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Savannah Morrison is the new athletic trainer for the Moncton Ice Cats, a professional hockey team in the wilds of New Brunswick. It's a good thing she's got plenty of knowledge and grit, because as the only female trainer in the league, she has to work twice as hard to win the players' respect. The last thing on earth she would do is date one of them.

Twelve-year hockey veteran Garrick LeBlanc isn't ready to hang up his skates, particularly since he hasn't figured out what the hell he's planning to do next. He needs the new trainer to keep him fit to play, and she's got the skills to do it. Too bad he lost his mind and hit on her the day they met. Now she hates his guts and he's made an art of ignoring her.

When the team is put up for sale, Garrick and Savannah have to work together to save their jobs and their team. Somewhere along the way, they discover Garrick isn't just a hockey player, Savannah isn't only passionate about her work, and just maybe they've got more in common than they thought.

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Marion says

3.75 Stars!

Janel says

Sexy, fun read!!!!

Jennifer says

When I heard Samantha had written another book, I stopped what I was reading and 1-clicked Fair Play earlier this afternoon. Now it's 2am and I could not put it down. At first, I thought it was starting out a bit slow, but then I got completely sucked into the characters and the life with the Ice Cats, a pro hockey team in New Brunswick. I feel a book hangover coming on. Now that I've seen the trailers for the next two books in the series, I understand a little of the extra dialogue and background. I can't wait for the next one!!

This book is a standalone book that is part of a series. There is no cliffhanger. The next book continues their story in the next stage of their lives.

Would I recommend to a friend: absolutely

Will I re-read this: yup. I see myself keeping this on the kindle for another rainy day.

Will I read more by this author: yes. I read her first two and I'll be reading the rest of this series.

Steaminess: 8 of 10: this not for the faint of heart nor for prudes. But if you are familiar with Samantha's other books, you know she can write hot scenes that have you feeling naughtily like a voyeur.

Savannah is the new trainer for the team, and the only female trainer in the league, so she has something to prove and a bit of a chip on her shoulder. But once she realizes that these guys are her friends too, her spunk shines through. She is no wimpy princess waiting to be rescued- nope, she can take care of herself. I love that.

Garrick is an older hockey player with only a year or two left in his career. He lusts after her every day as she tapes him up and fixes him after a game, but it's not until something threatens her that he takes action. He's sweet, considerate, but also demanding and dominant- a good combination. Sigh.....

Garrick and Savannah team up against a common enemy- true slimeball- to keep Sav safe. Joining them is a whole cast of characters who seem like the kind of guys I'd love to hang around a pub with.

Overall impression: another solid standalone book by this author. I can't wait for more about Savannah and Garrick.

Ivy Deluca says

The Premise

Savannah Morrison is the new athletic trainer for the Moncton Ice Cats, a professional hockey team in the wilds of New Brunswick. She's doing everything to establish herself in a male-dominated field, and has to deal with being the only straight female under sixty, so she gets hit on working for the Ice Cats. A lot. Matter of fact, the first person to hit on her is Garrick LeBlanc, a twelve year veteran of the EHL. He isn't ready to retire but he is depending on Savannah to keep him going until he figures out what he wants to do when he's done playing hockey. Their relationship starts off on the wrong foot, but when the team is put up for sale, Garrick and Savannah have to work together to save their jobs and their team. Somewhere along the way, they discover Garrick isn't just a hockey player, Savannah isn't only passionate about her work, and just maybe they've got more in common than they thought.

My Thoughts

Picked this up as a freebie on amazon - and I was completely surprised at the writing. It's good. Freebies are a crap shoot (and I've gotten a lot of clunkers), but I'm glad to say that I was pleasantly surprised with Ms. Wayland's romantic suspense set in a little Canadian hockey town. The plot surrounding the romance is well developed and there's enough action that takes place that keeps your attention and kept me flipping to the next page to see what will happen next. There is fair amount of really hot, kinky sex (though it is all M/F), but as a reader, I got to know Savannah and Garrick, and there weren't big moments where their characters didn't make sense or did things to falsely create some conflict. Savannah has legitimate reasons for being careful in launching a relationship with Garrick. Garrick is an open, easygoing hero who is willing to let Savannah make her moves, his alpha side really coming out in the bedroom, but not overwhelming the rest of the characters. Basically, he's a very likeable character.

The suspense part of the story has its flaws - Garrick turned investigator wasn't the strongest and the resolution wrapped up a long time criminal conspiracy pretty easily, but I was willing to suspend disbelief enough to go with it.

This story is the first part of a three book series, but this book doesn't end on a cliffhanger and there is a resolution to the romance that gives the reader a Happy For Now feeling.

I would warn those who would want to continue that the story shifts from M/F to M/M and eventually MMF and if that's not your thing, you could end the series on this book and be satisfied IMO, which I really appreciated....though I'm totally going to read the rest of the series, so well done Ms. Wayland - you pulled me in.

The Bottom Line

A surprisingly well developed and well written hockey romantic suspense book. Check it out.

Samantha says

Demorei mais do que eu gostaria para terminar esse livro, espero que consiga ler os outros dois mais rápido.
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Deixando isso de lado, gostei bastante de *Fair Play*! Adorei as cenas de sexo, achei muito bem escritas, e

adorei o casal. Tanto a Savannah quanto o Garrick são sensatos, educados e cuidam muito um do outro, achei a dinâmica deles ótima.

O enredo é interessante, apesar de o foco ser bem mais no romance e no sexo - e quando eu digo "bem mais", é "beeeeeem mais". Confesso que chegou uma hora em que eu queria uma conclusão pra situação que a Samantha - hehe, xará - criou e eles *não paravam de fazer sexo!* Mas enfim, tudo se resolveu bem, o casal segue firme e forte e eu estou doida para ler os próximos livros e - espero - me apaixonar pelo Rhian também.

Claudia says

ok - I read this one but obviously I forgot reviewing.

all in all, it was quite good but not spectacular ... but a nice read

Talltree says

3.5 stars

✿-Anna-✿ says

It was okay... not too bad, a little unrealistic when it came to the running off the team and the mob/bad guys... but the romance that developed was good Garrison and Savanna were very kinky

Can't wait to see how their love live gets kinkier in the next book.

Nudlez says

4.5*

Suze says

3.5/4*

Fiesty female lead. Hidden depths male lead. Ice hockey.

Fun frolics with Savannah and Garrick trying - not very hard - to resist each other whilst trying to save their hockey team from nasty people who become more nasty and horrid as the book develops.

Once they join forces, there's no stopping them - sex all the time! Even when Garrick has a concussion - they build them hockey players strong.

A fast paced, fun sexy read.

R * A Reader Obsessed * says

3.5 almost 4 Stars???

It takes a lot for me to read M/F. *A lot*. And because I've come to really like Samantha Wayland's hockey universe (that includes a myriad of books not advertised to be linked together) and all of its characters, I was definitely curious about this despite the presence of a female MC.

Have no fear. Garrick is one fine specimen of a man. No complaints here. Though Savannah had some commonly seen bouts of female insecurity and resistance, she overall was a strong character who held her own.

Bonus points because I got to see Alexei, Mike, and Rupert. Note that though this story was published before *Crashing the Net*, its timeline seems to fall between it and *Home and Away*.

One more thing. Wayland writes great smex - *some seriously eyebrow raising smex*. I say that because I've never seen this sort of dynamic despite the many, many M/F romances that I've read. Most likely it's because she also writes M/M and those elements make their appearance. So maybe that will pique your interest - unless you're a traditionalist - because traditional this ain't.

So, I'm hooked. I'll be finishing the next two books despite the menage aspect (or maybe because of it). M/M is next and then M/M/F.

Selipperydickdip says

Loved it, easy read, well written...

Garrick LeBlanc... must surely be a woman's dream man ... smoking hot, sexy, a beast in bed, dependable and he has the right tool for the job!!!!

Savannah Morrison... love her gutsy can do attitude and her open mindedness to explore the wild side with the right person and she's sexy to boot!!!

Michelle [Helen Geek] says

01/20/2014 --

Overall Rating = 2 Stars

Book Cover / Book Blurb / Book Title = 5 / 3 / 5 = 4.5 Stars

Writer's Voice = 2 Stars

Character Development = 2 Stars

Story Appreciation = 1 Stars

Worth the Chili = 5 Stars -- [\$Free on Amazon]

Smexy [HEAT] Rating = Moderate

284 pages

Love the cover and the title. LOVE a sports romance.

I didn't really like this one. I'm disappointed.

I read it feeling very disconnected. I'm not sure why, but had to make myself read it. I kept thinking it would grab me, but it didn't. I'm a bit intrigued by #2 and #3, but I won't read either unless they are highly rec'd by one of my trusted GR friends. You may really like this one, It just didn't click for me.

Another freebie read for Jan 2014.

Happy Reading!

Dee says

pretty sure i needed a bucket of ice water dumped over my head at one stage to cool my down

Blue says

Ice hockey, fit blokes, strong woman battling against the patriarchy to be taken seriously at her job, 2 m/c's thrown together in the face of adversity, hot sex, nasty bad guys, love ensues. I enjoyed it, it was fun, but it's not going in my special pile. Bonus points awarded for our heroine NOT have her man sort out all her problems. Double bonus points for her skills with gaffer tape.
