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Sex and the Single Earl Slack

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

Highlander Who Protected Me the - O/P Zebra Books

"Having been born a freeman, and for more than thirty years enjoyed the blessings of liberty in a free State—and having at the end of that time been kidnapped and sold into Slavery, where I remained, until happily rescued in the month of January, 1853, after a bondage of twelve years—it has been suggested that an account of my life and fortunes would not be uninteresting to the public." -an excerpt

A List of Cages Penguin

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.

A Hero's Guide to Love McGraw Hill Professional

A heartfelt novel of shedding secrets, facing the past, and embracing the magic of love and family by the Amazon Charts and Wall Street Journal bestselling author of *Where the Forest Meets the Stars*.

After the untimely deaths of her aunt and mother, young Riley Mays moved from Chicago to her cousins' Wisconsin farm. Here she found solace in caring for her extraordinary adoptive brother, exploring the surrounding wild nature, and gazing at the mystical moon--a private refuge in which she hides from her most painful memories. But ten years later, now twenty-one, Riley feels too confined by the protective walls she's erected around herself. When a stranger enters her family's remote world, Riley senses something he's hiding, a desire to escape that she understands well. Suffering from writer's block, bestselling novelist Vaughn Orr has taken to the country roads when he happens upon the accommodating, if somewhat unusual, Mays family. He's soon captivated by their eccentricities--and especially by Riley and her quiet tenacity. In her, he recognizes a shared need to keep heartbreaking secrets buried. As the worst moments of their lives threaten to

surface, Riley and Vaughn must find the courage to confront them if they're to have any hope of a happy future. With the help of Riley's supportive family, a dash of everyday magic, and the healing power of nature, can the pair let go of the troubled pasts they've clung to so tightly for so long?

The Oceanography of the Moon

Hachette UK

OUR DUMB WORLD is the world's most comprehensive fake atlas: a repository of all known information about the planet Earth (except where covered by clouds). In late 2007 the hardcover edition became one of the hottest books of the holiday season, entertaining and offending hundreds of thousands of readers around the globe. This new, easy-to-carry paperback edition is perfect for the intrepid traveler to any of the world's exotic locales--from Afghanistan, "Allah's Cat Box," to Ukraine, "the Bridebasket of Europe," to the USA's own Nevada, "Where Everyone's a Loser." Packed with beautiful full-color maps and framed with inaccurate essays about all the world's peoples and places, OUR DUMB WORLD is a gut-busting send-up in which no nation escapes unscathed. "Bottom line: laughed my head off." --Deirdre Donahue, USA Today

Applied Sport Psychology: Personal Growth to Peak Performance
Kensington Publishing Corp.

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.

Curveball 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.

Evidence-Based Approaches to Performance Enhancement The American Assembly

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, a low, growly note that almost 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

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.

Introducing the Core
Kensington Publishing Corp.
In this "suspenseful...captivating" (Publishers Weekly) novel in GhostWalker series, #1 New York Times bestselling author Christine Feehan tracks the desperate steps of a wanted woman—betrayed, avenging, and dangerously irresistible... Gator Fontenot of the Special Forces paranormal squad can't refuse an urgent request to save the elusive Iris "Flame" Johnson, a victim of the same horrific experiments that warped Gator. Now unleashed, she's a red-haired weapon of unimaginable destructive powers, a walking time bomb bent on revenge in the sultry bayous of New Orleans, and hunted by a shadowy assassin. It's Gator's job to reel Flame in. But can two people haunted by violent betrayals trust the passion that soon ignites between them? Or is one of them just playing another seductive and deadly night game?

Lethal Confessions
FastballPhiladelphia Patriots prequel novel
A gripping romantic suspense from USA Today Bestselling author V.K.

Sykes The brutal murder of her twin sister drove Amy Robitaille into a career as a homicide detective for Palm Beach County. When a serial killer targets the wives of local baseball players, Amy has more than just a professional interest at stake—her only surviving sister fits the profile of the other victims. Amy's hell-bent on catching the killer, to protect her sister and finally lay to rest the demons that haunt her. A former soldier and a pro baseball star, Luke Beckett has just retired from the game and is looking to move on with his life. When he's asked to consult on the serial killer case, he finds the challenge he needs—despite strident objections from the intriguing lead officer on the case, Detective Robitaille. Annoyed that the brass has gone over her head, Amy has no time to babysit a celebrity consultant, even if he is dangerously enticing. But she soon discovers that Luke is no lightweight. When the killer starts closing in on Amy and her family, she'll need Luke's expertise and help—or risk becoming the killer's next victim. Semi-finalist, The Kindle Book Review's Best Kindle Books Award "Lethal Confessions is a gritty, emotionally charged, romantic suspense story set in the South Florida world of minor league baseball and one I highly recommend." ~The Romance Dish "A great romance book about minor league baseball and a female cop chasing a serial killer. Lots of suspense!" -Amazon Reviewer Tall, Dark, and Deadly McGraw-Hill Education

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.

This Will Be Funny Someday
Springer Science & Business Media

DEEPER THAN ANY OCEAN . . . All Holly Tyler wants is a fantastic career, a not-too-committed relationship, and a city where there are no painful memories. Instead, she's called back to her hometown of Seashell Bay to help with her family's struggling general store. It's a town where everyone knows everyone, and where one man could sink

Holly's careful plans. Deputy Sheriff Micah Lancaster has wanted Holly for as long as he can remember. He knows she has a life on the mainland-and a boyfriend-and that there's no real future with her. But now Holly is back and the attraction still flickers between them, a promise of something more. Their desire is stronger than any undertow . . . and once it pulls them under, it won't let go.

Fastball V.K. Sykes

"A quintessential love story set on a romantic island...definitely not to be missed." - RT Book Reviews Just a summer fling? Morgan Merrifield sacrificed her teaching career to try to save her family's bed-and-breakfast and care for her younger sister. She can't let herself get distracted by Ryan Butler. After all, the rugged ex-Special Forces soldier is only in Seashell Bay for the summer. But her longtime crush soon flares into real desire-and with one irresistible kiss, she's swept away. Ryan values his freedom. As much as he wants Morgan, he's not ready to settle down with anyone, much less in sleepy Seashell Bay. But his code of honor doesn't allow him to leave a woman in distress-and she's in desperate need of help to fix the inn. It only takes one day working under the same roof and Ryan is already hoping for a lifetime of hot summer nights . . .

The Dugout V.K. Sykes

Book One in the USA Today Bestselling Philadelphia Patriots Series Will she be willing to play his game? Dr. Holly Bell has finally achieved her dream: working as a cardiac surgeon at a prestigious children's hospital. She's totally dedicated to her patients, and she won't let anything or anyone get in her way. And a hot affair with a superstar athlete is most definitely getting in Holly's way. Nate Carter, star pitcher for the Philadelphia Patriots, has the world in the palm of his glove. He thinks he has everything he wants--until he meets the beautiful and brainy Dr. Bell. Nate is totally up for a hot, no-strings affair, and Holly turns out to be the hottest. But when a stalker goes after Holly, Nate has to risk everything, including his career, to protect the woman who means more to him than he ever thought possible. 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) The Future of the Performing Arts Kensington Publishing Corp.

The words come from different countries where English is spoken, such as the United States, the United Kingdom, Hong Kong, South Africa, and others The author's website has received more than 1.2 million hits since its launch in 2004, and he is frequently interviewed about language in publications such as the New York Times

Mastering the Marquess

Little, Brown

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. Original.inal.

The Runaway Countess V.K.

Sykes

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

Demystifying the Body of an Athlete Samhain Pub Limited

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

Payoff Pitch Moose Island Books

Harry Smith is a lone wolf, and he likes it that way. When he's targeted to be co-alpha of the local pack, there is only one thing he can do to maintain his freedom: flee. But it'll take a miracle to stay a step ahead of shifters in their own territory. June Travis has been in love with Harry for years, but he doesn't know her real identity. He sees her as the sweet owner of the local tearoom—the facade June presents to humans and werewolves to keep them from finding out she's a witch. She may not be able to offer Harry a miracle, but she can help him escape. Harry is drawn to this new side of June, and not just because he's grateful

for her help. With her magic temporarily hiding Harry from his pursuers, the witch and the wolf explore their mutual attraction. But there are consequences for witches who bed down with wolves...

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The Dukes of Vauxhall Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
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...