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Ellen says

Jessa Montgomery is the daughter of the owner of the New York Empire baseball team. She has spent the biggest part of her life on the field and her knowledge of baseball and stats rival that of the best of them. Currently she works for her father in New York. He's always told her to stay away from the players and has forbidden her to get involved, which kind of confuses her when he asks her to go to Tampa for 2 weeks to babysit their newest addition to the team, "Golden Boy Garrett Donovan." What Jessa didn't expect was to be so attracted to him. Though she has pegged him for a spoiled rich boy, Garrett is anything but that, a fact she soon finds out. Garrett is hot, has that southern charm and smile, is very dominant, and isn't afraid to go head-to-head with Jessa about anything. What did throw Garrett for a loop is how attracted he was to Jessa, even though everyone knows you don't mess with the owner's daughter. Try as they may they can't stay away from each other and a hot romance ensues, but even though Garrett is her father's favorite new rookie, will he be left unscathed and still have a job if word of their romance gets out, and what will happen to Jessa in the fallout of it all?

I love sports themed romances, so when I read the synopsis, I was immediately drawn to this book. The premise for the story is great and I did enjoy it. I liked both Jessa and Garrett's characters, especially Garrett. The romance/sex was hot and steamy, and is definitely not something for those under 18. While the romance was hot, it was the primary focus of the book for about the first two-thirds, and though the book is a light read, it got kind of redundant and I became a little bored at that point, wanting more angst and actual baseball-centered aspects of the story. About two-thirds in though, that part of the story picked up and became much more interesting, which I was glad about, as Garrett and Jessa dealt not only with the professional aspect of their relationship, but Jessa also had to deal with some issues with her father that had shaped the way she thought of herself, and both of them had to come to terms with the way they felt about each other and what that meant in the long run. I enjoyed the interaction with the secondary characters in the book, especially Garrett's friend and teammate Tyler. I was pleased with the way the story ended also. Spring Training was a light read that I enjoyed, especially once the story line picked up in the latter portion of the book, adding that much needing aspect that kept your interest and made the book about more than just repeated sexual encounters, and I was glad I kept reading until I got to that point. It is very hot and steamy and very adult, and is inappropriate for younger readers, but if you enjoy that type of story, then Spring Training would be a great beach or weekend read.

Elizabeth (Perusing Princesses) says

Garrett and Jessa....

he-hot, she-beautiful.

he-good old southern boy and talented baseball player, she-innocent, smart and baseball team owners daughter.

together-a forbidden spark that turns into a raging inferno....

can they survive? face the odds?? find true love??

after some shocking twists and turns..and thinking it was never real... they survive!

Vanessa North says

Two of my favorite things: Parker Kincade and a sports story! This book is a perfect example of why I love Parker's voice: it's fresh, fun, and flippin' HOT. <3

Monette Michaels says

Parker Kincade's *Spring Training* is a terrific read just in time for summer. The hero and heroine are likeable and the story has a more than satisfying HEA ending. Oh and the sex is hot, too.

Garrett Donovan is a rookie baseball player for the NY Empire team. Jessa Montgomery is the daughter of the team's owner.

When asked by her dad to "babysit" the team's newest superstar during spring training, Jessa expects to meet a spoiled, stuck on himself, womanizer. She's quite shocked when her preconceptions all turn out to be wrong and finds herself attracted to the hunky Garrett who sees his baseball career as something to help him keep the family farm.

When Garrett makes it clear he returns the attraction, then the game is on. And the sex is the best either of them has ever had.

Garrett wants more than just a fling during spring training. But Jessa is afraid that if her father finds out that Garrett made love to her, he would fire Garrett, jeopardizing his career and most importantly the money he needs to help out his mother and sister back in Mississippi.

I won't go into more since it would be a spoiler, but will say that Ms. Kincade's plot was spot on perfect. I had already put her on my must-read list after her Martin family book, *One Night Stand*; *Spring Training* has cemented her as a must-buy author for me. Now, I'm waiting for the next book in two of her series.

Kassiah says

2-1/2 stars.

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Lemonie says

This was a 4* read for what story there was. Finished suddenly at 9% with 'The End'. The story had promise but didn't go anywhere.

The BookChick says

My Rating: ♥♥♥♥♥

VERY GOOD: The characteristics of a 4 star book include: a great story; I loved the characters; and there was an interesting plot and unique story elements; there may have been a few odd things kept the story from being amazing. I would read it again and I would recommend it to a friend.

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My Thoughts:

This book was provided by the author for an honest review.

Let me begin my review by saying that I was pleasantly surprised while reading this story. I have read a few "sports" romances that were a bit on the dull and technical side. Technical + romance = DNF for me. I think that authors struggle with making the story authentic so they fill it with a lot of sports-related jargon that I frankly have no interest in.

Well, Ms. Kincade did not disappoint with this sexy sports tale. The story was witty and fresh and most

importantly, for me, not boring at all. Oh, quite the contrary. This story was very sexy! I had to stop and fan my face a couple of times. It was not heavily laden with sports talk but focused more on the romance between the male and female protagonist. Yay! Win!

I absolutely loved Jessa and Garrett. Jessa was sassy and Garrett was tempting and their passion burned bright and fast in a way that was completely palatable to the reader.

Jessa Montgomery was the daughter of TJ Montgomery, owner of the New York Empire baseball team. As a child with a deceased mother, Jessa became her father's shadow and lived, slept, and ate baseball. As an adult, she worked for her father behind the scenes ensuring that this team functioned like clockwork -- almost sequestering herself from the world in the process.

After recruiting a rookie player with a significant high-dollar value, TJ asked Jessa to shadow him to make sure that he stayed out of trouble during spring training. Little did Jessa know that that one mandate from her father would change her life forever. Garrett Donovan was a sexy as sin baseball player who instantly set Jessa on fire with his gaze. Jessa is shocked by her utterly visceral reaction to the man. But, egos, on both sides, get in the way and their first meeting ends in a verbal sparring match. *Can you say foreplay? ... LOL.* Problem: Jessa's father has instilled in her that she should **never** get involved with any of these players. Well, she tried...she really did try.....for like a whole two seconds. However, lust and desire became all consuming between Jessa and Garrett and love grows out of passion that was never meant to be.

Ms. Kincade did a magnificent job delivering a story that was full of sweet and sexy moments...a lot of sexy moments. Romance enthusiasts will absolutely enjoy this story. But fair warning, keep a fan and a cool drink of water handy. This one is a scorcher.

Esther Alayeto says

A great sports romance from Parker Kincade. Good storyline that is well written and developed. Garrett, a baseball player, and Jessa, the team's owner's daughter, are wonderful characters with lots of chemistry and an undeniable attraction. Great read with sizzling hot sex scenes.

I voluntarily reviewed an advanced reader copy of this book

Jillian (NetGalley Addict) says

This book was part of a blog tour I was given a copy for my honest review.

Jessa has practically grown up on the baseball field; her father owns the New York Empire and has taught her everything she needs to know. Her father has a strict rule of her not dating any of the players, so when he sends her to baby-sit his newest "golden boy" she expects to meet a spoiled, rich boy who she will constantly have to do damage control for. Instead she meets Garrett, Garrett is happy to finally be able to stop worrying and take care of his family and their future. Once he meets Jessa he wants her and while the two of them don't want to risk his career, they may find out that the passion that burns hot between them is more important than anything else. This book was good; the chemistry between the two main characters was off the charts hot. Jessa is a bit of a tomboy and I liked that, she has some insecurities from being the only child

with no mom and thinking her father wished she was a boy I thought that was realistic and played into the conflict that happens latter in the book. Garrett is not the ladies' man that people think he is he is a sweet man who is trying to do right by his family. I loved him, he had the most to lose and yet he really pushed for more knowing it could ruin him. The love scenes between the two of them were hot and plentiful about halfway through the book I started to get a bit bored with the book because as good as those scenes were, I wanted more. The author gave me the more that I needed not long after I started getting restless, the pace of the book picked up a bit and I was once again rooting for this couple to make it. Overall Spring Training is a good light read with plenty of spice and a group of adorable characters.

Ann says

Nice cover, lots of sex but more sex than character development or story and I like more of a balance.

Gwen says

Garret just got the job that will let him care for his family. Jessa, the boss' daughter, has been sent to spring training to keep an eye on the newest team star. Their attraction is instant but a bit difficult to manage because Jessa doesn't play with the players. They are very sexy together but Jessa has been warned not to mess with his father's team players. And Garret has to be careful not to ruin his chances. I really liked Garret, commanding and so caring, also family oriented. Jessa has her insecurities but she blossoms with him. Very enjoyable read!

Anne OK says

A hot rookie professional baseball player mixes it up with the owner of the team's daughter. They play hide-and-seek from the press, team, and her father as they share some sizzling days and nights. Of course, there's always a secret twist to the story and this couple just got caught in their own web.

Easy read with a cute story starring two really likable characters. Nothing extraordinary or unusual -- just a fun day at the ballpark!

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Christi Snow says

My Review:

sigh I just love sports books and this one was a good one.

Garrett is just starting out with his baseball career and is participating in his first Spring Training.

For the first time in her life, Jessa's father, the owner of the team, has instructed her to engage with a player. Garrett is her father's new golden boy...with tons of promise. The problem is that it's always been Jessa and her father...she's always wondered if he wished she was actually a boy and now he has Garrett, the male he wanted. So there are feelings that Jessa is dealing with there.

Added to that is the fact that it's REALLY not a good idea for Garrett's career to get involved with the owner's daughter, but they can't resist each other. And whoa, this book is HOT! From the very beginning of the book these two sizzle off the page....and there is a LOT of sizzling going on. This book fed everything for me. It was really hot and sexy, but I loved the two characters too... and their story.

The back story for both these characters and their families was great. I loved Garrett's loyalty to his family and supporting all the women that need him. On the opposite side of that was Jessa and her dad who are alone in this world.

It's not a really long book was exactly what I needed for a distraction on this hot, summer day. This is my idea of summer....READING about a hot, sexy baseball player. I think it sounds like a great new tradition.

t'irla ~The Bookslayer~ t'irla's Talk Book Blog says

Hawt! Rookie Major League Ballplayer, team owner's daughter who has been told to keep away from his players = a great start to a lighthearted steamy romance.

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This is the second book that Parker Kincade has written that I absolutely loved. She has the talent to create interesting characters and make them fully believable. She also has a way of taking a "same ole, same ole" theme and turning it into something fresh and endearing.

The hero of this novel is Garrett (my new bookboyfriend btw) is a down home Mississippi boy who works hard and holds his family responsibility as the most important thing in his life. Baseball for him was a means to an end and anything he was going to try he was going to be successful because he puts his heart and soul into everything he does. I really loved that Parker stepped out of the box and made Garrett a good natured, well raised, down home boy with no pretensions and not a skirt chaser. It was refreshing to meet a character who actually could be someone who lived next door. He was sympathetic and well rounded. I dare a reader not to fall in love with him. Jessa our heroine is a bit of a different story and most of the angst came from her, for Jessa this is almost a coming of age story. She lived a pretty sheltered life being raised by her single Dad who was consumed by baseball and his team. Raised around baseball her whole life she was not comfortable actually socializing with them but preferred to stay in the background. Put into a situation that she had not encountered before she behaved much like a duck out of water. Again a very sympathetic and down to earth character.

As much as the story is character driven the plot was all about the developing relationship between our two main characters. This was in no way a technical sports book and had next to no baseball actually in it. This as someone who doesn't really follow sports unless it is to check out a hot guy in uniform was refreshing in a sports oriented story.

If you are looking for a lovely light hearted read to take to the beach this summer tuck this one in your bag it is perfect for a sunny day on the beach or a rainy day sipping Bellinis.

A solid 4 star read for me and a solid recommendation. Can't wait to read more stories in this series. Parker needs to write faster *grin*

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