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Most people have no regrets. She has one.

Harper Crawford is a big fan of the Newport Beach Seagulls, despite their abysmal previous season. It's been a year since Ken Brown's murder and Seraphina Hanson, Ken's youngest granddaughter, just survived her first year as the new owner and manager of the national hockey team. Barely. The last year was dismal to the point where Seraphina is making drastic changes. Like hiring Harper as their official blogger. Harper gets to travel with the team, write character pieces, critiques, game summaries, and the like. It's her dream job.

Another change? Putting together practically a new team, including Zachary Ryan, first line center. At six foot four and two hundred and twenty pounds, he is tall, dark blond, and solid muscle. He's arrogant and direct and the minute he sees Harper at Taboo nightclub during a team bonding session dressed in a plaid shirt and converse sneakers, he has to get to know her better.

Except there's a problem from her past that won't go away. Harper has an ex that won't stay in her past - where he belongs. He starts showing up at her place, reminding her of all the wrong choices she made, bringing up things she wants nothing more than to forget. When Zachary gets involved, things get heated and his notorious temper flares.

Harper doesn't want to get involved with a hockey player - especially with an overzealous ex who won't leave her alone - but Zachary plans to change her mind. No matter what the cost.

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M Hurford says

Excellent Blend of Hockey and Romance...

Exes & Goals, Book 1 of The Slapshot Series by author Heather C. Myers is a great beginning to this hockey series. The main characters, Zack and love interest, Harper are an accidental match that really perfect for each other. Zack was just brought in from another team and Heather was brought in as the team blogger. Even though there is hot chemistry an nasty ex of Harper continues to hang around making a nuisance of himself, degrading Harper and egging Zack on. But there has to be conflict for growth and Bryon the ex provides the drama perfectly.

Definitely recommending this book as it held my interest all the way through and am looking forward to reading the next story, "Black Eyes and Blue Lines".

I am leaving this review for your consideration. Peace.

Kristen Lewendon says

The story was really good. I enjoyed watching the relationship develop between Harper and Zach. I especially liked seeing Harper find her strength after the traumatizing situation she had been through. After reading the prologue trilogy, I really liked seeing the little bits of the growing relationship between Sera and Brandon sprinkled throughout. But the continuity errors drove me batty while reading. I don't know if it was her editor or her betas, but the author was badly let down by the people who were supposed to help her catch these things.

I received a complimentary advanced copy of this book.

poppy says

This is the first book in this series and I really enjoyed it I just loved a good hockey romance and Zach and Harper's story did not disappoint they are just smoking hot together it was a well-written story and I am looking forward to reading the rest of the series

Coco.V says

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Blurb:

Newport Beach Seagulls center Zachary Ryan heats things up on the ice... and in the bed room.

As a blogger for the Newport Beach Seagulls, Harper Crawford is living her dream. She gets to write about her favorite sports team - and get paid for it.

Granted, she wishes she could shove an old jock strap in the smart mouth of new acquisition and cocky bast*rd, Zachary Ryan, but hey, she'll take what she can get.

When she's required to do a character piece on him at a local nightclub, she screams in her pillow. But getting to know the six foot four, two hundred and twenty pounds of solid muscle better, she realizes he's not all that bad.

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Except there's a problem from her past that won't go away. Harper has an ex that won't stay in her past - where he belongs.

When Zachary gets involved, things get heated and his notorious temper flares.

Zach knows Harper doesn't want to get involved with a hockey player - especially with an overzealous ex who won't leave her alone - but he plans to change her mind. No matter what the cost.

Georgie says

I really enjoyed this book!

The story line progressed well and the chemistry between the two mains was believable in such a sincere way.

Zach is the new starter on the team and Harper is enlisted as the teams social blogger with a douche bag ex determined to cause problems.

This was a sweet read that I finished in one sitting. It was a great story that kept me entertained with a need to know what happens next!

The relationship between Harper and Zach was one that sneaks up on you a little but the obvious emotions between the two was what kept this one relatable for me. It just felt really honest and I loved that about this book!

There was just enough of a tease for some other potential books with hints at something happening between secondary characters which was a great way to entice me into a series I now want to dive into.

The story was written in the third person pov so sometimes I found it a little harder to get right into the story but after a couple chapters the writing was flowing and I was invested in the story.

4 stars

Samantha Haynes Gosney says

I picked this book up because it is hockey season, and my team sucks... but so does this book.

The story takes for-ev-er to begin. Even halfway through the book the male suitor had not been clearly defined. Over half the book was about other people, possibly setting up the next book. However, to keep people engaged in the story the first book needs to make people want to read the second. This book was far too cliché for my liking. I get it, there are a million romance novels, and everything has been done, but the conflict in this book wasn't that much of a conflict. There was no emotionally riveting scenario, there was not really a damsel in distress moment, but there was one good "go the fuck away" moment. This took me days to read, when it should have only taken a couple hours!

The editing in this book is horrible! Autocorrect surely got the best of this author when she used pick instead of puck. Elementary mistakes were made when the author began sentences with a conjunction. The general grammar mistakes were made. This makes a book hard. to. read!

If you are an indie author find better beta readers who aren't afraid to redpen a book. Or higher an editor!

There will be no book 2 for me!

LMR says

Exes and Goals: A Slapshot Novel By:Heather C. Myers

Sports Blogger Meets Puck Master!

She's a Sports Blogger hired to write for his team. He's newly traded & trying to fit in on a team with almost all new talent. When she's assigned to write about him the attraction's undeniably unquenchable for them both. Can these two make it work, or will a spanner be thrown into their HEA by stalking, meddling fool who just cannot let go?!

I was gifted Heather C. Myers' "Exes and Goals: A Slapshot Novel(Slapshot Series Book 1)" as an ARC via Booksprout, but I'm happy to recommend it to others because it's an excellent read... You're definitely going to want to read the entire series, because this book makes you want to know more, More, MORE about the characters involved around this TEAM!! I cannot wait to read the next installment.

Trust me, this is definitely a book you'll want to One-Click straight into your library because you'll read, Reread, & READ it again & AGAIN. Don't miss out! All opinions expressed within this review are uniquely my own & freely given.

Until next time... Happy Reading!

Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says

OMG, this cover is making me laugh SO hard! Dude looks like he has tiny short legs...

Gillian Murrell says

I was really disappointed in this book, the sport was just a side story it really didn't play a large part in the book. Which was a pity as it could have added a lot more to the story. I would have liked to have seen a lot more on the blog side of the story with interviews with lots of team members so we could get more information on the other characters. The romance was weak although I liked Harper and Zac as a couple they were a little to perfect.

Leah says

There is always a lot of drama at the end of books like this. At least, there was a happy ending. I liked the main characters, Harper and Zach, and I rooted for them and their relationship. I was disappointed that there wasn't more hockey in this book. Also, I thought that the murder that was mentioned was going to be a big part of the plot, but it was only mentioned in passing. I still, overall, liked this story.

Laila Viking says

A story about Harper and Zach. It is well written and has a nice storyline and plot. But it has some loose ends and things that was mentioned but never investigated. The murder was only for the drama and not the story. Hockey is his sport but there is not much of it in the book.

Harper is a sportsblogger and therefor she is hired by the local hockey team to write a bit about them. Here she meets Zach Ryan a new player on the team. Zach has moved to Newport because of a scandal he had. In this story the frase "between love and hate is a thin line" is a good description of the two characters. They learn to know what is behind the walls they have put up and build an attraction for each other.

I was caught from the first chapter but it lacks in the end where it gets to forced. But the story is worth the read and I can only recommend it.

Jennifer says

Harper is a sports blogger. She primarily writes about hockey and is hired by the local hockey team< the Newport Gulls, to write specifically for them. The team has suffered recently with the murder of the owner and scandal surrounding it and the transfer of ownership. It is in a rebuilding phase and Harper will get to report on everything to do with the team including player profiles. One of her first interviews is with the new center, Zach Ryan. He has had his own scandal recently which forced him to leave the Toronto team and make the move to Newport. Initially, they don't like each other much, but there is definitely an attraction that eventually leads to a date. When Harper realizes that Zach is actually a pretty nice guy, and a hot one at that, things progress. There is one big problem - Harper's stalker ex, Bryan. The Bryan drama that surfaces comes close to ending Harper's new romance with Zack and threatens his hockey career.

This book was alright. It started off better than it ended. In the beginning, both Harper and Zack were career focused and weren't willing to let a romance interfere with their focus. Once the romance started, their career focus didn't fade but we heard a lot less about their jobs. Considering their careers were so important to both

characters, it was weird to suddenly not hear anything more about what was going on there. Also, when the Bryan drama heated up, everything else in the book was eclipsed by it. I think the romance suffered. The book was still good, but it could have been better.

Nichole says

Thought about the book: Adding in two new chapters for the first novel of this series I was a little taken back by that. I was hoping that there would have been a better understanding of the relationships that the author had started her readers out on. Finding that some of the couples that worked so hard to be with each other had broken up and not knowing why made me very mad and upset. But over all this book was great and had a great story to be told. Yet again falling in love with Zach and Harp as couple that fight through so much to finally be together. With Harp's ex finding a way to try and pull Harp back into his grip but Zach comes out of left field and messes up his plan and changing Harper to fight harder to be the person that she knows she can be.

Thought about the writing and layout of the book: The book over all was a great read. The errors were a lot less in this book than they were in the ones before. I still love the fact that from the being I am hooked and could not put the book down until I was done.

What I liked: The story as a book over all was great and like I said the author did a great job tell the story at hand. I am a hockey fan and this just pulled me right in from the start and could not stop reading it.

What I didn't like: The only thing I did not like was that instead of looking deeper into the background and future of the chapters that the author had already wrote about, she adds in new chapters and drops the bomb that four of her other chapters had broken up without knowing why. As a reader, I find that leaving this information out could be a big turn away.

Would I recommend: Yes, I would!

Angela Sanders says

When two pasts collide...

When Harper takes a job as the Gulls new team sports blogger, she has no idea how it will change her life forever. She meets Zach, who's rumored to have a past with women in Toronto, but that's not for her to judge as she has a past of her own.

Harper's past; however, is quite different. Where she shows strength; inside lies deep-seated fear.

As Zach and Harper move closer into the relationship territory, Harper's past comes crashing into the forefront. Will she be strong enough to confront it? Will she allow Zach in or keep him at arms length?

In a suspense ridden series of dark, twists and turns, two pasts collide. Will they be strong enough to weather the storm?

Heather truly outdid herself writing this book. It was full of suspense, thrills, excitement, and lots of steam where appropriate. I love the entire series. It's definitely a must-read! 5 stars!

??Hannah?? says

I still love this series. Even though I read them out of order it still wasn't hard to follow. I loved reading their story. Too bad Harper's ex boyfriend is a douchebag. I'm just glad that they got everything worked out in the end.
