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Trent Carrington.

Trent Mr. Perfect-Has-Everyone-Fooled Carrington.

He's the star quarterback, university scholar, and happens to be the sexiest man I've ever seen. He shines at any angle, and especially under the Saturday night stadium lights where I watch him from the sidelines. But I know the real him, the one who broke my heart and pretended I didn't exist for the past two years.

I'm the third-string kicker, the only woman on the team and nothing better than a mascot. Until I'm not.

Until I get my chance to earn a full scholarship and join the team as first-string. The only way I'll make the cut is to accept help from the one man I swore never to trust again. The problem is, with each stolen glance and lingering touch, I begin to realize that trusting Trent isn't the problem. It's that I can't trust myself when I'm around him.

This is a full-length, sweet, hot, safe, standalone American football romance novel.

Kicked Details

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SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

★★★★ 1/2! **Kicked** (stand-alone). College football, first loves & second chances with a Girl Kicker & a star Quarterback!

“My cock was hard enough to fuck a hole through a sheet of plywood.”

Kicked (stand-alone) opens up to student and third-string kicker **Cordelia Elaine Baxter, Cordy** becoming the new kicker for her college football team.

Star quarterback, student and heir **Trent McKinley Carrington** becomes Cordy's biggest crusader offering to coach her while relentlessly trying to seduce her. Due to their history, to unfold with story, Cordy is hesitant towards the charming and cocky Trent.

It's beautifully told slow brewing romance of sport, sexy times, coming of age, sabotage, betrayal, secrets, the healing power of forgiveness and the sweet taste of victory

Seven words to describe **Trent McKinley Carrington**: Honorable, determined, charming, supportive, possessive, loyal and protective.

Seven words to describe **Cordelia Elaine Baxter, Cordy**: Independent, lonely, reflecting, smart, determined, naïve and easy-going.

Kicked, told from dual POVs, is a mixture of sport romance and second chance at first love. It ends victoriously but I'd welcome a glimpse further into their future.

Sexy! Fast paced! Compelling heroine! Oh so sweet hero!

Hero rating: 4.5 stars

Heroine rating: 4 stars

Sexual tension rating: 4.5 stars

Sex scenes rating: 4.5 stars

Sex scenes frequency: 4 stars

Plot rating: 4.5 stars

Dialogue rating: 4.5 stars

Storytelling rating: 4.5 stars

Story ending rating: 4.5 stars

Overall rating: 4.5 stars

Would I recommend this book: Yes.

Would I re-read this book: Maybe later.

Would I read future books by this author: Yes.

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Jeannine Allison says

I absolutely loved the romance in this one! Cordy & Trent were such a cute couple, and I really enjoyed them finding their way back to one another. I especially liked that we got glimpses of the past. My main problem with second chance romance is a disconnect to the couple because I didn't get to see the beginning of the relationship. I think this one worked so well because a) we did get those snippets of the past, and b) their relationship was very fresh when it ended, so there was still a lot of room for their relationship to grow.

The one thing I *love* about second chance romances (when necessary) is a good grovel <3 <3 <3 I absolutely love to see a guy crawling around on his hands and knees, all pathetic and "whipped"-like. Maybe this is weird, but when done right, it's awesome and just shows me how much he loves her. So I was thrilled that the story began with Trent and Cordy on the same football team, Cordy desperately trying to ignore him and Trent relentlessly pursuing her.

Trent made a mistake, one he's still paying for...

"For the millionth time, I cursed myself for ruining things with her two years ago. But I could fix it. I would do anything in my power to make her see me again the way she had then—with bright eyes and a trusting heart."

But he doesn't give up, he gives a *great* chase until Cordy will hear him out. And while he does have a reason, he doesn't use it as an "excuse." He owns up to the fact that his reason was wrong and that he should have chose differently.

But Cordy is still hesitant. She doesn't want her heart broken again...

"Of course Trent left. That was his thing. Like a catch phrase or a signature style. If Trent Carrington had a calling card, it was that he always walked away first."

She slowly lets him back in and once she has the full story, they commit to each other, providing us with some sexy moments, some funny moments, and some sweet moments.

"Sorry professor, I was daydreaming about being finger-banged in my dorm parking lot by a guy I hate."

"You got the balls for this, Baxter?"

"I was born with them, Coach. They just haven't dropped yet."

"We kissed until my breath belonged to him."

The angst in the beginning wasn't extreme, and all-in-all I'd call it a light, quick, and funny read. Did I have some problems with the non-romance parts of the book?

A little. Some things felt unnecessary, some subplots were wrapped up too quickly and neatly, some dragged, and some weren't really explained at all. But was I bothered?

Nope, not really. I just sort of skimmed those parts and focused on Trent and Cordy <3 Some might definitely have problems with these things (a little bit soap opera drama-esque) but I personally believe the romance between these two overshadowed everything else to make this a very enjoyable read! :)

Safety: (view spoiler)

warhawke says

Genre: Sports Romance

Type: Standalone

POV: First Person - Dual

Rating:

Cordelia (Cordy) Baxter's first love was soccer but desperate time called for desperate measure and landed her on the football field instead. Coming from a poor family, she needed the partial football scholarship even just as decorations. But luck was not on her side and she risked losing her scholarship unless she made the team as first string player.

Trent Carrington was the star quarterback of the team. Two years prior he broke Cordy's heart and had been hated by her ever since. He found a way to possibly get into her good grace, but with her heart guarded, he needed to plan a strong offense in order to win her back.

I've read several of the author's books and expected this one to be light and funny as her previous works, but I was pleasantly surprised by the different tone in this one. Besides the usual sexiness, it was also somewhat sweet and lightly angsty.

I didn't care if it made me a cave man. I wanted her to feel my possession the same way I felt hers over me.

Trent was quite a dreamy character. He was born into wealth, yet he never flaunt it. He's definitely not your typical alpha asshole but that didn't make him any less attractive. Sometimes good guys are as satisfying as the bad boys.

Her quiet nature, the determination that burned in her heart, and her compassion drew me to her.

Cordy was an admirable character. I like how she had lady balls and not afraid to play with the boys (pun partially intended :p). Even though she was guarded and sometimes blinded of her surroundings, she was willing to take chances.

Trent and Cordy had good chemistry. I've always love seeing vulnerabilities in characters and both of them had a good amount to balance each other out. It took a while for the sexy part to happened, but once it did, I can assure you'd be fully satisfied lol!

I also like the supporting characters especially her best friend Landon. I wish there was more of him.

How did I manage to go from broken-hearted, to angry, to happy to see him, to wanting to kill him in the space of ten minutes? It was like emotional whiplash, and Trent was the sole cause.

Kicked is football romance about two individuals giving love a chance the second time around. With a tinge of sweetness and angst, paired with a whole lot of sexiness, it would surely appeal to many romance lovers.

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Jen says

4.5 Mag Stars

I have to start off by saying that prior to reading *Kicked*, I'd completely misjudged what this book was going to be like. I half expected one of the dime a dozen athlete/step brother/billionaire romances that overrun my kindle unlimited feed. What I got instead was a well written and thoughtful story that managed to completely surprise me.

For the millionth time, I cursed myself for ruining things with her two years ago. But I could fix it. I would do anything in my power to make her see me again the way she had then—with bright eyes and a trusting heart.

Trent Harrington made the biggest mistake of his life two years ago and subsequently, the one that got away, Cordelia "Cordy" Baker, does her best to avoid him completely. Easier said than done considering Trent is their college football team's star quarterback and Cordy is the team's third string kicker. Suspend the disbelief, people, and work with me here.

When Cordy's given the opportunity to try out for the first string kicker position, Trent offers to help train her. It'll come as a surprise to no one that while helping Cordy is part of the plan, showing her how he really feels is Trent's main goal. But can Cordy ever manage to forgive and move on?

My first thought while reading this was that Trent was moving up my book boyfriend list and that I'm a total cougar. I have no fucks to give because Trent is just that perfect. Yes, homeboy made some bad choices in his younger years but I forgave him fairly quickly when his story was finally laid out.

It's rare that I end up liking the female protagonist almost as much as the male, but Cordy turned out to be an exception to that rule. When their story got going I thought these two were fabulous together.

Kicked is exactly why I love goodreads. I probably never would've given this a shot, so to all of my friends that enjoyed this and gave it a shout out, thank you!

RJ says

I'm sad I didn't like this as much as I thought I would. It's a second chance romance with a H who stayed celibate for 2 years so I was sure I would love it. It was good but had some parts I didn't like. The H was great though! He was doing everything in his power to get back with the h and realized how big of a mistake he made 2 years ago.

I got so damn annoyed with the drama with her guy best friend who was supposedly in "love" with her. He was such a big whore and would bring his conquests around her all the time. Even though he wasn't the H he pissed me off. And then he all of a sudden he starts dating her roommate. I could have done without his

character to be honest.

I also didn't like that she was a virgin while he had plenty of experience before meeting her.

I also wanted more from the ending! It wrapped up quickly and I wanted to see more of their HEA.

Chantal ♥? says

NO SPOILERS HERE.

This one has too much description of football and terms that I found annoying (football is not my thing).

They share that in common as they both are football players. Not my thing.

It's safe and it has some sweet tender moments.

If you like her other books I think you will like this one as well.

XxTainaxX says

This is a second chance love story. Trent walked away from Cordy and while I'm not a fan of his reasons, I can see why he did it. His feelings for her never changed and now that he's got his life better sorted and an opportunity with her on the same team, he's not going to let her get away. The plot was good overall but I struggled in the beginning to connect to the story. It starts off a little slow. I honestly wasn't sure I was going to end up liking it. It got really interesting when Trent and Cordy moved forward in their relationship. After that, I was fully engaged and interested. There was both internal and external conflict covered. I liked the concept of a woman on a male college team, even if the original motivation for the change by the college wasn't all that altruistic. It was different from the norm and all the better for it. I liked that the characters showed depth and growth. The couple was sexy as hell together. I mean scorching! All in all a good read. If you're not sure about it in the beginning just hang on a little longer and you might be pleasantly surprised. Safety: No OM/Sharing. There is an OW but nothing happens with her. No rape/abuse.

ARC received in exchange for an honest review.

Maya says

This book is not what I've expected. It's definitely a pleasant surprise, that's for sure!

In general I really liked it. It's a fun read where two young people missed their first chance at their happiness but luckily fate gives them another chance at finding just that together. This is not a short read and I enjoyed that, since we do get to see what happened in their past that led them to this point in their lives and throughout their journey we see them grow, struggle, forgive, fight and love together.

Trent stole my heart! He's so sweet and such a great character. Yes, he has flaws, just like a normal person but the difference is that he tries to be better and right the wrong that he's done in his past. He adores and cherishes Cordy so much and I loved how he also helped her as a team member. His family is definitely old school and have his expectations of him but I'm glad it all turned all right for him. But he had to fight to get what he wanted and that's what matters most.

As for Cordy, she's awesome! She isn't giving in to him at first sight and she definitely didn't forget what he's done in the past, so go girl for that! She has a feisty character but can be also woundable at the same time. Their chemistry is amazing and I'm so happy for them that they got their second chance!

Also, their friends are quite likable, yes, sometimes you wanted to slap them but who doesn't have friends like that. Because I know I do... All in all, the plot is great but the only thing that I felt was rushed is the ending. Other than that the story is a really fun read. :)

Celia Aaron says

Snow says

4.75 "real college football & true romance" stars

I FUCKIN LOVED IT!!!!

This is quite a treat for true football fans and one helluva second chance romance!!!

I loved this story. Period.

Why?

- 1. I love likable demanding- alphas -who –will-do-anything- to- win- back -the –heart- of- the- one- they- love heroes**
- 2. I love badass, sassy yet sensible, passionate and vulnerable heroines**
- 3. I love romance**
- 4. I love second chance love**
- 5. I love sport**

And that's what I got from this book. I enjoyed the GAME. It's perfectly described in detail and you get involved in it even if you don't know the NAME of the GAME. And it's contagious and addictive. Through out the game, you have a second chance love.

Trent Carrington is a star quarterback for the **Billingsley University** football team . He's a rich boy but not smug or pompous.

Cordelia Elaine Baxter/Cordy is a girl that comes from a dysfunctional family and is on stipendy program as the only **female kicker** on a football team. She's passionate and brave, sensitive and tender yet strong and tough and determined.

Trent and Cordy shared a beautiful start of a relationship that went abruptly wrong under the pressure and circumstances that made Trent walk away breaking Cordy's heart in the process.

I'd made a mistake, the biggest of my life, and I punished myself for it by watching her and knowing I couldn't touch her.

Two years later he's more than determined to let Cordy know that she's still the ONE. And that he'll do anything to win her trust and her heart back.

For the millionth time, I cursed myself for ruining things with her two years ago. But I could fix it. I would do anything in my power to make her see me again the way she had then – with bright eyes and trusting heart.

I loved the length Trent went to prove his devotion and his true feelings for Cordy. And it wasn't so much in the groveling BUT more in the fact that he actually maned-up and took the mistake he made and owned it.

I love you, Cordy. I'd do anything for you.

He admitted it and took responsibility but he also showed her that he's no longer the „boy“ who made the wrong decision in choosing...the reasons were somewhat justified but it made him lose smth that was „right“...smth that was worth keeping and fighting for. And now he is supportive of her, standing up for her and protecting her, he is **CHOOSING** her over everything and everyone.

Where I go, you go. If you aren't welcome somewhere, then neither am I.

I loved the way Cordy fought her inner struggle to deny him, his presence, his persistence and when she realized that her feelings for Trent were even stronger than before, she couldn't suppress the "love aching" in her heart any longer. Her character was described so realistically that every reluctant emotion she went through was almost as palpable as **their obvious chemistry...**

Beautiful romantic story of a second chance love, persistence, never giving up in life, in love, in sport...filled with twists and several moments of suspense and intrigue, this is a book made for the true sport fans as well as sweet, passionate true love seekers!

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Tina says

I have a headache all day and I am coming down with cold and reading this book, particularly one character just gave me more of a headache to deal with

I literally have no idea how to rate this book, because I would rate every aspect of the story differently

The overall story I guess I would rate with 3 stars. Why? Because of American football. Yes, not football, but American football. I am from Europe and to me football is what Americans call soccer, and I love our football, I watch it especially when there is euro going on. But this American thing I have no idea what that is, once I tried to watch it but I was bored out of my mind and I don't know anybody in our family or my friends that watch it and can explain me the rules.

But okay, I always like to learn new things, I mean there are a lot of sports romance with baseball as main topic and I don't watch that either. So what was the problem here? There was just too much of it. I hoped what we saw at the beginning was the end of details, but no, it stretched too much for my liking and I skipped the most parts.

Let's go on the next thing, secondary characters, and I mean mainly that best friend of heroine Landon - so if I look it from that aspect it would be 1 star. Let me tell you - I don't think that I have ever wanted to murder someone with my mind as much as I wanted him.

I have no idea what the purpose of his character is? To piss me off? Well mission accomplished.

I didn't really mind that there is someone else who wanted heroine, but with all his behavior -HE FUCKING DIDN'T WANT HER FOR REAL
He is spoiled, annoying, selfish little brat.

So get this, he is like in 'love' with heroine, and he never told her so, but he fucks literally everything that is female and walks. Who knows maybe even that is not priority.

So all the time, he is interrupting heroine and hero, threatening to punch him in the face, but hey hey - when some random girls comes and whisper something in his face he gets all horny in front of the heroine!!!!

Plus heroine told him that her roommate (who is btw also stupid character) is off limits, because she doesn't want things to be awkward when he dumps her, he agrees and then of course fucks her, and later he caught again heroine and hero and he is all mad because they were kissing.

It pissed me off when he was interrupting their sexy times.

And to say that he is selfish as fuck is diminutive, there is a scene where heroine is on the field and has a chance to prove something to coach but this asshole starts a fight on the stands and she doesn't get opportunity.

And what I didn't understand was their friendship – I mean what the fuck, the guy couldn't hold his word, his promises, was selfish childish thing – what is there to be friends about???

The heroine was okay to me, but I couldn't warm up to her totally because she sometimes annoyed me with her relationship towards bff. Don't get me wrong she didn't feel anything, but how couldn't she see that he is jealous? I won't say that he is in love with her, I think he wanted something that he couldn't have – because he is a fucking child, but it isn't love when you stick your dick in everything that walks!!! Plus it annoyed me that that aspect wasn't settled, I mean poor girl that he dated at the end - because I didn't buy for a second that he was only with her, there is sentence near the end when he was in 'relationship' with that girl and of course he is checking out the cheerleaders.

Moving one from that dickhead *deep sigh*

The hero was perfect to me. So from that point it is 5 stars. He made a mistake in the past, but I loved how he was devoted to winning over heroine, and how he learned every little detail about her, what she loves to eat and do, and he was constantly having those things around or ordering at the restaurant and then acting like it was just a guess when really he remembered everything about her.

He really was an excellent hero. And Trent and Cordy had a great chemistry. And most importantly lol hot sex. I need to say I was surprised how hot this book was

So if I look at the story as whole, it really could be amazing story, but because of the problems that I have written it was constantly distracting me from enjoying the book. So I caught myself skipping a lot of pages.

I don't regret that I read this, because I fell in love with hero, and there were sexy times, but that one character ruined it for me. Of course there were some other minor problems that I would change (as said too much football) but it all could be overcome if there wasn't that one asshole. Maybe somebody won't have the same problems like me, but all day I have a headache so maybe I was pissed more than I would be usual with one character.

Safety gang: (view spoiler)

NMmomof4 says

[H's uber rich controlling parents, the h from a not so desirable family, the rich "fiancé" in line for the H, and the football aspect (hide spoiler)]

CC says

Cordelia “Cordy” Baxter is a college student that comes from a working class coalmining town. Having always played soccer, and due to Title 9 criticism, Cordy secures a spot as a Kicker on the football team earning her a partial athletic scholarship. Being on the team isn’t easy since she is known mostly as the “Mav” but it’s also difficult because she is constantly around the one person she wishes to erase from her heart.

“He’d been beautiful when we’d first met, his boyish good looks the first step in my downfall.”

Trent Carrington is the star Quarterback and with his dark hair, green eyes and an easy smile with the brains to back it up, Trent is every campus girl’s dream. With his athletic ability, his future in the NFL is pretty much a done deal. However, two years ago Trent made a decision that impacted his love life much to his chagrin. Now that he’s a bit older and wiser, he is determined not to make the same mistake twice.

“I was going to get the chance I’d been dreaming about for two years. I had so much to tell her, so many things to explain.”

Being in his senior year, Trent can no longer ignore his feelings for Cordy and tries to resurrect the connection they both previously shared. Knowing this task is not going to be easy, when Trent sees an opportunity with Cordy he takes full advantage of their private time. However, Cordy is prepared to maintain a platonic distance from Trent because she will not be hurt again by his love ‘em and leave ‘em ways.

“In his place, there was a man who kissed like the devil and made me stupid with just one look.”

As Trent and Cordy spend time together, she slowly learns more about Trent’s decision and what he really represents. By giving him another chance, Cordy opens her heart hoping this time it’s permanent.

“I don’t think I can stop if we start this. Understand? I want you so bad it hurts.”

Wowzie! There were times in this book when I felt hurt, angst, lust, need and the strong connection between Trent and Cordy. Their story is passionate, tender and full of firsts etching every moment in their timeline. To feel that overcoming sense of love is moving but also anxious because these characters are vulnerable to

their emotion. Immediately, I liked Trent and Cordy and with alternating first person POVs, it only strengthened my empathy with their roles. I am a sucker for second chance romances and I was rooting for them throughout the entire book!

In *Kicked*, Celia Aaron continues to dazzle with her prose and ability to draw the reader into her written world. If you are looking for a romance with a good dose of love and determination, I recommend *Kicked*!

Thanks Twinsie for the (F)BR!!

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Carlene Inspired says

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I know, I snuck this one on you guys. I needed a lighter romance!

Cordy isn't your average girl, as the third string kicker for the Billingsley Bobcats she's a mascot, desperate to hold onto her scholarship so she can teach and support her father. When an opportunity arises to receive a full ride scholarship she'll do whatever it takes to become the first-string kicker, even take direction from the guy who broke her heart. Trusting him is too easy, but letting him in and trusting herself is even harder. Trent Carrington is the quintessential handsome, rich quarterback. Everyone knows his name and has an idea of where he's going to go with his life, but no one knows his heart. For two years he's held onto the past, determined to find a way to follow his parent's wishes, but unable to let go of the girl he still loves. Maybe it's stalking, maybe it's an obsession, but he's going to show her the real him under the guise of teaching her proper kicking.

"Of course Trent left. That was his thing. Like a catch phrase or a signature style. If Trent Carrington had a calling card, it was that he always walked away first."

Told from dual POV's, *Kicked* is Celia Aaron's newest release about a female football player and the handsome quarterback she never got over. Filled with football facts, plays, and players, I wasn't sure this book was going to be my cup of tea, but I was so wrong. With college aged characters, *Kicked* fell into the New Adult category for me and I loved it all the more for it. It was reminiscent of my college days, relatable in several ways, and an all around cute second-chance story. I genuinely liked both characters, especially the country mouse, city mouse aspect of their relationship. Cordy is adorable, I loved her determination, her warring emotions, and the way she carried herself. Trent, on the other hand, is definitely all his description makes him out to be, and then some. He gets you with his football skill and looks, but wins you over once you get to know him. Reading from his POV was definitely the most rewarding part of *Kicked*, Celia Aaron did an incredible job of making him so much more than his outward appearances lead you to believe. He's still dreamy, but also supportive, loyal, smart, and vulnerable. Together they make a perfect team and I really enjoyed their slow burn from angst to over-the-top chemistry.

"I was going to get the chance I'd been dreaming about for two years. I had so much to tell her, so many

things to explain.”

Kicked is not like Celia Aaron's other works, so don't go in expecting that. This one is sweet, it's got a bit of angst, and the pacing is slower, but worth the time to read. I think Kicked showcased Celia's writing ability, especially with the shift from her well-known smutty novels to this coming of age release. There is a lot of football to it though and I had to Google different things to understand. Celia Aaron provides a lot of detail and description, but since I know next to nothing about football I did have to do some extra research. I do not think it took away from the story for me, but is worth noting for other readers who may not be sports romance genre readers or sports fans in general. I would have liked a bit more at the end, I wanted to see more of the progression of the relationship leading up to the epilogue, but overall it's a great release.

“In his place, there was a man who kissed like the devil and made me stupid with just one look.”

Kicked is a football romance with a sweet, angst-y plot that will have you smiling often and enjoying the sweet, sexy second-chance love. This is one couple you will be rooting for, on and off the field.

Michelle says

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KICKED by Celia Aaron was a quick, sweet second chance sports romance. If you are like me and is a BIG BIG fan of football, then you are in for a treat because Ms. Aaron has given her readers a love story that weaves football, passion, and forgiveness.

Trent Carrington has it all from the looks, money, and confidence. He is Mr. Quarterback that can go pro. But one thing Trent doesn't have is the girl that he let get away. Or more precisely the girl he left brokenhearted. Two years has passed and Trent is finally making his move to win back the girl that he loves.

Cordy Baxter is the female kicker of the football team. She is on the team so she can maintain a scholarship to help ease with her tuition. Kicking is the least of Cordy's problem especially when she has to see Trent Carrington everyday. So when she tries out to be first-string kicker in order to get a full scholarship, she didn't expect Trent to help. Spending more time with Trent began to resurface old feelings she had for him. Will Trent be able to kick his way into her heart? Or will she be kicking him to the sidelines?

Kicked was definitely your fast paced sports romance. It was definitely straightforward, predictable, and sweet. This book left you feeling happy that Cordy and Trent were able to work through their issues and kicked past two years of heartbreak. So if you are looking for a sexy and cute sports romance then this book might be for you.

Review can also be found on Four Chicks Flipping Pages: <http://fourchicksflippingpages.weebly...>Celia Aaron

