

Off Sides

He's the beast, and she's the beauty of his past. After twelve years in the league, all Zach Murphy wants is a Championship ring. His focus has been on hard hits—not smooth manners; about breaking quarterbacks—not making small talk at cocktail parties. After dumping a tray of drinks on the team owner's daughter and accidentally feeling up the governor's wife, his tenure with his team looks perilously short. Kelsie Carrington-Richmond knows what it's like to fall from grace. A onetime beauty pageant star and former high-school mean girl, she's now destitute and one step from living out of her car. With few real job skills, she focuses on starting her new business, Charm School for Real Men. She's thrilled to land her first clients, the Seattle Steelheads, who have hired her to polish their roughest player. Except...it's Zach. The same guy whose broken heart she left in her wake when she was still a mean girl. He's just the beast she remembers—but she's nothing like the beauty queen she once was. Can they get beyond their pasts? Or will they both find themselves offside? Keywords: football romance, beauty pageant star, mean girl, second chance romance, sports romance Previously published as *Down by Contact* in 2013. This version has been updated, re-written, and re-edited.

Face-Off's McKendrick brothers return in the explosive sequel *Offsides*. Twin hockey stars T.J. and Brad have finally resolved their differences and forged a friendship on and off the ice. Now high school seniors, they focus on landing a commitment to a D1 school. What should

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have been the best year ever takes a nasty hit when the boys' parents announce their divorce, and Brad makes a mistake that could impact his game eligibility. Meanwhile, T.J. faces off against their father, who opposes his decision to delay college and pursue junior hockey. Adding to the tension are a rebellious kid brother, girlfriend trouble, and recruiting pressure. The turmoil threatens to drive the twins apart just when they need to work together the most. With a championship title and their futures at stake, T.J. and Brad must fight to keep from going offside. Face-Off has appeared on many reading lists including Best Books for Young Teen Readers Grades 7-10 and a list produced by the Hockey Hall of Fame's Junior Education Program.

Should owners and coaches allow players who perform on the field to abuse women, drugs and alcohol off the field? Where are the role models in professional football today? Why do officials miss calls? What calls do they miss most? Is instant replay the answer? Are the TV announcers always right? Why should the public pay to build stadiums for profit-minded owners? Are the NFL officials as experienced as they should be? Fred Wyant, who spent 19 of his 27 years as an official in the National Football League as a referee, answers these and other questions in Offsides! Author Rene A. Henry interviewed Mike Ditka, Don Shula, Sam Huff, Lou Holtz, Peter Ueberroth, Johnny Unitas, Bart Starr, the late Tom Landry, Chuck Noll, Marv Levy, Kellen Winslow, owners Michael Brown and Dan Rooney and referees Jim Tunney and Red Cashion, and many other players, coaches and officials. Their comments reinforce what Wyant has to say. Wyant also was the only referee in the NFL to also play quarterback in the league. The cover photograph of Vince

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Lombardi screaming at Wyant was taken by Wally McNamee and was picked as the "Best of the Year" by the White House News Press Photographers Association. The book is filled with humorous anecdotes and also details the responsibility of each of the seven officials and how each member of the crew is challenged with more than 1,500 decisions in a game. It also is G-rated with no profanity.

To Coach Dempsey, the Warriors teams and their Indian mascot symbolize the honor and glory of the Southwind High School athletic tradition. But soccer star Tom Gray sees little more than a denigrating cultural stereotype in the team's mascot and the stern, war-painted Indian-head profile. As a Mohawk, Tom knows only too well the hardships Native Americans face in their struggle for respect. So when his father's tragic death forces him and his mother to move to Southwind, Tom must make the decision of a lifetime: betray his family and heritage, or boycott Dempsey's team and abandon the sport he loves. Exciting play-by-plays pepper this tale, vividly capturing soccer strategy and action in a novel exploring the nature of honor and the courage required to stand up for your beliefs.

My husband ran off with his wife. My ex-husband coached hockey with Hayden and our sons played hockey together, but now my ex is in paradise with Hayden's ex-wife. Since the fallout, I've successfully avoided Hayden and hockey since. But my son plays and Hayden wants him on the team. I want a quiet life with no more drama, but I also want my son to go back to the sport he loves. Being around Hayden reminds me of our old friendship, and how easy it is to talk to him. Until one minute we're talking and the next minute...we're so far into each other that I can't think straight. The only problem is neither of us wants a repeat of when our exes

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got busted together, and our sons haven't gotten over our divorces. Why does hockey season have to be so long? *Offsides* is a standalone sports romance novella in the *Playing Hard* series by an award-winning author who has been known to skate in the local ladies hockey league but hasn't learned to stop yet.

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Enjoy this sweet young adult romance from bestselling author Michelle MacQueen. He's the popular hockey star, and she's the stubborn figure skater ignoring him. Charlotte Morrison has a secret, one that stays within the confines of the skating rink her parents run. She loves hockey. It's not logical for the cold-as-ice skating princess her classmates call a robot. Especially since the school's hockey team can't win a single game. When the antics of golden boy, Jesse Carrigan, land her in the principal's office, she realizes she's been set up. Because Jesse wants her help and he's willing to do anything to get it. Forced to help the team practice skating without falling flat on their faces, Charlotte realizes there's more to Jesse than charm and good looks. But if she trades her figure skates for hockey pads, will the coach let her play? He is her dad, after all. *The Offsides Dilemma* is book one in the *Gulf City High* series, featuring charming hockey players and a battle of wills they weren't prepared for. This is a sweet, young adult contemporary romance and can be read as a standalone. Download it now to see why readers are swooning. ... **KEYWORDS:** Small Town romance, sweet romance, clean and wholesome romance, enemies to lovers, family, sibling relationships, florida, friendships, young adult romance, ya romance, free young adult, free sweet romance, free romance, free books **Similar Authors:** Maggie Dallen, Kasie West, Kelsie Stelting, Anne-Marie Meyer, Jordan Ford, Judy Corry, Michelle Pennington, Victorine Lieske, Jillian

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