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He had it all...

The day Ian “Tag” Taggart’s world comes crashing down around him, he’s sitting in a fast food drive-thru, waiting for an order of fries. Golden boy of the MLB and shortstop for the Washington Rampage, Tag quickly finds himself losing grip on his superstar life with the use of two awful words: sexual assault.

The only problem? He’s innocent.

Tag’s willing to do anything to prove to the world he’d never commit the crime he’s been accused of. So when his agent suggests taking a break from the spotlight, he listens. The quiet town on Maple Lake is everything Seattle isn’t. And Lexi Barnes is everything he wasn’t expecting to find.

Running from a past she can never escape, Lexi wants nothing to do with her new neighbor. But fixing up an old house takes more work than anticipated, and the new guy in town happens to have quite the set of carpentry skills. She won’t let herself fall for him though. She has no room in her life for love.

If only someone would tell her heart that.

He’s funny and charming. She’s closed off and rude.

Together, they’re like fire and ice.

Prepare to get burned this Off-Season.

## **The Off-Season Details**

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### ItaPixie says

I've enjoyed this story.

Lexi and Tag meet in Maple Lake where they chose to hide. The first couldn't forget that her bad choices had destroyed some other lives and the second needed a bit of peace, away from the spotlight, after the false rape charges against him dropped.

I liked how their relationship grow steadily chapter after chapter and that they tell their secrets when they feel comfortable to do it.

This was my first from Megan Green and I can't already wait to read the seond book in the series.

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### melissafandomworld says

3.75 stars for this incredibly sweet and beautiful contemporary romance.

The story-line was fun to read and whilst there aren't really any unpredictable twists or whatsoever, it was still a really enthralling and addictive read. Mostly thanks to the writing I think. I loved the writing! I was hooked into this story right away and wanted to finish it in one-sitting.

The characters are fun to read about and I always love reading from both POV's so that's always a plus.

The romance was beautifully developed and written and I loved seeing Lexi 'open up' to Ian. Ian was such a sweetheart and he made my heart beat faster a lot of times - crush material, ladies, really.

The minor characters were fun to read about as well even though we didn't see a lot of them. And I'm really excited to read the next book in the series, hopefully soon, so I can continue reading about these hot baseball players hehe.. The synopsis of the second book sounds like it's going to be drama-filled but I'm really excited at the same time since I liked Liv and Brandon as minor characters in this first book. So that's definitely something to look forward too.

If you're into romance reads in which some - not a lot in this first book - sports elements are present, in which really likeable characters are present, in which great writing is present and of course; in which a really well and beautifully developed romance - it's a romance book so that's an important part of the book right! - is present, this is definitely a book I'd recommend you give a go.

*\*Thanks to 'Give Me Books Promotions' I was able to read an e-arc of this book in exchange for leaving an honest review afterwards\**

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## **Samantha Jayne Grubey (ABookHaven) says**

Bloody destroyed me!!

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<https://abookhavenx.wordpress.com/201...>

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## **Laura says**

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2.5 Stars

I love sports romance. And, I always find that odd, as I am not at all a sports fan, so liking sports romance seems off. Until you think about it. I like the heroes and the heroines with the drive to get to the pinnacle of a competitive and difficult career, and I like watching them navigate life.

In this one, Ian is at the pinnacle and is dealing with the aftermath of false allegations that were made against him by a woman who just wanted the money she could get from him, and he is hiding at a lake house during the off season to let the press die down. And, I get it that this happens, but with the current climate around women, and them not being believed, I thought the book went a little heavily toward making sure each character had the disclaimer speech about how false accusations hurt all women. I guess it was necessary, but it seemed oddly forced.

Ian and Lexi had chemistry. Eventually. And, when we finally see them together, there is an appeal to them that works and you believe. The issue I had is the pacing of the book. It takes until 50% in for the relationship to take off, and there is still her secret, the inevitable split they go through, and the reconciliation. It took too long to get to these parts of the story and because this all took place in the last 50% of the book, they felt rushed.

I was particularly disappointed by the make up scene, I thought it lacked the punch I was hoping for and instead of the emotional scene I wanted, the reconciliation felt like it was plot driven and not emotionally driven.

I liked what this book could have been, and I did enjoy it, but I finished it feeling vaguely disappointed by the things I felt I would have liked to see told, and the things that I felt were skipped. The ending, honestly, more than being satisfying, drove this point home one more time.

I can't say I totally recommend this title, but I didn't hate it either.

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## **Anne OK says**

2.5 Stars

It is somewhat of a normal pattern for me to grab a sports-related romance when I've got limited time and need something fun-to-read. Usually a gorgeous athlete will provide just that. I'll admit that I was hoping for a little more than I found this time around the bases.

Ian "Tag" Taggart was another of those star baseball stars with a major league black mark against his name. He needed a hideout – and his friend's lake house seemed the perfect solution. Tag was a good guy, and he got shafted royally. His character was well developed and very likable.

Lexi Barnes was hiding from a past mistake for which she'd never forgive herself. She's somewhat of a head case. Those repetitive inner monologues of hers nearly drove me into my own, made-up of grumbles and criticism. Her tragic situation was indeed a sad one and pulled at my heartstrings, but she never quite reached that soft part of my heart.

The story is told in dual points of view. I enjoyed Tag's voice far greater than Lexi's. The plotline had lots of possibilities– one of those coulda-shoulda-woulda situations. Starting off with a catchy and sweet meet and greet, two solid and strong subject matters to build on, along with a fabulous setting, and two opposite personalities, the material was there to make it an extraordinary read. But it fell short in the development.

Overall, I was disappointed in this all the way around. The ending wasn't very emotional, or at least not the emotions I was awaiting. It was missing those awe-inspiring feelings!

For me, it was underplayed and pretty much a strike-out. Other readers will most likely find it fine and dandy. Play ball at your own risk.

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## **♥?Fantasy Land Blog Book Reviewer♥? says**

This is my first Megan Green story since I wanted to read The Clean-Up I thought I would read this book first and I was really disappointed. I enjoy sport stories, although I really do hate baseball as a sport this story wasn't big on the sports part.

Ian and Lexi are both kind of boring. Lexi spends way to much time in her head. Ian is running from the press because well he did something he wasn't supposed to. While up in his friend's cabin he meets Lexi. And decides to help her remodel her cabin.

I didn't feel much chemistry between the two it was like hello let's fix this and then hop into bed, oh and I love you. I am hoping The Clean-Up is better.

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### **Stacey says**

The Off-Season didn't disappoint. First of all, the underlying start to the story is so relevant which was smart of the author. Ian is a famous MLB player who has been falsely accused of sexual assault. The sensitive subject matter was well written and pulled off. When he goes to the lake house to get out of the spot light, he encounters Lexi. I LOVED this character. It's so refreshing to read a feisty female character doesn't automatically melt at the thought of being pursued by a muscley professional athlete. The angst was spot on, the chemistry was hot, and these two very flawed and broken people healed each other. It did progress a tad slow for me but in the end it worked itself out. Also, LOVE this cover!

I'll definitely be reading more of Megan Green's work.

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### **Brianne says**

If you are looking for something refreshing, something real and something that will make you think but also bring you hours of enjoyment, then The Off-Season by Megan Green is the book for you. Green spoils her readers with a tale of loss, self-awareness and new beginnings. A story line that is different then what else is out there, The Off-Season gives the inside scoop on what happens when two people who are desperately trying to find themselves, help save someone else who needs saving too.

Tag and Lexi are two characters who both are self-loathing and are reflecting in what has become of their lives. A chance encounter brings the two together and the rest ... well the rest is a fantastic story. Lexi's past is haunting her, preventing her from being able to move forward with her life. Hiding out in the middle of nowhere, she happens to fall right into the hands of one of the worlds hottest baseball stars and they are drawn to one another. Tag's character is so charming, so sweet and his passion for Lexi and saving her - also saves himself. Green does a wonderful job in creating characters who are so easy to identify with, able to root for and the dynamics between the two are so different, but yet they are very much the same.

I absolutely love sports romance novels and Green does a fabulous job with The Off-Season. I cannot wait to read more from this great author and to see what she can do with the next books in the series. If you are looking for something that is different from other sports romance novels, a book that will make you reflect and think, and something that is enjoyable, then The Off-Season is the book for you. Make sure you add this one to your To-Be-Read Shelf.

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### **Zoe Forward says**

I'm a sucker for anything with a baseball player and happily read this as an ARC. I wish this novel had more actual baseball in it, but this was still a fun read. So no need to fear if you're not a sports fan. We've got a damaged heroine, Lexi, running from her past who doesn't feel she deserves a chance a love or even happiness. And, a damaged hero, Tag, running from a false lawsuit for sexual harassment that has almost destroyed his career. Their lives collide in an isolated rural town. The amount of baggage these two characters tote makes for a super slow development of their relationship. I appreciated this. These aren't people who would jump into bed with the first random hottie they come across. With both having huge trust

issues, starting a relationship takes time.

However, if you want to read something that gets to the hot-and-heavy fast, this isn't the book for you. This is a book to read in order to savor the slow build-up and the delightful way the author weaves these characters' lives together. By the time they actually became involved the book was almost over.

Megan Green takes us through some great highs and some low lows with this sweet storyline. This is an easy weekend read. Really enjoyed this one.

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### **Readin\_Junkie28 says**

#### **Beautiful Love story!**

This is my first book by Megan Green and I absolutely loved it!! I fell in love with Ian instantly and my heart broke for how Lexi felt of herself. This was a beautiful love story that shows how even with mistakes and regret you deserve to love and be loved and to live life. No one is perfect we all make mistakes but it's leaving your mistakes in the past, learning from them, and moving on that's the true challenge.

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### **Nerdy Dirty & Flirty says**

The Off-Season by Megan Green was a book that took me by surprise. The author was new to me but I love sports romance and the blurb was interesting so I decided to give it a try. It is definitely one I'm happy I picked up.

This book hit me right in the feels. There were moments of sadness that had tears welling up in my eyes. There were moments of happiness where I couldn't help but smile. And of course at its heart was this romantic story of two people who are both hurting for vastly different reasons who help each other heal. The journey I went on as I read was a good one, and the ending was well worth the angst.

I would highly recommend this contemporary sports romance. I look forward to reading more by this author in future.

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### **Liz says**

I seem to be on a sport romance kick lately, but that is okay. It is one of my favorite romance genre, I mean who does not love an athlete, right? In the Washington Rampage series by Megan Green, we get the story of baseball players. In the first book of the series, The Off-Season, we get Ian "Tag" Taggart's story.

Tag is riding high as the golden boy of baseball. But his world literally comes crashing down on him when he is accused of sexual assault. Tag knows he is innocent and is willing to do what it takes to provide it. So at the suggestion of his agent, he takes a break from the spotlight.

Lexi Barnes wants nothing to do with her new neighbor, but somehow she seems to keep forgetting that. Lexi carries her own baggage and just wants to be left alone with her new home. She is looking for a fresh start and the man next door is not supposed to be a part of that!

Both Lexi and Tag are each licking their separate wounds and never expected the other to drop into their lives. But sometimes life throws you curveballs! I loved how sweet and patient Tag was. Lexi had suffered so much and Tag seemed to be the man for her. It was a slow process, but I loved watching these two fall. Their journey was not perfect, but it was perfect for them. *The Off-Season* by Megan Green was a slow burn romance with all the feels.

Read and reviewed for Sultry Sirens Book Blog.

Happy reading.

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### **Stacy says**

So I don't even like baseball so for me to read a romance about it is a miracle. I do have to say I am glad I gave this new to me author a chance, because I am in love with this series. It was a pleasant change from the naughty dirty books I like. This book was bittersweet and very emotional. Once you have read this book, you will be wanting more, and I honestly can't wait for Brandon's book.

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### **Amber - TBR Book Blog says**

I stayed up late finishing this story - bad Amber! But I just had to know how it all ended! And who hasn't forgone sleep to find that out, amirite? I had to find out how Ian/Tag and Lexi's story ends. And if Brandon gets the start of a story since he was so anti-relationship...

Tag is the it guy of baseball. Until suddenly he's not. For something he didn't do. So he goes on a sabbatical away from the spotlight and scandal.

Lexi is sort of just trying to re-connect with living. Things happen (not telling what) but she almost goes into a seclusion and this new house is her chance at a fresh start, of she'll let herself.

I really hope there's more of this series! I want to see Brandon's fall into a relationship...

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### **Alecia ~?~The Staircase Reader~?~ says**

I received *The Off-Season* by Megan Green in my May Romance Reveal Book box! Since unboxing this beauty I have been dying to read this book! Everything about this book intrigued me from the breathtaking cover to the intriguing blurb. I knew this was going to be a book I would have trouble putting down.

*The Off-Season* by Megan Green is a baseball romance set in Off Season, meaning there isn't much game time in this novel. Given that little fact, I have to admit, I was a little skeptical because I love Baseball and I crave the game time moments like an addict. With that being said, I loved the twist of this book. I loved the off season period and getting to see Ian 'Tag' Taggart in his everyday element.

The Off Season isn't all fun and games though, this novel touches on a serious subject revolving around Tag and a rape accusation. After the charges are dismissed, Tag's manager thinks it would be wise if he was out

of the public eye for a while, so Tag's best friend and teammate offers up his cabin situated in a recluse area. Tag is about to discover that the cabin next door is no longer vacant.

Lexi needs to get away, which results in her buying a fixer-upper Cabin. She wants the peace and craves the solidarity that only this recluse area holds. That is what she thinks, until Ian moves in next door.

Overall, I loved Lexi and Tag. I loved seeing Tag tear through the walls Lexi has built up blocking everyone out. I also loved seeing Lexi slowly let go of her past mistakes and try to move on. I cannot wait to continue on with this series! I'm looking forward to reading Brandon's story!

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