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Becky Rendon says

Full Court Press is a second chance, one that might have been story. It has feels. It has lust. It has angst. It's sexy, sweet, and all sorts of delicious naughty but I have to say I think the best part was the timeline. I liked that it wasn't insta-love but insta-curious. There's just something about the build up and angst. Kennedy Ryan nailed this 5 star, I mean, 3 point jump shot!

kgagnon says

I absolutely loved Avery and Deck's second chance romance! I first read and loved their story in Full Court Press, when it was originally published in the TEAM PLAYER Anthology. To my delight, Ms Ryan has expanded this already emotional and beautiful romance with all new content and epilogue, making it even more perfect! This story is about the meeting of two souls when they were just beginning their careers. Avery and Deck made an electric connection, but at the wrong time, making it awkward, and embarrassing. They have never forgotten each other and have frequently thought about the 'What If's'. Now years later they are thrust together again, but they are not the same people. They both have suffered in different ways. I loved Deck and his determination to make amends and to finally make Avery his.

"It was my chance to unwind the labyrinth that has been Avery all these years. To understand her and get a glimpse of what's beneath all that control. It's beautiful. So beautiful that now I'm addicted to her honesty and her vulnerability and her boldness and her brand of brokenness."

This is a poignant tale filled with sexual tension and second chances. Ms Ryan created an exquisite story that moved me to tears and made me believe in soul mates.

Gina *loves sunshine* says

Full Court Press is a Novella that is part of the Hoops series. I am super glad that Kennedy Ryan rereleased this in the Hoops Holiday book set, since I completely missed out on this novella when it was part of the team player Anthology that is not available anymore!!

I'm definitely obsessed with reading things in order, so in a way I feel like I missed out because this is book should have been read early on - but I still enjoyed it! Avery and Decker definitely happened before August and Iris - but I will take a Kennedy Ryan story any way I can get it!!!

A Book Obsessed Brit says

Read as part of the Team Player Anthology and my first piece by Kennedy Ryan although she is on my TBR

(which is never ending). Full Court Press was well written and packed a lot in for a Novella and I was completely in Decker and Avery's world.

Decker a Pro Basketball Player and Avery a Journalist first meet at the start of their respective professional careers. Decker making a play on Avery dropping his towel in the locker room and baring all, embarrassing her in front of her peers - Not a great first impression!

We next see these two 10 years later, Decker now a father, a divorcee, about to be inducted into the hall of fame, now retired from the sport and making his way into commentating. Avery a sports broadcaster with her own network show. Neither of our leads have forgotten their first encounter and forced to work together side by side for 3 weeks reminds Decker why he wanted Avery the first time, and reminds Avery why she too felt their connection but is determined to resist yet more heartbreak.

The story told through dual POV, takes us through the weeks of Decker and Avery working together, the push and pull of their attraction and the cat and mouse game they play. As both our leads learn more about each other and Decker learns of Avery's loss and guilt they spend a night of passion together which only makes them see now is not the right time. of course we get the HEA in the end; but Kennedy writes an great story along the way that sucks you right in. I enjoyed her writing style, it flows and is easy to read. She wrote the chemistry between Decker & Avery well, and the banter between the two main character balanced perfectly. I hope their are more sports romance in her catalogue for me to venture into.

Natalie Casey says

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I don't know how to express my emotions with words after reading this story. The feels, the FEELS!! Omg! This short story has it all!! Deck and Avery will make you laugh, cry, and love so hard. The passion in which their story is written, is so , just EVERYTHING!! The love that these two have for each other is what gets them through the pain and loss in Avery's past. Perfect, just absolutely perfect! I loved this, and I know everyone else will to!

How Mrs. Ryan can pack so much in a "short" story is beyond words. Reading this, you don't feel like your missing anything. You go on their journey with them, from beginning to end. I am in complete awe of this woman and her writing!

Olga therebelreader says

****4 stars***

This is one of those wonderful intense reads that delivers everything you want. It is a wonderful love story that does nothing short of pull at your heartstrings from the first few pages to its rewarding conclusion. Full Court Press is a sweet, well written, slightly angsty second chance romance. I don't want to give too much away, but I will say that the two main characters, Decker and Avery, had my heart in a twist for the whole story.

In short:

Hero 5/5 | Heroine 5/5 | Plot (Point, Originality) 4/5 | Writing Style 4/5 | Steam 4/5 | Romance 5/5 | Angst-Suspense 3/5 | Darkness 3/5 | Humor 2/5 | Secondary Characters 3/5 | Drama-Conflict 4/5 | Mystery 3/5 | Twists 4/5 | Pacing Steady | Action 3/5

ARC kindly provided in exchange for an honest review.

TeriLyn says

5 "It's only a matter of time." Stars

I love this snapshot of time brought to us by Kennedy Ryan; a short story that packs a powerful punch. Deck and Avery's chemistry is combustible in this story full of second chances, pain, and empowering love. You'll feel immersed in their journey throughout and satisfied in how everything plays out. My hope is that Kennedy Ryan provides us more in this sports world realm and we see more of these characters as secondary's in the future.

****BETA READ****

Linda says

Kennedy Ryan is one of my new favorite authors. I love her writing and love that her books have substance to go with the romance. This is also true of this short novella.

This novella takes place in the same basketball world as *The Long Shot*. It is Decker and Avery's story. These two characters have small parts in *The Long Shot*. And while this novella is not a prequel, I still wish I read it first. But I am weirdly obsessed about reading in order. If you are not like me, you can totally read this out of order. :)

This novella makes me excited for what else Kennedy Ryan will bring to this series. I can't wait for the next one!

****This novella is part of the *Team Player* anthology.**** I am reviewing each novella from that anthology separately as I read them.

~Kristin~ says

4 Stars

One of my favorites from this series!

Read as part of the Team Player Anthology.

Mysza says

**** 4,5 stars ****

Haha, I realized too late it was about Avery and Deck from Long Shot. Short, but damn hot.

Kristy Odom says

I forget how Kennedy Ryan pulls me into a story no matter how long or short... you will never regret her books!

Shasta Hope says

This was a grab you to your knees, sweet and sexy novella with some strong characters that lead you to a victory.

Avery is not your typical girl. She is strong willed and determined to succeed in her career. She thrives on her professionalism and not even one sexy, tall naked basketball player is going to change her path. Even if the naked part is the best part.

The first time she meets this engaging, arrogant and almost to cocky for words, Mack Decker, she is left with one incredible visual. Trying to be a successful reporter in a man's world of sports is difficult to say the least, but that man created a joke trailing behind her for years to come.

Mackenzie Decker is Six foot seven and all male. Basketball is his life dream and because he's pretty great at what he does and his confidence is bountiful. Having to give an interview to a locker room full of reporters after his shower, in his towel, shouldn't be a problem. However, after the loss of the game, this is the last thing he wants to do. Until a husky voice attached to the most beautiful creature he has ever seen tests his patience in more ways than one. His towel dropping during the round questions was not his idea. However, the split second pull he sees in her eyes is exactly what he wanted.

Fast forward 10 years. Mack is retired and will be sitting in as guest co-host on SportsCo with none other than the one woman who got away, Avery Hughes. Even 10 years later the attraction is still there, but there is also so much more. He wants her like nobody's business and this time with no interference, he will do everything he can to prove to her just how perfect they are for each other. The only problem is Avery. Avery and her past that he was not aware of could hinder any steps in moving forward. He might be one of the greatest point guards on his way to the hall of fame, but even his fame, money and charms are no match for the wall lying in between any chance of him finally getting his championship with the girl of his dreams. Sometimes, you have to sit back and wait for the perfect time and the perfect girl.

Kennedy Ryan never seems to amaze me with her uber talent and creative way at stretching my heart. This novella is a great installment added to a greater contribution of authors that can take you to paradise!

5++++ STARS

Rachele says

Loved this ride and the emotional pull they had to one another.

Diary Of Book Fiend says

I don't think Kennedy Ryan could write a bad book if she even tried. Its insane that I am not even halfway through her novella and I have laughed out loud numerous times, had tears in my eyes once, and I am obsessed with the butter fucking flies that Deck is giving Avery!

I know this is just clemency. She wants time. I can give her space, but I'm not giving up. -Deck

“We do have hor d’oeuvres, you know, You don’t have to eat Avery.”-Sadie.

I can’t promise you I won’t regret this tomorrow. I can only promise that I want it like hell tonight-Avery

Ange says

I read this as part of the Team Player Sports Romance anthology. So so good. This was my favorite story by far in this whole collection. It left me wanting so much more from these two! I later read the spin-off story "Long Shot" and got to see some more glimpses of these two and was so damn happy.
