



# Across the Line

JULIA (19), a sweet, innocent country girl, is on her way to win the female Motocross Championship when a brutal crash suddenly ends her career.

Three years later a completely different, much more serious and rebellious Julia is arrested by the police. She has been participating at illegal street races. During one of them a rider crashed and lost his life. DET. JOHNSON, the responsible detective tries to get Julia's trust in order to find out what happened on the night of the race. Julia, after some initial restraint, tells him her story.


After the crash at the Championship race, Julia realizes that her love for the sport has only hurt herself and the people around her. She decides to quit racing and leave her home in Northern Italy. She is poised to start a new life as a medical student in Phoenix, Arizona; one without injuries and pain. But Julia struggles with the new environment and the physical and psychological aftereffects of her accident. She meets LILIBETH (19), a lively Latina girl from her biology class and SAMUEL (26), a senior, who seem to really like her.

But among all the people at University, there is really just one person that catches her eye: BRENT (23). He is a serious, cautious but smart young man, both fascinating and dangerous. A few weeks after they meet, he introduces her to the city's underground motocross scene. The more Julia gets to know those people, the more she feels at home and understood. With Brent's help she works hard to overcome her trauma and her physical disability. Julia starts participating at the underground races. The more time she spends on the bike, the less she cares about university and her friends from university. Slowly she starts to change her appearance as well, until she is one of them; one of the underground racers.

But the life in the underground motocross world of Phoenix is not always nice and safe. Illegal break-ins, too much alcohol or dangerous injuries seem to become more and more commonplace. Brent, in fact, is planning to take his brother and move away from the city. He struggles to understand Julia's drive to become like the people he grew up with.

Julia finally hears about the king of all underground races – illegal street races. When Brent hears about Julia's plan to participate, he tries to stop her. Even Julia's University friends try to talk her out of it. But Julia has already made up her mind and steps away from her the people she learned to love and trust in her new home. On the night of the race, she stands at the starting line – alone.

During the race Brent tries to keep Julia safe but crashes. Julia, who finally realizes what risk she had taken, tries to help Brent but can't. He dies on the street. The police arrive at the accident and arrest Julia.



Det. Johnson sees Julia in a different light after hearing her story. He tries to help her but in the end Julia has to take the consequences for her actions. In court she is sentenced to one year probation – a mild sentence. But the cage Julia will have to struggle with, for the rest of her life, is not the physical one, but the one in her heart. Because even though Julia changed and learned her lesson, she is a motocross racer. And there is no point in denying that her love for the sport will always be a part of her.