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***A brand new childhood friends-to-lovers standalone with the most swoon-worthy hero you'll read this year!***

I love her. But she loves him.

I'd known Avery Grant was the one for me from the moment she bossed me around on the playground. After over a decade of friendship, I'm still biding my time, waiting for the moment she realizes everything she's ever wanted is standing right in front of her.

Then one white envelope sends my world spiraling.

A wedding invitation, announcing Avery's engagement to the one man who could never deserve her: Miles Johnson.

Miles is the worst kind of human -- and my biggest rival. Everything I can do, he thinks he can do better, including being the best rookie pitcher the MLB has seen in decades. But if he makes her happy, who am I to interfere?

But when Avery shows up on my doorstep, devastated and heartbroken by Miles's betrayal, I can't help but open my doors for her.

The timing is all wrong, but I won't miss my shot. This time, I refuse to strike out.

*The Rival can be read as a complete standalone romance. It is book three in the Washington Rampage series.*

## The Rival Details

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## From Reader Review The Rival for online ebook

### Tanja Kezmic says

Perfect 4,5\* read on a rainy Sunday. Who doesn't love best friends turned lovers kinda story. I really enjoyed this book although I think Avery didn't deserve him. I wish for him to be really so I can claim him as my own. ??

Carter was such a beautiful soul. It was breaking my heart to see how much he loved her and she had no idea about his feelings. It pained me to see how much selfdoubt he had about their relationship. But all that came to a stop the second they were on that merry-go-round.

*"I'll prove to you that I love you. That I might love you even more than you love me." "Not possible Small. I've got years of experience on you. But if you think you can prove me wrong, I'm more than willing to let you try."*

I love HEAs like theirs I really really do ?

\*\*\*Review copy requested and reviewed on behalf of OMGReads Blog\*\*\*

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### Nerdy Dirty & Flirty says

The Rival was a fantastic best friends-to-lovers story by Megan Green.

This was an eagerly anticipated story for me ever since I first read The Off-Season, book one in The Washington Rampage Series. Carter peaked my interest then and this story absolutely lived up to what I imagined it could be.

Carter was sweet and far more supportive then I think I could have been in the same circumstances. But that just added to the list of things I loved about him. Avery was the nice, kind hearted girl next door that I could absolutely agree was perfect for Carter. I loved their friendship and how Megan Green wove this tale and shifted their relationship into more.

I enjoyed this one from beginning to end. The twists and turns and unexpected revelations, it all made this book the great read it was. The flashbacks that helped give the story and dynamics of so many of the characters more depth was a great addition.

But the emotional tug was the real magic. I fell in love with not only Carter and Avery in this one, but got to smile and laugh and be reminded of the characters I've loved from the previous books as well.

This is a must read for romance fans who like it contemporary, or enjoy a sports tie in, or best friends finding love in each other or of you're like me, all of the above.

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### Anna Doe says

Have you ever heard a song Marry Me by Thomas Rhett? No? Go to YouTube and do it now. The first time I heard it, I knew that song needs a book, and now here it is!

And what a book it is!

A funny and immensely cute story about two kids falling in love with each other as the years go by. The guy knows his love for the girl is so much more than just friendship and the girl wants to convince herself it's just the friendship. They don't do anything about it, the years pass and they just keep being friends, until the girl gets engaged. Will he let her go or do everything in his power to convince the love of his life that he's the love of hers?!

I loved seeing for once that the guy is the one who's crazy in love with the girl. Carter is simply amazing, the perfect book boyfriend who loves and worships the girl of his dreams. There is no way you won't fall for him and feel the heartache he feels.

Avery is also a good character, I didn't love her as much as Carter thou. She's fun and witty, and I liked seeing her get out of the shell she was in when she was in a relationship with Miles, her ex. I loved seeing her grow her relationship with her new friends as well as seeing her fight for Carter and their love.

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### **Cherie Maggi says**

I volunteered to read this story for an honest review and loved it! It's one of those books you start and can't put down. Love how the previous characters lives continue in this book.

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### **booksiflove says**

I received an arc for an honest review!

The Rival is the 3rd book in the Washington Rampage series. Before I started with this ARC I read the other 2 books, because this was a new to me author.

I'm a sucker for series, might it be siblings or a group of friends, like in these books. Well written ?, some heart breaking ?, but so much love ♥?, fun ?, bantering ? and sports ?? Ladies! So good!

Avery and Carter are friends since elementary school, and not just friends, they are BEST friends ?. This is a best-friends-to-lovers romance and I loved it a lot! I also really liked to get back in touch with Ian and Brandon. Great dynamic in this group.

Thank you very much for this series. If you like sports romances, I can totally recommend this series to you!

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### **Brittney says**

I received an Arc copy of the Rival in exchange for an honest review. Megan Green has done it again. I

loved Carter and Avery together. I knew he was saving himself for some special girl. Glad I finally got to read their story  
Highly recommended series! Every book has been a cute read. Looking forward to reading more!

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## **Jodie says**

Really enjoyed this  
[Http://jodiesbookreviews.blogspot.com](http://jodiesbookreviews.blogspot.com)

### **In Short**

- So much cuteness!
- I loved the flashbacks of Avery and Carter together when younger.
- Carter is the perfect book boyfriend.

### **In Long**

Oh my goodness. The Rival has all the cuteness you could ever wish for! I was totally swooning over not just Carter but seeing him with Avery is just simply damn adorable.

I lived for the flashbacks which allowed me to see into their past and their memories together. I definitely felt more connected to Avery and Carter and more understanding of their relationship and history with the more I started to know about them through their flashbacks.

Carter is everything you could want in a book boyfriend and more! His willing to fight for something and to prove himself and oh my goodness he does it and does it well! Avery is a really lovely girl who cares deeply about Carter, it's so lovely to see how much they feel for each other.

The storyline was so perfectly paced, I didn't want to put the book down because I needed more of these two together, to see their relationship changing, facing the challenges and getting to know each other even more.

### **Final Thoughts**

The Rival is a sweet, charming romance which you will be sure to fall in love with.

### **Quotes**

'Love is always worth the risk  
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'She's my best friend, the person I turn to before anyone else, and the woman I would absolutely lay down my life for if it meant ensuring her happiness.'

""Like that could ever happen. You've wormed your way too deep into my life for me to just forget you" and my heart, I tack on silently.'

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## **Patricia Rohrs (words we love by blog) says**

Nothing like a small town best friends to lovers romance to warm the heart! I absolutely adored Avery! She's a woman who knows the life she wants and though that leads down some sketchy paths she's also determined to not be second to anyone or anything! Carter turned out to be more than I anticipated and the perfect 3rd to Ian and Brandon! Boy those 3 together had me dying with laughter!! It was amazing to see everyone again and my heart is now whole!

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## **Amy Crull says**

I LOVED, LOVED LOVED Everything about this book! It was so good. From the sweet beginning, sandlot quotes and the moment they realize it was more than friendship. All of it was perfection! I just want to hang out with Carter and Avery. Watch the sandlot or 10 things I hate about you with them. So many sweet moments and watching them grow stronger with each other and overcome what they didn't think was possible. I absolutely loved this book and all the characters except for maybe Miles, i wasn't crazy about him.

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## **Mari says**

This blurb had second chance romance written all over it. The childhood bestfriend's aspect was a great addition. I always wondered about Carter in the past books. When Avery's relationship took a down turn she sought out her best friend. From there Carter got his chance. He seemed tamer than Ian and Brandon in terms of personality. But he also has his tough alpha side when it comes to Avery. While we know Miles and Carter never got along and their rivalry over Avery and baseball was the crux of this book. We saw how it was shaped but at the same time I wanted to know what Miles did aside from getting the girl first to get his rep.

There were lots of cute sweet moments between Avery and Carter. The memories and good times they had together helped with their transition from best friends to more. The cameos of Ian and the gang definitely added to the story. They helped with the little issues that arose when it got bumpy. The epilogue for this series was just right and gave a hint of the years after. I enjoyed this baseball themed series just in time for the World Series that ended.

\*\*\* ARC provided for an honest review \*\*\*

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## **Lisa says**

This series just keeps getting better! I thought noone would be able to top Tag, the Brandon came along and grabbed my heart but Carter. Well Carter is the new love of my book world. Holy cow!

Carter and Avery have been best friends since they were kids, nothing can come between them. No even Carter's secret more than friends feelings. He just wants to see Avery happy and is willing to sacrifice his happiness to make sure of it. But when Avery shows up on Carter's doorstep after canceling her wedding, Carter decides that now is his time.

Oh with the wooing! Carter is amazingly sweet, caring, all kinds of swoony, and oh so sexy! I couldn't help but love him. I absolutely loved this story and I can't wait to see what Green brings us next. This one can be read as a stand alone but I do recommend if you haven't read the others in this series, that you grab those as well they are all amazing!

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### **Kari Hansen says**

Avery and Carter have been best friends since they were children. He has been in love with Avery for years but didn't share his feelings as he didn't want to ruin their friendship and now that she is engaged to a rival baseball player it may be too late.

When Avery's dreams for the future are destroyed to turn to Carter, the one person who has always been there for her. As they spend time together she realizes the depths of his feelings for her and she is starting to see him as more than her best friend but is he her rebound or is he the man she was always meant to be with?

This is a heartwarming, friends to lovers, story. Carter has always known that Avery was the girl for him and although it took Avery a little longer to clue in once she did she was all in. I have enjoyed this series and I loved the epilogue. I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.

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### **Megan Green says**

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### **melissafandomworld says**

Review will be posted on November 1st over here and on my blog  
<http://melissafandomworld1.wordpress...>

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### **ItaPixie says**

The Rival is a nice sweet read.

This is the third installment of the Washington Rampage series and along the main characters we see again the couples of the previous books.

I loved Carter. He is a hot and amazing baseball player but that's only a plus because he is a caring guy who



prefers to not make his feelings known in order to see his best friend happy.

Avery is blinded by her idealized view of love and marriage that she can't see what everyone else have always seen, that she and Carter are perfect for each other and their feelings are stronger than friendship.

I've enjoyed the friends to lovers plot and the mean kid who wants always to steal your tunder.

Megan Green writing made this a story I'll remember.

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