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Hello lovely readers!

This month we're kicking off with sports! With the FIFA World Cup in full swing, the Stanley Cup finals upon us, and the Pacific Super Rugby final this weekend, every channel seems to be full of it. Add a historic NBA win for the New York Knicks, and the excitement of the F1 season, it's hard to ignore. And of course, my reader/writer mind automatically turns to sports romance, the hottest genre right now.

To celebrate, I'm giving you the chance to pick up the ebook of my own sports romance, **Blindsided By You** for only \$2.99! So if you haven't read it yet, or you have the paperback (or read it in KU) and want the ebook too, there's no time like the present to grab a copy.

This is for my newsletter subscribers only—I won't be promoting it anywhere else—as a way of thanking you for your support. The special price will run for two weeks only, until the end of June. Click below!

WHEN SOMEONE YELLS

STOP TRYING TO KISS YOUR BEST FRIEND'S BROTHER

BUT MY NAME IS

Jenna Sharpe

SO IT'S OKAY



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Author Update



Last month's reset has really helped! I'm flying with **My Ollie Jolly Christmas**, 20,000 words in and the shape of the story beautifully mapped out before me. I'm still not a big planner, but I have all the dots and it's so much fun connecting them. Writing friends to lovers is such an interesting challenge and Ollie and Sam are bringing all the feels right now. On the craft side,

I've always edited a lot as I go, and I'm back in my 'write in the morning and polish in the evening' routine. But lately I'm taking a lot more time massaging every line, and making constant use of my Power Thesaurus while I sit with computer on my lap half-watching TV every night. I'm hoping it means less editing at the other end!

Two things about this book that are making me especially happy right now are immersing myself in Christmas in London, and starting work on the playlist. Here are the songs that have been inspiring me and may well appear on the final playlist:

- 🎄 Last Christmas - Wham
- 🎄 I Knew It I Knew You - Taylor Swift
- 🎄 Sweet Creature - Harry Styles
- 🎄 Falling In Love - Coldplay
- 🎄 You Are In Love - Taylor Swift

Am I becoming a Swiftie? Maybe... Her lyrics are the perfect match for so many moments in the landscape of a love story.

Indie Author Spotlight

You all know how much I adore Scotland and I get super excited when I find books set there. So it's a very warm welcome to this month's feature author, **Rachel De Brave** and her book **A New Hope In The Highlands**.



A New Hope In The Highlands

One castle. One hot laird.

One chance to start over.

But only if they can survive each other first.

Scarlett Hope thought she had life figured out – a solid marriage, a familiar routine, and the kind of comfort that didn't ask too many questions. But when her husband gets their twenty-something tenant pregnant just in time for her 35th birthday, Scarlett does what any self-respecting woman would: grabs her dignity and drives north. Destination? The Scottish Highlands, where her estranged mother is now gardener at the once-grand, now-fading Haddon House.

Edward Cameron-Reid has spent years keeping Haddon from falling apart – emotionally, financially, and structurally. Brooding, private, and burnt by love, he's not exactly thrilled when Scarlett turns up to live on the estate. Especially when she's fiery, funny, and far too good at getting under his skin.

Their spark? Immediate. Their feelings? Complicated.

As Haddon prepares to host a high-society wedding tied to Edward's own tangled family history, long-buried secrets begin to stir – and

Scarlett and Edward are drawn into a connection neither expected. It's untimely, electric – and possibly exactly what they both need.

A New Hope in the Highlands is a grumpy-meets-sunshine, forced-proximity romance full of sharp banter, sizzling chemistry, and heartfelt emotional payoff – perfect for fans of *Evie Alexander*, *Bella James*, and *Elliot Fletcher*.

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Books To Take A Look At



MORE SPORTS ROMANCE!

Back to this month's sports romance theme! Here's a collection of 44 titles and these are all in KU if you're a subscriber.

KU SPORTS ROMANCE COLLECTION

Caroline's Story Nook

Reading: One of my favourite authors, Chloe Liese released a new book! And it's so good! **Happy Ending** takes yearning to peak level, with Alex and Thea's friends to lovers story. Brought together when their exes team up, they turn heartache into a beautiful friendship while both long for something more. And he's a hot chef! What more could you ask for? Loved this one in audiobook.

Watching: When I read the **Off Campus** series, I liked Garrett Graham in *The Deal* but fell harder for Dean in *The Score*. Enter the TV series, and I'm still besotted with Dean, but Belmont Cameli's portrayal has made me a confirmed Garrett fan too. A strong adaptation and a perfectly cast group of actors who seem to genuinely enjoy being besties on and off screen make this a highlight of the month's watching. For something totally different, season 3 of British drama **The Capture** (about deep fakes) was thought-provoking and totally captivating TV.

Listening: The *Off Campus* TV series came with an amazing soundtrack and it's the perfect playlist for in my car or while I'm doing some reading.

Caroline's Corner of the World



I'm sitting on the sofa having just watched the Barcelona Grand Prix on replay. A love of motorsport is something I share with my husband (his fault that I fell for it). While we both have separate interests, it's nice to have one in common. And also it's good to have a reason to step out of the writing cave. Writing is a bit of an addiction, and left to my own devices I literally would not

leave the house some weekends. Which is a shame as I'd miss things like the beautiful walk we had on the beach yesterday afternoon on a crisp blue-sky winter day.

We did a lovely dog sit a few weeks ago, and I realised how much I missed the excuse of walking the dog to get out in nature (see the picture of Pippa checking out the pee-mail). By the next time we talk,

I'll have just finished a nine-day sit with two adorable pooches in a lovely house by a pristine Northland bay. It's holiday time from the day job for me as well, so I'm really looking forward to days spent writing, dog walking, and breathing the sea air.

And speaking of dogs, remember I'm always keen to see your fur kids if you are lucky enough to have them. Email them over!

Until next month, take care and happy reading.

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