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Twelve Years a Slave V.K. Sykes
Tis the season to make merry... After recovering from a life-threatening illness, Miss Georgie Gage can ' t convince her family that she ' s healthy and ready to enjoy life again. Instead, they treat her like a delicate invalid who must be protected from, well, everything! Georgie has kept herself entertained by promoting love matches among her friends, but she longs for a happily ever after of her own. And find love under the mistletoe... Highlander Fergus Haddon has worked himself to the bone to make up for the horrible scandal that almost destroyed his loved ones. But when his family insists he take a holiday in the south of England, Fergus can ' t think of a drearier way to celebrate Christmas. Even worse, they want him to find an English wife! Fergus is dead set against it—until he meets pretty Georgie Gage. Suddenly, he can think of nothing but catching Georgie under the mistletoe, but how will the Gages react when they learn of his scandalous past? Previously published in the anthology A Gentleman For All Seasons.
The Season For Loving Open Road Media
A prequel to the USA Today Bestselling Philadelphia Patriots Series Sports reporter Maddie Leclair has finally landed her dream job--covering the Philadelphia Patriots major league baseball team. But her boss is already putting on the pressure, and she needs to score a coveted interview with the most private and elusive athlete in baseball, Patriots superstar Jake Miller. On the rebound from a devastating injury, Jake has a lot to prove. But he's got what it takes to win, and he'll be damned if he lets anything or anyone get in the way of his climb back to the top--including pushy reporters. But one look at Maddie and Jake knows he's in trouble. He tries for a different kind of play, one that involves bedrooms and not baseball stats. Sleeping together could damage his career--and destroy hers--but Jake and Maddie soon find themselves playing for keeps. The award-winning Philadelphia Patriots Series Prequel: Fastball (Maddie & Jake) Book One: Hardball (Holly & Nate) Book Two: Bigger Than Beckham (Martha & Tony) Book Three: Curveball (Taylor & Ryan) Book Four: Payoff Pitch (Teddy & Noah) Book Five: Scoring Position (Kate & Nick) "With two very likeable leads and well-crafted, steamy love scenes Fastball is a solid read. There are no annoying, manufactured personality clashes between the protagonists, and this makes for a refreshing change. Sometimes having genuinely nice characters works, as it does here."
--InD'Tale Magazine "I couldn't put it down until I finished it. It was great and I really hope to read more of this writing couple in the near future."
--Natasja's Book Blog on Hardball
Scoring Position HarperCollins
Bestselling author Kelly ("My Fair Princess") returns with

the first in an enthralling new series about the men of the Kendrick clan--and the women who claim their hearts.
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Secrets for Seducing a Royal Bodyguard Harlequin
A New York Times bestselling, breakout novel! My name is Lizzie Brown, and demon slayer wasn't my first career choice. It didn't even crack the list. I had a good thing going as a preschool teacher until my long-lost Granny blew into my life riding a Harley and raving about a demon on my toilet. Why did she have to be right? He was from the seventh layer of hell, and I killed his ass faster than you can say flush. Now Grandma insists I'm a demon slayer, destined to ride with her geriatric gang of biker witches. Do I even own a leather jacket? Crazier still, this new job comes with my own personal protector: Dimitri Kallinikos, a devastatingly hot shape-shifting griffin with beautiful eyes and a not-so-secret plan to seduce me. I could get on board with that. But I can't get too involved because Dimitri needs me to take care of some hellish personal business for him, and I'm not about to let a guy I barely know take me anywhere near the underworld. At least not on the first date. But there's a bigger danger brewing than either of us can imagine—and if I can't stop the rise of Hell on Earth, no one can.
“Fabulously Fun” —The Chicago Tribune
Kensington Publishing Corp.
What plays in Vegas, stays in Vegas. At least Sadie Bligh hopes so. A geeky math professor from Chicago, Sadie is on a mission to change her life. Her career has stalled and her social life is non-existent, so she's hoping a wild week in Sin City will be just the thing to break her out of her rut. But Sadie's first night in Vegas involves an unfortunate run-in with a mojito and a poker table, drawing the attention of the casino's deputy chief of security. Nick Saxon thinks Sadie's a problem, but she thinks he's incredibly sexy. Since she's come to Vegas to let loose, Nick just might fit the bill. With a boss who hates his guts, Nick has enough to worry about without the bundle of mayhem and trouble called Sadie Bligh. But Sadie is also funny and smart, and the sexual energy between them could light up the Vegas strip. Unfortunately, when she's fingered for counting cards at the blackjack table, it's up to Nick to rein her in or risk losing his job.
The Philadelphia Patriots Boxed Set Penguin
Mazie Chetwyn knows firsthand how quickly the rich and powerful turn their backs on the less fortunate. Orphaned, penniless and determined to defy their ruthless whims, she joins forces with a local highwayman. Then the pawn broker snitches, and Mazie is captured by the Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire. A man who is far too handsome, far too observant...and surely as corrupt as his father once was. Sensible, rule-driven Trent Carthwick, twelfth Earl of Radford, is certain the threat of the gallows will prompt the villagers' beloved Angel of Kindness to reveal the highwayman's identity. But his bewitching captive volunteers nothing—except a sultry, bewildering kiss. And so the games begin. Trent feints, Mazie parries. He threatens, she pretends nonchalance. He cajoles, she rebuffs. Thwarted at every turn, Trent probes deep into her one vulnerability—her past. There he finds the leverage he needs, and a

searing truth that challenges all he believes about right and wrong.

The Accidental Demon Slayer Zebra Books

Book Three in the USA Today Bestselling Philadelphia Patriots Series Assistant GM Taylor Page is chasing the ultimate prize--General Manager of the Philadelphia Patriots. But most men in baseball still don't take a woman exec seriously, especially a thirty-year old blonde with no on-field experience. Fighting an injury, veteran outfielder Ryan Locke's career is teetering on the brink. A single parent with a troubled daughter, retirement is out of the question. Ryan's best hope is for a trade to a team as a designated hitter, allowing him several more years of play. When Taylor needs a replacement for an injured first baseman, she comes up with an innovative but risky plan to trade a reluctant Ryan into the position. With both their jobs on the line, Taylor would be nuts to acknowledge the white-hot sexual chemistry between them. But when Ryan embarks on a game of relentless seduction, Taylor finds her control--and all her carefully thought-out plans--slipping away. The award-winning Philadelphia Patriots Series Prequel: Fastball (Maddie & Jake) Book One: Hardball (Holly & Nate) Book Two: Bigger Than Beckham (Martha & Tony) Book Three: Curveball (Taylor & Ryan) Book Four: Payoff Pitch (Teddy & Noah) Book Five: Scoring Position (Kate & Nick)

A funny paranormal romance with magic Springer Science & Business Media

An Englishwoman is married off to her crush for the wrong reasons in this Regency romance by the USA Today--bestselling author of the Clan Kendrick series. Their marriage was convenient... Simon St. James, fifth Earl of Trask, knows he could do worse in the marriage of convenience department. Sophie Stanton may be a bit of a social liability, with her ungovernable ways and flighty nature, but Simon has responsibilities as an earl that far outweigh happiness in the household. And as for happiness in the bedroom...he has to admit he sees Sophie's potential in that arena... Their passion was not! But Sophie isn't some bargaining chip to be traded, and she's not about to let Simon St. James tell her how to live her life—even though she has nurtured a crush on the handsome young earl for as long as she can remember. If his idea of courtship is telling her what to do, then she is not interested, or at least she is trying not to be. But when his scolding words turn to scorching kisses, suddenly Sophie starts paying attention... “A sensual treat!”—Anna Campbell, award-winning author of *The Highlander's Forbidden Mistress* “Successfully marrying the tart wit of a traditional Regency romance with the steamy passion of today's Regency historicals isn't easy, but Kelly proves to be more than capable in her latest impeccably crafted romance.”—Booklist “With smart, sassy characters, a fast pace, rapier-sharp dialogue and engaging characters, Kelly captures reader attention with this sexy romance.”—RT Book Reviews

The Dugout Lake Union Publishing

Sport psychology is a topic of growing interest. Many professionals read journals such as *The International Journal of Sports*, *Journal of Sport Behavior*, *Journal of Applied Sport Psychology*, *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, and *The Sport Psychologist*. In August 2008, *Monitor on Psychology*, the monthly publication of the American Psychological Association (APA), featured a special issue on sport psychology. Indeed, Division 47 of APA is devoted to "the scientific, educational, and clinical foundations of exercise and sport psychology." The North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity (NASPSPA) and the Association for the Advancement of Applied Sport Psychology (AAASP) convene conferences each year to present scientific findings and new developments in a rapidly expanding field. The AAASP and other

organizations also qualify professionals as certified sport and exercise psychology consultants. Finally, a visit to any bookstore will reveal the lay public's fascination with sports, as revealed in numerous self-help books and guides to perfecting athletic performance. Behavioral psychologists have studied sport psychology for more than three decades (Martin, Thompson, & Regehr, 2004). Applied behavior analysis (ABA), in particular, has been an instrumental approach to behavioral coaching in many sports, including baseball (Osborne, Rudrud, & Zezoney, 1990), basketball (Pates, Cummings, & Maynard, 2002), figure skating (Ming & Martin, 1996), football (Ward & Carnes, 2002), golf (Pates, Oliver, & Maynard, 2001), ice hockey (Rogerson & Hrycaiko, 2002), soccer (Brobst & Ward, 2002), swimming (Hume & Crossman, 1992), and tennis (Allison & Ayllon, 1980). ABA stresses the application of learning theory principles, objective measurement of athletic skills, controlled outcome evaluation, and socially significant behavior-change. Cognitive behavior therapy, or CBT, also has been a dominant approach to psychological intervention in sports (Meyers, Whelan, & Murphy, 1996; Weinberg & Comar, 1994). CBT addresses athletic performance through cognitive-change methods combined with behavioral practice and environmental modifications. The purpose of the book described in this proposal is to compile the most recent experimental and applied research in behavioral sport psychology. Several journal articles have reviewed critical dimensions of behavioral sport psychology (Martin et al., 2004; Martin, Vause, & Schwartzman, 2005) but no book has covered the topic with an emphasis on ABA and CBT methodology and practice. Accordingly, *Behavioral Sport Psychology: Evidence-Based Approaches to Performance Enhancement* is a first of its kind volume.

Where the Forest Meets the Stars V.K. Sykes

Book Four in the USA Today Bestselling Philadelphia Patriots Series He's a billionaire ballplayer... Noah Cade, pitcher for the Patriots, has big problems. He's recovering from a serious injury and he's just been saddled with his sick aunt's crazy dogs. Then there's his dad, a wealthy oilman who wants Noah to retire from baseball and step into his shoes as CEO of the family corporation. Noah just wants to pitch again and help his team win the World Series, but his family keeps dragging him in the opposite direction. She's a small town girl... Teddy Quinn started a dog walking business for rich people, hoping she could pay for law school and her fight against the oil corporations drilling the heck out of her small hometown. When Noah Cade hires her as a full-time dog sitter, it seems like the answer to Teddy's financial woes. But the boundaries get blurred when she starts falling for her boss, who uses all his formidable skills to lure her into his bed. When Teddy discovers Noah's father owns Baron Energy, she's devastated. How can she work for--or love--a man whose family stands for everything she hates? The award-winning Philadelphia Patriots Series Prequel: Fastball (Maddie & Jake) Book One: Hardball (Holly & Nate) Book Two: Bigger Than Beckham (Martha & Tony) Book Three: Curveball (Taylor & Ryan) Book Four: Payoff Pitch (Teddy & Noah) Book Five: Scoring Position (Kate & Nick) "PAYOFF PITCH delights with likable characters and loads of realism." ~4 stars, Single Title Reviews

Highlander Who Protected Me the - O/P Moose Island Books

Bad girl, Georgia King, is trying to survive after spiraling into a darkness that nearly took her life. With her college dreams on hold she's trying to get healthy--trying to still the craziness inside her. She has no room for someone like Ben Lancaster and if he was smart he'd stay away. Because everyone knows Georgia is bad news--she ruins people--and if Ben isn't careful, he'll be next in line. Ben Lancaster is a young, hot shot hockey player on his way to the top. Newly signed to the Philadelphia Flyers, he's living the dream. The girls. The money. The fame. He thought he had everything he wanted until he met Georgia. Suddenly he wants more--he wants her. He'll do whatever it takes to

get her and Ben Lancaster always gets what he wants. But the girl who's different from anyone he's ever known is hiding secrets. And as the dog days of summer pass, only time will tell if Georgia's secrets can be healed. Or if her bruised soul is strong enough to resist Ben Lancaster... "Ben Lancaster had just tattooed himself onto my soul and the thing about tattoos? They're painful to remove."--Georgia King

The Official Dictionary of Unofficial English V.K. Sykes

This "gripping and moving" story of two foster brothers sharply examines the impact of loss, grief, and abuse (Emma Donohue, bestselling author of *Room*) -- and celebrates the power of friendship. When Adam Blake lands the best elective ever in his senior year, serving as an aide to the school psychologist, he thinks he's got it made. Sure, it means a lot of sitting around, which isn't easy for a guy with ADHD, but he can't complain, since he gets to spend the period texting all his friends. Then the doctor asks him to track down the troubled freshman who keeps dodging her, and Adam discovers that the boy is Julian -- the foster brother he hasn't seen in five years. Adam is ecstatic to be reunited. At first, Julian seems like the boy he once knew. He's still kind hearted. He still writes stories and loves picture books meant for little kids. But as they spend more time together, Adam realizes that Julian is keeping secrets, like where he hides during the middle of the day, and what's really going on inside his house. Adam is determined to help him, but his involvement could cost both boys their lives. First-time novelist Robin Roe relied on life experience when writing this exquisite, gripping story featuring two lionhearted characters.

Applied Sport Psychology: Personal Growth to Peak Performance V.K. Sykes

The game of love is filled with scandals and secrets in this quartet of Regency tales featuring New York Times-- and USA Today--bestselling authors. Romance can blossom with little provocation and even less consideration for what's good and proper. But when a spark ignites, it can be far too tempting to ignore--no matter how shocking the pairing may be . . . "Forbidden Attractions" by Jo Beverley When the notorious Earl of Carne moves into the mansion adjoining Anna Featherstone's London townhouse, they're separated by a single wall--and a gulf of social disdain. But sometimes the strangest neighbors can make the most intriguing of friends . . . "The Naked Prince" by Sally MacKenzie Josephine Atworthy is a proper and studious lady, and, as such, has no time for debauched goings on. But when she winds up on the guest list of one of her rich neighbor's parties, she's too intrigued to turn down the invitation--and far too attracted to the mysterious nobleman who seems desperate for just one kiss . . . "The Pleasure of a Younger Lover" by Vanessa Kelly After youthful friendship turns into ardent, grown-up passion, Clarissa Middleton and Captain Christian Archer find it difficult to keep their thoughts--or kisses--to themselves. But the differences between them might be too great for London society to overcome . . . "A Summer Love Affair" by Kaitlin O'Riley Nothing is quite so intoxicating as a holiday abroad in the sultry sun of Spain. That is, until Miss Charlotte Wilson discovers the irresistible charm of Mr. Gavin Ellsworth and embarks on a most enjoyable--and revealing--fling.

Demystifying the Body of an Athlete V.K. Sykes

She is difficult, demanding, and at times, quite fierce. And Dr. John Blackmore can't take his eyes off her. The Countess of Randolph is

the most striking woman he has ever seen. . .and the most infuriating patient he has ever tended. Mired in responsibility, Bathsheba doesn't have time to convalesce in the country. She should be in London, hunting for a wealthy new lover to pay off her late husband's vast debts, not dallying with a devastatingly handsome doctor. But it is only a matter of time until the good doctor and the obstinate countess will have to contend with the sparks that fly between them. And once their bodies surrender, their hearts may follow. . . Praise for Vanessa Kelly and *Sex and the Single Earl* "A sensual treat!" --Anna Campbell "Successfully marrying the tart wit of a traditional Regency romance with the steamy passion of today's Regency historicals isn't easy, but Kelly proves to be more than capable." --Booklist "Guaranteed to satisfy even the most passionate romance reader." --Teresa Medeiros, New York Times bestselling author of *The Devil Wears Plaid*

Behavioral Sport Psychology McGraw Hill Professional

In this gorgeously stunning debut, a mysterious child teaches two strangers how to love and trust again. After the loss of her mother and her own battle with breast cancer, Joanna Teale returns to her graduate research on nesting birds in rural Illinois, determined to prove that her recent hardships have not broken her. She throws herself into her work from dusk to dawn, until her solitary routine is disrupted by the appearance of a mysterious child who shows up at her cabin barefoot and covered in bruises. The girl calls herself Ursa, and she claims to have been sent from the stars to witness five miracles. With concerns about the child's home situation, Jo reluctantly agrees to let her stay--just until she learns more about Ursa's past. Jo enlists the help of her reclusive neighbor, Gabriel Nash, to solve the mystery of the charming child. But the more time they spend together, the more questions they have. How does a young girl not only read but understand Shakespeare? Why do good things keep happening in her presence? And why aren't Jo and Gabe checking the missing children's website anymore? Though the three have formed an incredible bond, they know difficult choices must be made. As the summer nears an end and Ursa gets closer to her fifth miracle, her dangerous past closes in. When it finally catches up to them, all of their painful secrets will be forced into the open, and their fates will be left to the stars.

Introducing the Core The American Assembly

Fastball Philadelphia Patriots prequel novel V.K. Sykes

Sex and the Single Earl Hachette UK

After an English spy saves a beautiful noble from danger, he needs rescuing from his desires in this Regency romance by a USA Today--bestselling author. Meet the Renegade Royals, illegitimate sons of the Royal Princes who are finding their rightful places in society... Accomplished spy Aden St. George prefers to stay away from the frivolous ton, especially after the way his mother was used by the Prince Regent. But his latest mission compels him to guard unconventional, vibrant Lady Vivien Shaw. Rescuing her from kidnappers was easy. Resisting her beauty is not. Duty demands he keep an eye on her--and naturally, his lips soon follow. For someone who views entanglements as a weakness, this is pure, delicious folly... Though grateful for Aden's help, Vivien has secrets she must keep hidden. Yet with her abductors still at large, she needs Aden's protection almost as much as she craves his touch... "Full of intrigue, emotion and sensuality."--Katharine Ashe, USA Today--bestselling author "If the remainder of Kelly's Renegade Royals series is as arresting and entertaining as this kickoff, then Regency romance fans are in for a royal treat.... Kelly...combines diverting dialogue, delightful surprises, and finely tuned pacing to make this a winner."--Publishers Weekly

The Highlander's Princess Bride V.K. Sykes

Applied Sport Psychology was written to introduce readers to

psychological theories and techniques that can be used to enhance performance and personal growth of sport participants from youth to elite levels. The four-part organization covers learning, motivation, and social interaction; mental training for performance enhancement; implementing training programs; and enhancing health and well-being. This edition reflects the latest research, practice, and anecdotal examples in applied sport psychology. Applied Sport Psychology is particularly well suited as a text for classes in applied sport psychology and psychology of coaching. The book is also a valuable reference for practicing coaches, sport psychologists, and psychologists.

Lethal Confessions Zebra Books

A brand new book in the USA Today Bestselling PHILADELPHIA PATRIOTS series of sexy sports romances! Big, tough, sexy...and trouble. As far as sports agent Kate Berlin is concerned, that describes Nick Rome perfectly. Landing the hard-charging, talented catcher as her new client is a huge coup, and Nick could catapult her small agency into the big leagues—or destroy her reputation if she screws up. Since Nick has a habit of butting heads with Patriots management, the chance for disaster is high. Nick's had serious agent troubles, so he's willing to give smart and sexy Kate Berlin a try at negotiating his new and much-needed contract. The hardworking single mom is determined to manage Nick both on and off the field, clamping down on the attraction blazing between them. But nobody keeps Nick Rome under control—either on the field or in the bedroom. Can Kate handle Nick as both her lover and her client, or will succumbing to passion destroy the professional life she's worked so hard to achieve? The Philadelphia Patriots Series Fastball: A Prequel Novel Book One: Hardball Book Two: Bigger Than Beckham Book Three: Curveball Book Four: Payoff Pitch Praise for The Philadelphia Patriots: "This series is excellent and the 4th instalment does not disappoint. The Sykes tell a great story and for those of us that enjoy the sports aspect and the romance aspect it's the best of both worlds...Curveball gets a GRAND SLAM – 5 Stars from SYMFB!" ~ Save Your Money for Books "Spicy new sports romance that knocks it out of the park!" The Kindle Romance Review on Payoff Pitch "PAYOFF PITCH delights with likable characters and loads of realism." ~4 stars, Single Title Reviews EXCERPT: Kate was glad she hadn't yet taken a drink of the Scotch since she likely would have done a spit-take. Nick Rome was nothing if not blunt. And a little intimidating, especially when he pulled his chair so close that she could feel the heat radiating off his wickedly muscular body. She'd never seen him in anything other than a baseball uniform, and then only from seats high in the ballpark stands or in photographs. But even at a distance, he was clearly one seriously hot dude. Every female in Philadelphia—maybe the whole country—knew that. But sitting this close, Kate could even see the grain of bristle on his hard jaw and the knowing glitter in his dark gaze. In fact, he was so damn masculine and sexy he was practically giving her heart palpitations. Nick Rome might not be tall as professional athletes go—about six-one or so—but he was built like a human Freightliner. There was nothing trim or tapered or elegant about the guy. He didn't even look super-athletic. He just looked powerful. Dominant, robust, hard as nails—those were the descriptions that slid easily into her head. From his massive shoulders through his deep chest to big, muscular thighs, Nick Rome looked more like a

middle linebacker or even a military commando than a ballplayer. His hands—callused and rough catcher's hands—were huge. Kate couldn't wait to find out whether his dominating physique was matched by an equally tough, take-charge personality. From his reputation, she suspected it was. "Am I coming on too strong, too close? Do you want me to back off?" Nick asked when she didn't respond right away. Yeah, but no way would she admit that. "Not at all." She gave him a sugary-sweet smile. "Are you hard of hearing? I could speak louder if you like." Nick laughed, a deep bass rumble that vibrated through her in all the right places. "This is just the sort of gamesmanship our jackass general manager tries to pull off on agents and players. Consider it a test you just passed." Kate raised her brows. "You're saying Dembinski invades your personal space?" When he scooted back a foot, she could finally breathe again. "No, but he might try to invade yours. The man likes his women, and you're smoking hot, Kate, in case you haven't noticed." He relaxed his awesome body into the uncomfortable looking chair, sipping his Scotch as if he'd just made a comment on the slightly chilly weather outside on this early May evening. As far as Kate was concerned, it might be a case of the pot calling the kettle black when it came to the Patriots general manager, given what she knew about Nick Rome's rakish reputation. "I'll try not to wear something quite as sexy as this wild outfit for negotiations," she said dryly. "Maybe a plastic trash bag or grubby sweats would do the trick." "Nah, even then you'd still look sexy." His voice held a low, growly note that almost made her shiver. Well, it did make her shiver, which was a bit annoying. Fun was fun, but it was time to get down to business.

The Stillness Of You Prabhat Prakashan

Since the loss of her parents, Meredith Burnley has contented herself with a solitary life looking after her half-sister, Annabel. But Meredith's peace is shattered when her uncle schemes to marry her off to his son in order to gain her inheritance. Desperate, Meredith has only one choice: to flee with Annabel to their estranged grandparents' home. But their arrival soon reignites a family scandal--and kindles unexpected romance... Happily reunited with the girls, Annabel's grandmother resolves to convince her nephew, Stephen Mallory, the Marquess of Silverton, to abandon his rakish lifestyle and wed Annabel. Stephen is clearly captivated--but with the wrong sister! Determined to make Meredith his own, Stephen embarks on a seduction that will leave her with no choice but to surrender to his touch...