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Nick Dante, number one pitcher for the California Condors, moves back to his native Brooklyn after an injury in the last game of the season. Once he discovers his ex-wife, Jenna has also moved back to New York, he has a singular intent - find out why Jenna divorced him in the first place.

Jenna Valentine can't but still pine for the man who was the love of her life. But what will happen when Jenna finally confesses the secret that drove her to end their relationship? Will she break his heart all over again? Or will Nick forgive her and prove he's ...Playing for Keeps.

Mia Sinclair, publicity director for the New York Thunder, is also the boss's daughter. Quinn Rafferty, fun loving star goaltender for the Thunder defies authority and Mia's overprotective father. They begin a torrid affair that threatens both their positions with the team, and causes Mia to re-think their relationship. Should she trust her own instincts? Or is Quinn's interest no more than a ... Body Check.

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Sassy Beta Reading & Review says

2 cute short read books in one.

Sherri Hayes says

I'm giving this book 3.5 stars, although its close.

This is a book of two short stories, both involving athletes. I liked both stories, but I didn't love either of them. Now, with that said, I will point out that if the last 1/4 of each story would have been written differently, then I would probably have rated this book with a 4 or a 4 1/2. So what was wrong with the endings? They both felt forced to me. In the last book what happened almost completely turned me off the hero, but I have to add that he did redeem himself somewhat at the very end.

Would I read another book from this author? Maybe. If it was a full length novel, I might give it a try just to see if the endings in these were rushed just due to the length of the stories, or if that's the writers style. Again, they weren't a bad read, and for the most part I enjoyed them. I just wished for a little more.

Angela Aaron says

Romance author Heather Peters hits it out of the ballpark with her latest double-header release. Ms. Peters expertly combines her love of sports with her talent for writing romance with two dynamic novellas under one cover. "Playing For Keeps" and "Body Check" are book one in her anthology "Rules of the Game" series.

"Playing for Keeps" and "Body Check" are both romantic tales of hunky sport superstars and their quest for love. In "Playing for Keeps," baseball pitcher Nick Dante is desperate to rekindle a relationship with his ex-wife, unaware she carries a secret that threatens any future they may have. The second story, "Body Check," hunky hockey goalie, Quinn is determined to win the bosses daughter despite her previous relationship with an abusive hockey player. Both tales are captivating and thoroughly enchanting. Ms Peters draws you right in to her stories, not only with her knowledge of sports but with characters that are three-dimensional and realistic. These stories are sensual but not over explicit with the emphasis on romance.

You won't be disappointed with either of these stories, and I'm sure future stories will be just as wonderful.

You can purchase Ms. Peter's book through Amazon.

BrnEyesTX says

I really wanted to love this book..but I felt it moved to fast and they were rushed. They fell to fast and then weeks few by with explanations. Great for a quick read . but she had so much to work ...it could have been good long read.

Margaret Sholders says

I looked over this book when I saw it was sports oriented.I knew it was a romance book so I took a chance and got it. I started reading and I was hooked. The characters were so real and from that point on I couldn't put it down. I haven't read this author before so I had no idea how she wrote. I will be sure to add her to my list of favorite authors. If you need a good short read this in one to try. Enjoy!

Jen_C says

Note to all men: "What do you think of a June wedding?" is NOT an appropriate or romantic proposal.

Playing for keeps - 3 stars.

Body Check - 4 stars.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Lee's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

3.5 Stars

Playing For Keeps:

What is sexier than a 6'3 Italian baseball star?? A 6'3 Italian baseball star that refuses to let go of his woman. I don't know about you but I'll take an intense man any day of the week!

In Playing For Keeps we meet Nick and Jenna, two people who fell in love at an early age but unexpected circumstances have kept these two apart. It was heartbreaking to read what Nick and Jenna had to go through during the years they were apart and as I got further into this story I couldn't help but root for these two to overcome all of those obstacles.

I felt sorrow for Jenna at her loss but, at the same time, I understood Nicks anger towards her for keeping the secret that she did. These two characters endured a lot of pain and suffering and getting to read their HEA was a lot of fun.

Body Check:

Body Check starts with a hot as sin hockey star who refuses to take "no" for an answer. You can't help but love this story for Quinn alone. If you are a hockey fan like me then this short story will releave a little bit of

the pain we are all suffering due to the lack of a season.

Quinn has wanted Mia for two years and he's not going to give up on her. But her past relationship causes her to be leery about getting involved with another hockey player.

The depth of these two characters is perfect for a short story and I really wanted Mia and Quinn to get their HEA. Quinn grew up without any family so he craves that close bond and he's willing to do anything to get it with Mia.

Mia grew up with a cold hearted father who didn't do a good job of supporting or protecting her. They are able to give each other what they need if they can just let go of the pain of the past. Body Check was definitely a refreshing read.

Both of these short stories were heartwarming and entertaining. Each had the formula for what makes a good romance. If you are looking for something light-hearted that will leave you smiling then Rules of the Game is the book you need to read.

Review copy provided for an honest review.

Radd Reader says

Playing to Keeps: I did not think Jenna and Nico were developed enough and the plot was weak. Big secret that is a stumbling block in their relationship. I didn't buy into the H b big so upset that he would not not forgive the h. There is a HEA, but I just didn't like the main characters enough to care.

Body Check: short story with no character development. They want to take things slow, but don't. A little angst with her father, it overall just a weak plot.

Downward dog says

Good sports romance books!

Tonileg says

I love a second chances romance specially if it started in high school, it is my favorite flavor of delicious romance. Playing for Keeps stars Nick Dante, baseball pitcher in California (does it matter what team? I don't know many of them and none on the west coast!) His first love is also his childhood love, Jenna Valentine who is an Italian-American. The two of them grew up in Brooklyn, New York city and by chance Nick (Nico to Jenna) sees a cooking show on TV with Jenna talking about her new cafe/restaurant in Brooklyn.

There are a lot of secrets and Jenna keeps one from Nico and I was disappointed that she made such a big deal to the point to putting her self in a psych hospital when she really should have shared what happened with Nico and work on making a new life together. She really underestimated his love and desire to care for her, but I get that when it comes to pregnancy females drive right past logic city and go straight to crazy

town (ask my baby-daddy and he has lots of personal examples from our life).

Second story is Body Check, this is about Ice Hockey (Awesome sport!). Mia Sinclair is the daughter to the General Manager so generally that means hands off to any of the players of New York's hockey team. Quinn Rafferty is a great guy. I almost didn't want to believe that men like that really exist except that I'm friends with some so I know better (and no, they are not single because some smart ladies grabbed them quick!). This is about Mia learning to love and let go of her bad memories from her last abusive boyfriend. I liked that Quinn was patient with her.

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2 stars for solid sports related contemporary romance.

Sherry Sweeney says

2 stories in one book.... not a bad story line.

Lindsey says

Amazon (ebook) freebie 2/16/13

Victoria says

Is a great book to read

Ashley Nelson says

DNF on both stories after one chapter each. I had hoped for cute sports romance stories, but the clunky phrasing and the multiple grammar and punctuation errors dashed my hopes quickly. Please get an editor or at the very least, use a spell and grammar check program prior to putting your product out there! No matter how good the story is (and these weren't great), I can't get into it when I'm so distracted by unnecessary errors.

April Mckaskle says

Cute read wish they were longer but still enjoyed them both
