrianna Rossi is no stranger to the rigorous demands required of her body. Years of pain and determination make her one of the best. Olympic glory is the ultimate goal, and she'll do anything to achieve it. Even if that means leaving home to attend World Cup Academy of Gymnastics, a training center that serves one purpose—producing champions. Perfection, precision, and dedication are required of his athletes. When two time Olympian Konstantin Kournakova is persuaded into training the young hopeful, he immediately regrets it. She doesn't come close to his high standards. As the relentless pursuit of her dream keeps her striving, a passion is ignited within him. Kova's power and domination, coupled with Adrianna's fierce tenacity, reveal there is more for her body to learn. Every interaction can be misconstrued, but there's no mistaking the darkening of his gaze, the lingering of his touch, or the illicit image of his bare skin pressed against hers. Integrity is on the line. One toe off the beam and their forbidden desires could ruin everything they've worked for, throwing it all off balance.

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## Customer Reviews

I am not even sure where to start. I finished this book a few days ago and my mind is still stuck on

this book. For the most part I went into this book blind. I knew it was a taboo romance, which I love but this book is so much more than a gymnast falling for her coach. This is the epitome of taboo romances. It will completely test your morals. It will make you see things like you never thought you would see them. This story may not be for some but I will say that the best way to go in, is completely blind and with an open mind. It is by far the best way to experience Kova and Ria's powerful and passionate story. Adrianna is a young gymnast whose goal is to make it to the Olympics. She eats, sleeps and breathes gymnastics. She moves 3 hours away from her home to get the best training that she can get. She is not a quitter and will do whatever it takes to get to the next level. No matter how much the pain may be she will fight and fight with everything she has. She is strong and determined and nothing will stand in her way, no matter what. Her coach is arrogant, and just a plain a hole at times. He works her hard and seems to pick on her constantly, pointing out the negatives, rather than the positives. Making her feel like she is not worthy of being there. But then there is the sexy side to him because let's face it the man is gorgeous. But when it is just Kova and Ria there is another side to him, one that she cannot stop thinking about. The connection between the two of them is undeniable. But if she isn't careful Kova will be her ruin. But she may very well be his as well. This is a forbidden romance like I have never read before. I will not say any more about it but will say that Ms. Franco wrote this story in a way that it just felt so right.

“Why do you do this to me, Adrianna? You make me want you in ways that should make me ashamed. Don't make you do anything you don't want.” Looking at this at a glance you would think and assume this is just a typical sport romance but it is anything but that. From even just reading the synopsis you don't see what truly lies below until you start reading this and discovering it first hand. This book will grip you. It will through you completely off balance. It will spell bound you. It will suffocate you at times but Lucia writes where you feel as if you are in the story and not just reading it. She puts you in their lives. In their day to day struggles. We see it all develop from the beginning. Can you say crossing the line of moral boundaries?????? This book will have you questioning your own morals but in a deliciously intoxicating way. Gymnastics is love of mine. I did gymnastics myself as a child and loved everything about it. Like Ria, I loved even the smell of the chalk in the air. There was just something soothing about. Something about the intensity, the pain, the leather, the long hours and so much more that you crave as a gymnast. You live and breathe everything gymnastics. I know a lot about the sport but when reading such an intense and powerful story it brings something out in you. It touches you in a way you can't describe. Even though I knew a lot going in about the sport and what is required of an athlete

reading this captivated me. "Gymnastics was everything to me" It was my heart and soul, the air I breathed. It was the one thing that allowed me to be ME. •Adrianna Rossi is a very determined and strong willed 15 year old who has Olympics on her mind.

I received an ARC of *Balance* by Lucia Franco in exchange for an honest review. This review is for The Sweet Spot Sisterhood Blog. Read with caution as this review contains spoilers. OH...MY...GOD! Never in all my years as an avid reader have I ever anticipate the release of a book like I have for *Balance*. I know this book has been in the works since 2014, but I only learned of it about 9 months ago. I relished any updates. Finally, a few days ago just before midnight this gem appeared on my kindle. It did not disappoint. Lucia Franco took the time to do her research. Her passion for gymnastics shines through the whole book. *Balance*, book 1 in the Off Balance Series by Lucia Franco is as riveting as it is wrong. It is a forbidden romance and so wrong has never felt so right! *Balance* is the story of Adrianna Rossi a gymnast with Olympic dreams and Konstantin Kournakova (aka Kova) her new gymnastics coach. She is 15 and he is 32. Yeah, you read that right. Not only is it morally wrong, it's illegal too. It pushes boundaries and might make you uncomfortable, but that is what all great books do. I absolutely loved it. Adrianna feels like she is an outsider when she joins World Cup Gymnastics. Reagan the "It Girl" sees Adrianna as a threat, especially for Coach Kova's attention. She is in a new town and living all on her own. The only person that truly befriends her is Hayden, a member of the men's team. They become close, there is an attraction, but they remain friends. Kova sees him as competition. "Desire can be deadly, temptation can be toxic." As hard as Kova tries he just cannot fight the attraction. He knows it is wrong.

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