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Hello lovelies!

It's been a crazy start to June and I wish I could fast forward to my upcoming vacation. Still, it's been worth it to send *Blindsided By You* out into the world. Geordie and Jenna have been getting lots of love! Check out some of the reviews below to see why. At only \$4.99 for the ebook (free to read in Kindle Unlimited) or paperback at only \$14.99, it's a great choice whether you're settling in to some summer holiday reading or cosying up under a blanket because it's winter where you are.

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small town

secret relationship

black cat x golden
retriever



Check out these reviews!

It's really exciting to hear how much readers have loved something you've written and I'm always grateful when so many take the time to leave a review. Here's a selection of the kind words readers had to say about *Blindsided By You* over the last few weeks.

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When I got approved for this ARC I couldn't have been more excited - sports romance, best-friends brother, reverse age gap? Abso-freaking-lutely! The fact that it was a rugby romance and I am a huge rugby fan was just the icing on the cake.

This book was about an amateur rugby player, Geordie, who had recently returned to his Scottish hometown after spending years working all around the world. He then reconnects with his older sister's best friend, Jenna. Jenna is the daughter of his rugby coach and is totally off limits. Almost instantly sparks begin to fly between the two. However trying to keep things quiet in a small town presents its own challenges.

The spice was amazing and every time Geordie called her 'sweetheart' I nearly swooned. They had such a cute relationship that was so cute. The way that from the beginning Geordie was so determined to take care of Jenna even when trying to deny his attraction.

Lets be real, there are so many sports romances around at the moment so what makes this one stand out? I loved the amateur element - so many sports romances are either about professional athletes or aspiring professionals. It was so nice to read about someone who was so passionate about the sport, just for a love of the sport!



Shauna



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Blindsided By You - @carolinecorvin



Jamie Tuckwood

I was very excited when this book landed on my kindle as I'm a sports romance girl through and through. Although I've not read many rugby books I felt the author did a fab job of explaining things and I found the pages at the start very helpful. The other thing that I loved was the Scottish element as I myself am Scottish and so I get excited reading about the Scottish towns.

This sports romance covers some great tropes;

- 💖 Best Friends Brother
- 💖 Reverse Age Gap
- 💖 Small Town
- 💖 Forbidden romance

"I'm normally a hockey and football reader so it was refreshing to read about rugby"

I liked that this book focused on an amateur rugby player in Geordie and I really liked him. When he returns to his hometown he finds himself reconnecting with his sister's best friend, Jenna. There's just one problem. She is off limits as she is the rugby coach's daughter. But this doesn't stop their attraction to one another or the sparks that can't stop flying between the two of them. But trying to keep a romance quiet in a small town is no mean feat.

The romance and spice was written well and Geordie was just so loveable. The way he wanted to take care of Jenna no matter what was so sweet. I loved his passion for the sport as well and his love really shone through. I really liked Jenna as well. They were both likeable characters.

I'm normally a hockey and football reader so it was refreshing reading about rugby. This was a great story as well to read when recovering from my illness.

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The Book Phantom



Blindsided By You is the kind of story that sneaks up on you in the best way. At first, it feels like a familiar forbidden romance—rules, boundaries, tension—but then, without realizing it, you're completely swept up in Jenna and Geordie's world.

Their slow-burn connection had me hooked from the start. There's this quiet intensity between them, the kind that makes every glance, every moment, feel impossibly charged. You think you're just reading a sweet, forbidden love story, but then the emotions creep in, hitting harder than you expect.

Just when I thought I understood the rhythm of their relationship, everything shifted in those last five chapters. The tension reached its peak, emotions ran high, and every page pulled me in deeper. It wasn't just about love—it was about choices, risks, and the weight of wanting something you're not sure you can have. I devoured every twist, desperate to see how it would all unfold.

If you love stories that simmer with anticipation, deliver genuine heart, and keep you invested right up until the final page, Blindsided By You is definitely one to pick up.

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Backchat

Tell me what you think and win!

'Backchat' is your monthly opportunity for you to be in the draw to win a \$15 Amazon Gift Card. Last month's winner was Drew. This month I'd love to hear which are your favourite romance tropes!

[June Backchat With Caroline](#)

Author Update

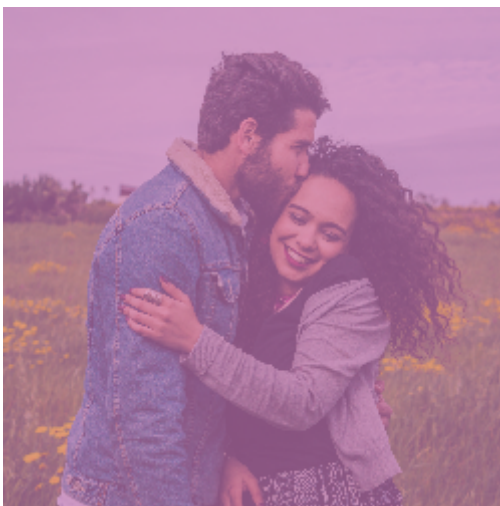


I admit to having a scary moment about a week ago. *Blindsided* was out and there was a sense of urgency to get back to work on *Not My Little Drummer Boy*.

Inconveniently, Teddy and Rachel chose that time to stop talking to me. Grinding out only a few hundred words a day, I began to panic that the effort of launching

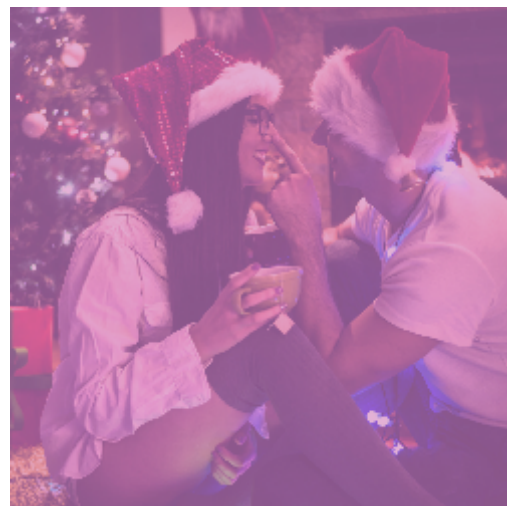
one book had zapped my creativity for the next. But after some soul searching and a few podcast episodes from one of my favourite author encouragers, Becca Syme, I sorted myself out. I'm pleased to announce that my cheeky drummer boy and feisty lawyer are back in the house! Actually, in the story today we're outside a beautiful Christmas decorated house in Belgravia, much like the one pictured above. And we're once again on track for an October release.

Books To Take A Look At



KU Romance

If you have Kindle Unlimited or are curious about what romance is



Christmas in Summer

Some of us consider Christmas romance can be fun in every

available there, here's a selection including two of mine. Take a peek at what's on offer! Also available as ebooks through Amazon.

**Kindle Unlimited
Romance**



season. See if any of these might tempt you even if it's all sun and summer where you are. I'll have more next month too!

**Christmas Romance In
Summer**

Free romance—but make it down under

For something a little different, here's a collection of free romance books that will take you to New Zealand or Australia.

**Romance in Australia or
New Zealand**

Caroline's Story Nook



Reading: My reading time has been cut short over the past month so I've gone for quality over quantity. I squeezed in an Elle Kennedy college hockey romance and loved being back at Briar U with **The Chase**. I also enjoyed Chelsea Curto's **Power Play** to keep me in the hockey mood while watching Stanley Cup games. I revisited another favourite author writing in a new genre. Julie Soto's YA book, **The Thrashers** was fabulous. Emily Henry's **Great Big Beautiful Life** was also a step away from her usual romance, feeling more like a Taylor Jenkins

Reid book. Definitely worth reading, especially with Julia Whelan's narration. However, topping them all was what may well be my favourite book of the year. I'm a huge fan of second chance but I don't think I've read one that had me so invested like Tarah De Witt's **Left Of Forever**. She takes us back to Spunes, Oregon (our first visit was in Savor It). Ellis and Wren married young, but burned out their love while raising a child and coping with everything life threw at them. We join them on a road trip (another trope I love) and follow their struggle to see if they can put back together what seemed so badly broken. Brilliant dual narration by Connor Crais and Megan Wicks was the icing on the cake.

Watching: It's been all about sport in our house. **NHL Stanley Cup games** feed my love of hockey. Hubby and I also love **Formula 1** and it's been a great season so far for our favourite team, the boys in the papaya orange McLaren cars. The only tricky thing is avoiding results until we catch up as watching live isn't such a good idea when the main race is actually in the early hours of our Monday morning. We mix it up with some **Australian Supercars** races, usually at a more civilised hour. Of course, being winter there's always a **rugby** match to catch as well.

Listening: Seeing **Teddy Swims** captured on someone's phone as he grabs a street busker's mic and sings sent me diving back into his music. I've also had a hankering for older British bands **Oasis** and **The Verve**. Wish I had tickets to the Oasis concerts happening soon!

Caroline's Corner of the World



I'm trying not to descend into the winter blues. It's hard when I head off to my day job in the dark and come home in the dark. So I'm keeping cheerful by leaning into all the cosy winter vibes with woolly socks, a pumpkin spice latte by my side, and a book in my hand.

And it's not all bad—I'm counting down the days to a three day weekend, and then one week after that a two-week break! Time to sleep late, write all day and catch up with friends and family who get rather neglected sometimes. I can see some girly shopping trips on the horizon too. How do you get through winter? Send me your tips so I can try them out.

Caroline

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