



Cage's Misconduct

Nikki Worrell

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Kari N says

Cage's Misconduct. Where to start. The first couple of paragraphs I thought "Oh, this isn't for me." I thought it was going to be a book full of wham bam, thank you ma'am. Ohhhh BOY was I wrong. There's a way deeper story. You have Cage. Hockey badboy & a MAJOR playboy. Attitude to spare. A guy everyone on the team knows is a player.

Then you have Karen. Sister to one of Cage's former teammates. Karen's Canadian, so she's in San Diego temporarily especially when her job working with special needs kids is eliminated. Karen is kind & sweet, and the baby sister of Jody, who is super protective of her. You get to know some of the things that's happened to Karen, including abuse at the hands of an ex when she was young which is the reason for Jody's overprotectiveness.

Cage sees Karen at the wedding of a teammate & sets his sights on her, but she's no fool. She doesn't fall for his charms. All she's interested in is friendship. Cage is OK with that, to start with. He never hides the fact that he wants her.

After a while, she changes her mind on the physical side of their relationship. They're on their way to his place when the unthinkable happens. Drunk kids, speeding, and running red lights. I won't tell any more, but at this point, you get into an even deeper story.

It's a lot sweeter than I anticipated. Like I said, at first I thought this book wasn't for me, but a few paragraphs in & I was hooked. I will say it can be a little confusing, it alternates perspective. One chapter is from Cage's point of view, the next is Karen's. You have your parts where you laugh, you have parts where you cry. You get mad, I mean good and mad. And you have your omg, how beautiful is that parts. Yes, the main characters are hockey players. You don't have to be a hockey fanatic to read it. I know a little bit about hockey, thanks to my hubby & son's love of it, but there's a glossary of terms at the beginning so you're not wondering what a term of phrase means, and while hockey is a big part of what's going on, that's not ALL there is to this book. I started this book Saturday afternoon & had it finished by Sunday night. It's a really good story that really pulls you in. I can't wait to read the first two books in the series! And I would LOVE a followup to this story!

Vickie says

You know that feeling you get when you start a new book and instantly know it's going to be a good one with lots of feels, some hot sexy time and instant likeability to characters well mainly a hot hockey player...yeh well this is one of those books!

Dalton "Cage" Booker number one goalie for the San Diego Scorpions described by most as a cocky, hot-headed, speak first think later, foul mouthed ladies' man.

Karen LaGrange little sister of Jody LaGrange former enforcer for the Scorpions, loses her job in Canada where she works with children with special needs, she decides to pay her big brother a visit and have an extended vacation.

After an explosive first meeting thanks to an overprotective brother, Dalton and Karen quickly form a strictly platonic friendship much to the disappointment of Dalton who was hoping for a friends with benefits relationship...a guy can hope can't he?

What I absolutely loved about this book was the lure of friendship to lover's possibility and slow build of the story. I loved the banter between characters I found myself laughing out loud quite a few times. The dynamics between Dalton and Karen friendships goes beyond just sex and when they both reveal their pasts to each they realise they are both there for each other beyond what friends are and they love each other and maybe just maybe a relationship is destined to happen, although I'm sure if you asked Dalton he'd tell you he already knew he loved Karen...the sexy badass softie.

This is the first book that I've read in the NHL Scorpions Series, however, it can be read as a standalone as though the other characters from the other books are woven throughout this book their backgrounds are covered briefly within this book not hindering my reading experience. I'll definitely be going back to read the first two books in the series and definitely can't wait to read Broadwalk Breakers!

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Ann says

Couldn't get into this one....will finish later....or never.

Victoria says

3.25 RATING- I liked the friends to lovers story line in book three. Expect a manwhore that falls. I thought the chemistry between these two was good. The writing quality and style is similar to the first book in the series. (I actually skipped book two, the whole forbidden relationship story line wasn't appealing to me).

The one thing I didn't like about this book was the lack of actual sex until almost the end of the book. Say what? Yep. I think it's around the 80-85% mark. I'm not down with that =)

Sheila says

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Author: Nikki Worrell

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Blurb:

Dalton 'Cage' Booker is the number one goalie for the San Diego Scorpions. Most people describe him as willful and stubborn—sometimes even difficult to control. More often than not, words fly out of his mouth without the benefit of passing through his brain first. And women love him.

Karen LaGrange, little sister of the former enforcer for the Scorpions, lives in Canada, where she works with special needs children. After losing her job to downsizing, she makes an extended visit to San Diego, forming a friendship with the errant goalie.

Through frequent reminders that they are friends without benefits, Karen struggles to keep their relationship platonic, but the more she shuts him down, the more he wants her.

Can Cage convince Karen to slip under the sheets with him, or is he destined to be firmly entrapped in the friend zone?

Review:

So this book was nothing like i expected it be. It starts off like any other alpha male sports book. You've got Cage, the hot, conceded player. Karen, the beautiful girl that sees right through his facade.

Cage is the goalie for the Scorpions. He's know as a manwhore. He never has the same girl and has no filter. No one takes him serious. Cage does all this while taking care of his family back home. The whole summer he takes care of his younger brother and his brothers best friend.

Karen is the sister of Jody (Chief), a former teammate of Cage. She is warned from the beginning not to have anything to do with Cage. She is visiting Jody for 6 months till she can go home for a new job. She is from Canada and is on a visa. She knows she has to go home because she isn't a citizen. So she fights her attraction and just enjoys her time with Cage. Until something major happens that forces them to see the relationship is deeper.

I loved the way Cage is completely devoted to Karen and really is just a big teddy bear.

This book leads into another series The Atlantic City Boardwalk Breakers. I sure hope this new series will have lots more of Cage and Karen.

Review Copy of Cage's Misconduct

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Reviewed by Sheila from Alpha Book Club

Jessica Alcazar says

So I once again jumped into a series out of order and *you bet your sweet ass* I'm going back to the beginning ASAP!

There are a lot of things to love about this book ... but not everything. For *me*, I prefer the sexual push-pull tension to be relieved a lot earlier than it was, but on the flip side, it was that very tension that drew me into reading this book so quickly. So the verdict is good and bad on this one LOL

I absolutely loved Cage as a person. His characterization was spot on throughout the entire story and it never wavered. He was a *player* (no pun intended) with a heart of a teddy bear! **swoon** And Karen was just the loveliest creature as well. They made a good team! Their relationship as friends was heart-warming and when it morphed into the romantic pool it was just perfection. The best world a couple could ask for.

I'm really REALLY happy I jumped on this blog tour and was introduced to not only Nikki Worrell but *The NHL Scorpions!* I'll be getting better acquainted with the rest of the team real soon!

Mags says

This is a real slow burn of a story. With two characters who start out as acquaintances, become friends and then slowly fall in love.

As for the actual story. It was sweet, enjoyable, and easy to read. And I really liked how there was much more to Cage than initially portrayed. It also did keep me engaged from beginning to end and I would recommend it to others. Especially anyone who has read and enjoyed the NHL Scorpion Series so far, or likes their Hockey Romance on the sweeter side.

CC says

Nope, nope and fucking NOPE! I quit.

I am SICK of reading about the hero fucking anything he can get his hands on. In FRONT of the heroine! I have NO respect for heroines who "fall" for these douchbags.

There is no way I can continue to read since I am already sick to my stomach at 28%. I do not care if the hero undergoes a brain and penis transplant. He is too much of a whore and a jerk for me to take one minute longer.

Melyssa Winchester says

Title: Cage's Misconduct

Author: Nikki Worrell

Genre: Contemporary Romance, Sports

Series or Standalone: Standalone Series (NHL Scorpions #3)

Rating: ★★★★

Review

This was a new one for me.

I don't normally pick up hockey books, romance or otherwise, but there was something about the blurb of this one that just pulled me in. I'm glad that it did. Considering this was also by an author that I'd never read before, it was a pretty great win all the way around.

We've got Cage, the "typical" hockey star. You know the type. Will do whatever whenever with as many different puck bunnies as he can get and isn't really interested in changing. Not for anyone.

Then, on the other end of the spectrum, we've got the sister of a hockey star in Karen. Someone whose life is far less glamorous than that of the goalie she meets and eventually falls for. While fun and outgoing, more of a homebody type who enjoys what she does for a living. Working with special needs children.

Opposites really, but not at the same time. Because there is so much more to Cage than meets the eye. Things that you don't get to see until he meets and gets shot down by Karen. Someone who wants to be more than just a lay and in the end, becomes that and so much more.

I love characters that have more than one layer to them. Ones that as the story progresses, you see different shades of. Things that people only looking at the surface would never see and Cage was most definitely like that.

He wasn't perfect, he played games, screwed around and screwed up, but his heart, especially as it pertained to his family and Karen, was just so damn perfect. There even being one point with a fan where he legitimately made me melt and awww out loud lol. He was great.

Karen worked for me too, on multiple different levels. She wasn't easy walked on or over. She didn't take crap, from her brother or from Cage and even though she felt an attraction, she held firm a lot of the time in terms of not just being a conquest. She was a pretty great character.

I think the pacing of this story, the way that it didn't move super quickly and everything seemed to take its time (even with the right amount of drama thrown in) was well done. Had these two moved really quickly and fallen into bed they wouldn't have worked for me. But this, the way that they started as friends and things progressed until a pretty unexpected event happens and awakens things even more was the best possible thing for them. It made them feel real to me.

It wasn't just a fictional story anymore, but something I could actually unfolding in real time. So my hat is off to the author.

This was a great read and I'll definitely be checking out more from this author in the future.

My thanks to the author and all others involved in letting me real this. It's a journey that I'm glad I was a part of.

Diane Lynch says

I loved Nikki Worrell's Cage's Misconduct, the third book in the NHL Scorpions Series. This contemporary hockey romance takes place in San Diego, California. It is suitable to New Adult and Adult Audiences. NHL Goalie, Dalton 'Cage' Booker has never had a platonic girlfriend before he met Karen LaGrange, the little sister of a former teammate. The longer Karen insists they remain "just friends" the more Cage wants her.

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Carra says

Let me admit right up front that I haven't read the other books in this series yet...but that said, Cage's Misconduct does read as a standalone and if you haven't read the other books yet either, once you're done you'll want to go back and read those as well.

Having no preconceived notions about Cage's character and only knowing about him from what I read here in this story, I really liked him (well, at least after Kyrissa). I am always a sucker for the playboy meeting "the one", now throw in the fact that he is a hot hockey goalie who is at the top of his game--and a bit of a lonely guy on the inside...well, that combination clinched it for me. Karen was a little harder for me to embrace. I can't pinpoint exactly what it was about her, maybe it was just her stubbornness about staying platonic with Cage even when she's feeling something.

For me, the story did feel like it moved a bit slower than I usually prefer, and while I could really feel the emotion that Cage was putting out for Karen, I could never really feel that coming from her even at the end...so the relationship always felt a bit lopsided to me. But Cage kept me going the whole way through, and made me enjoy the story more than I would have otherwise if he wasn't written the way he was.

The story contains a TON of sexual tension that doesn't get really relieved until almost the very end of the book (which for me was a bit frustrating). There's also a tiny twist/surprise at the very end that is meant to lead toward another series which felt just a tad contrived to me. But other than that, I enjoyed the read and plan to read more by this author.

3.5 stars for Cage's Misconduct, recommended for sports romance fans (especially all you hockey fans out there!) 18+ for adult language and sexual content.

Books Laid Bare says

Dalton Booker may be Cage to everyone that knows him but there is more to this brash, bolshie goalie than meets the eye.

I am no hockey aficionado but I adore these books and of all the guys so far – Cage is my absolute favourite. He was an acquired taste so to speak but once we got to see the real man, not just the headline maker, I have to say I thought he was a sweetie and yes I know he would be spitting chips if he were ever to read that someone had said that about him!

Jody LaGrange has invited his sister to spend some time in town and since she has some time on her hands and Karen is ready to take a little time out. But her ever protective brother is determined that Cage is to keep his hands to himself and having already broken Cage's nose once for ogling his little sister – he lets him know that a second round is most definitely on the cards if he steps out of line.

Karen is a great character, she loves her brother and accepts his need to protect her but she is more than able to look out for herself, so Jody gets a swift lesson on not stepping in where he is not wanted. She likes Cage or Dalton as she initially calls him but his reputation precedes him and she is happy to be friends – without the benefits that Cage would love to add into the equation.

I loved getting to see the real Cage and I couldn't help but think that this was a lonely man, he had no family in the area, he didn't mix with the guys from the team unless absolutely necessary, he lived alone in a small beachside cottage and I just wanted to give him a hug. When he was talking about the fact he could cook but didn't because it wasn't worth it just for him, I had a lump in my throat, bless him.

But the connection that grew between him and Karen was a relationship that would last a lifetime in the making. They really were the best of friends and everyone could see the change in him.

But Karen's visit was only temporary, she would be heading back to Canada at the end of the summer – unless she could find a way to stay but she was running out of options.

When they finally decide or should I say when Karen finally decides to give in to the feelings that she has been keeping inside, she is getting no complaints from Cage, he is more than happy to get with the program – hell he has been dreaming about having her beneath him for weeks – but in their hurry to get back home, their lives are shattered and everything that lay before them has shifted.

I knew when Karen's nurse had to go and get Cage from his hospital room to calm her down that this pair were inseparable – that they would make it but how far they were going to go – I wasn't quite sure.

Would Karen take him up on his offer of assistance with her problem, staying in the country, after all he did tell her all she had to do was ask him- cheeky sod!

I adored the fact the story was told from dual points of view, that they both had the opportunity to talk to me, to let me hear exactly what was going on inside their heads. Their inner monologues were so engaging and both of them had the, most fabulous sense of humour.

Two characters that knew their own minds and that together were as tight as a couple could possibly be.

I loved their fire, the combustion that sparked between them, I loved the fact that they were friends, that they genuinely cared about each other, that they spoke or messaged almost every day, that they riled each other but were willing to admit when they were wrong and that they could forgive and forget.

There was some situations that left me sad but they quickly brought a smile to my face when I it was clear that they didn't share my sadness, they saw what they had and they looked for the positive. When they kicker came at the end I was shaking my head but when I flipped to the last page, I knew why and I have to say since it sounds like I 'll be getting a bit more Cage and Karen , I finished this book a very happy camper!

Mary Aguilera says

This is book three in the Scorpion series and I have to say, it is now my favorite! When I first met Cage, I didn't like him at all. What I love about this author is how she writes people how we see them in real life. He came across as a man who liked a lot of women and really had no regard for commitment to anyone. He was all about himself. You get a glimpse of the 'real' Cage when Vlad has to have surgery in book two and can't play, leaving Cage to take over his spot as lead goalie but still, he seemed all about himself.

Karen LaGrange wants to be friends, though you get that feeling that she's in denial as she is drawn to him. She's been hurt in the past and though she wants to move on, the road to happiness is not easy for her.

I loved how the author took us down the road to see the 'real' Cage. So often in life you meet people and take them at face value. Cage is one of those characters that if he were sitting in the room with me, I'd want to get to know the 'real' him. I felt for him through this whole book as I did for Karen. They both had things they were going through and it took them a while to realize that their other half was the key to helping them along the way.

They have their ups and downs in this book (I'm not giving spoilers), the writer does a great job bringing them together and there was a bit of a shocker for me at the end but it's bringing a new series from Nikki for us to read and that excited me so much, I have already forgiven her! This is my FAVORITE book so far and Cage is my new BBF!

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✿kawehi.reviews says

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Aww, Cage, you little shit....how beautifully you've redeemed yourself...I couldn't be more happier for you. Finally.

Dalton "Cage" Booker, as most of all you remember, is the hot tempered, cocky, foul mouthed, ladies man that grates on everyone's last nerves. Most particularly, Jody LaGrange.

He's quick to talk as he is quick to act. And the last guy any brother would steer their sister far away from.

But, beneath all his rough, spiky edges, he has a heart full of gold, and that's what Karen LaGrange (obviously, Jody's little sis), sees in him.

At first, Cage being Cage, he hits on Karen. But Karen being the realist that she is, she rejects, and the two begin in a strictly platonic friendship with the other, despite Cage's wanting to take his and Karen's relationship to the next level.

I have to say, I really loved the dynamics between Cage and Karen as their relationship went beyond just feeling an inkling for the other and jumping into a bed to have sex. No. Their whole existence is built on growing understandings, trust, and the ever wavering faith they have in each other.

When Karen revealed her tragic past....when Cage revealed his background...and when both were at their highest of highs, and lowest of lows...they were always there for each other and each's biggest supporter and light in the crumbling darkness.

I really loved them as friends, and when they developed into lovers, I was overwhelmed with excitement and sexual thrill. I mean, *cough cough* you can't keep a girl hanging and hanging with that much tension and not want to jump and hump a leg after all of that pent up desire between Cage and Karen... Come on, I'm only human. *wink wink*

Anyway, Cage, it's been real. Hope to see you again in Boardwalk Breakers!!
