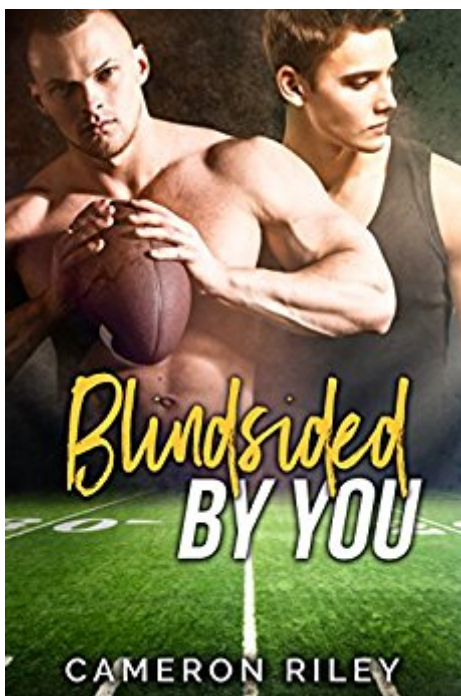




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Blindsided By You: A Gay For You Sports Romance



Synopsis

Could their forbidden romance be everything they never knew they wanted? Seth is a college senior and star quarterback. Unlike his best friend Marc, he doesn't love being a football hero -- but since his coach is also his father, he feels trapped. When he meets Marc's younger brother Aaron, Seth is surprised at the instant attraction between them, since he's always considered himself straight. Aaron knows he's gay -- his favorite pastime is reading M/M romance novels. It's almost as if Seth stepped right from the pages of one of Aaron's books and straight into his fantasies. Aaron is more than ready to make them real -- if Seth will make a move. But Marc doesn't want his brother's sexuality making headlines -- for Aaron's protection, yes, but also for the sake of Marc's future career. Can Seth and Aaron keep their relationship a secret? If they're discovered, can they survive the fallout?

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Customer Reviews

This book had the potential to be so so much more, it's sad, I really wanted it to be better. It could of had more depth, the Epilogue was incomplete, does he go elsewhere, some of the time frame

doesn't work throughout. There was also too much of a gap from the last chapter to the epilogue. I just wanted more depth...

Seth Howler has everything to be happy: As the quarterback of his team, he is admired and envied by most. But Seth is lonely and unhappy and his life seems a big life. This changes when he meets Aaron Philips, his best friend's little brother. They start an easy friendship which soon changes into attraction. But Seth is a jock and the star of the football team, and his world won't accept their relationship easily. Will they be able to make it work? The story does not bring anything new to this minor genre, but despite some minor typos and misnamed characters, most of it is nicely written and really enjoyable to read: mostly the part about Seth and Aaron building a relationship and their interaction as friends. But the timing seems somehow inconsistent (although most of the story takes place in only a month it somehow seems longer) and the sex scenes did not work for me. I don't know why, maybe their dialogues feel trite and a bit too mushy. Besides, the end feels rushed, and they move from a potentially very stressing situation (being discovered by Seth's father and outed to the world) to an Oh-so-Happy cheesy end without much explanation. Anyway, it is not a bad story, and with a bit more of work (both in editing and story lines) it could be a very nice book. It has potential. (less)

I love this. Just bought it this morning and couldn't put it down. Thoroughly enjoyed this story. Aaron is an openly gay student at university whose pass time is reading his favorite MM novels on his Kindle. Seth is a what??? Seth is just confused. He doesn't understand why he can't keep a relationship with a female going for more than four months. Then he met Aaron, his teammate and best friend brother at a party. They hit it off, form a friendship and for the first time Seth is happy but he keeps telling himself he's not gay. Seth and Aaron fell for each other, fell in love and they have their HEA.

The story is rushed and flat. Seth's character has no depth because it felt like the author didn't know how to deal with his confusion and state of mind...which probably explains why he had virtually none. There was no suspense because Seth's acceptance of his new interests is just too quick, too easy, and incredibly unrealistic. I think the author would have been better to write this whole thing in Aaron's POV, maybe even from first person, because the moments in Seth's POV were just tone deaf. Finally, I don't usually care about editing, but the "errors" in this story went beyond typos. Suddenly they are in an elevator and then in his room with no transition. Suddenly they are

"intimately engaged" on a bed, then miraculously clothed and dealing with other people with no mention of them being stark naked or getting dresses! Also, there were several instances where the wrong character's name was used, attributing dialogue to them when they weren't even present in the scene. And finally...Seth hates football. This is beaten into the reader like a dead horse, so please explain to me how the ending jives with that?

At first, the misuse of names, calling Seth "the jock or older man" and Aaron "the Kindle boy" didn't really bother me because the story started out cute. But then it began dragging on and on with Seth constantly denying his feelings toward Aaron, because there was no buildup to the attraction. Then the glaring mistakes took a front row seat in my mind. I'm not sure how the author could do such a good job writing with the first half of this story, and then the second half made no sense. Honestly, it felt like somebody else wrote the second half of the book. By the end of the book, I just wanted to forget that I had even read it. And really...with Marcus...come on. His character was ridiculous. Sorry!

When an author or PA approaches you to review a book, it is an accelerating feeling because you know your work of getting recognition for authors are finally being realized. I was asked to review *Blindsided By You*, sight unseen. A huge fan of sports romance, I get a kick out of the jock and geek tag. "BBY" was a special surprise in it that yes, it was a GFY (another love of mine), but it was done tastefully. Never been kissed. Aaron's was a freshman in college. His one true pleasure was indulging in his Kindle and devouring his favorite author's books. Targeted as a kid, he now lived in the world free to be himself due to his football playing older brother Marc's protectiveness. He had no thoughts except getting through college and maybe one day finding a guy like the author wrote about. After all, no matter how much he wanted it, Aaron had to get pass his first everything. When two worlds collide. Seth was the proverbial jock. Football captain. Quarterback. Leader. He could get any girl he wanted, yet he was unhappy. There was something missing. Then he met Aaron at a party and it was like everything clicked. Suddenly the world was brighter and he was more alert. Yet, how can he have these feelings when everything he had ever known said that he was straight? Willing to accept. This sweet love story encapsulate Aaron and Seth's journey in discovering friendship and something deeper. It marks Seth's movement into an unknown realm and thrust into freedom of self awareness. And it laminates on the need for society to see outside the boundaries and accept that love is love, regardless. ARC provided by Author in exchange for an honest and unbiased review. Reviewed by Cee from Alpha Book Club

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