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Not every goalie plays it safe...

As a publicist for the San Francisco Thunder hockey team, Dixie Braddock is too busy rescuing the players from trouble to get into any of her own. Except, of course, when it comes to the super hot new goalie. Because when a guy's kiss curls your toes and sets your heart on fire, how the hell do you just walk away? But if anyone ever catches them together, she'll lose her job faster than any slapshot.

Eli Casco is on the brink of having everything he ever wanted. He's finally been called up from the minor leagues to play on a championship team. And he just had the most mind-blowing night with the woman of his dreams. But now that he's an official Thunder player, Dixie is determined to keep her distance. None of the fame and fortune means anything to him without her to share it. If he truly wants Dixie in his life, it's time to throw down his gloves and put everything on the line.

Slammed Details

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BookQueen says

Thank you HBG Canada for sending me this ARC of Slammed by Victoria Denault!!

So unfortunately I haven't read the first book yet about Jude and Zoey but I have it ordered and I'm going to read it as soon as possible!

I love love love hockey romance novels! I think it's because I'm into hockey and I actually enjoy watching it so reading some novels about it is always a huge plus!

Dixie and Eli are the focus of this book! Dixie is Jude Braddock's youngest sister and PR person for the NHL team he plays for. One evening she gets stuck in an elevator and experiences the most passionate kiss of her life with Eli, only to find out he might be called up to play for the San Francisco Thunder!!!

Kissing (and pretty much everything sexual) is forbidden from staff to players!

But they can't hold back what is starting to develop between them!

On a crazy ride to keep their relationship as secretive as possible, this book had me turning pages until I finished it.

I always loved having the POV of both characters. It makes me feel like I can know exactly what they're thinking and I get mad when the characters don't know (or pretend) that there's something between them.

If you like sports and romance then you will love this book and series! Coming December 5!!!

Laura says

ARC Provided by the Author and Publisher via NetGalley

4.5 Stars

So many forbidden romances aren't really forbidden and end up resolving with none of the drama that the characters expected, so in a way, I really enjoyed this one. Eli is a goalie and Dixie is in the PR department for the San Francisco Thunder hockey team. A relationship is forbidden, and termination for the PR person in the relationship is a guarantee.

So, this becomes about 2 people who want to be together, and who can't, because of a circumstance that is not easily changed. And, I liked that the attraction is enough for them to be willing to at least consider the alternatives, to consider that maybe the relationship they are building is one that is worth some sacrifice.

I also liked that the plotting of the book allowed them to start their relationship when it wasn't actually

forbidden, to give them a chance to see if they wanted to be together, and to deal with the budding attraction while it is still technically not against the rules.

The sex was hot, the connection felt real, and there were little touches that made Eli seem incredibly approachable and down to earth (and, those were the worst pick up lines in the history of pick up lines) and it made you understand the attraction to Eli that Dixie wants to fight, and ignore, but can't.

I loved that I believed the ending. As I said in the beginning of the review, there were some changes that needed to be made in order for Eli and Dixie to have a real shot at being together. I loved that the changes both worked and seemed to come about more organically, as it left me with the belief that this is a couple who will be together for the long haul.

I recommend this title.

Catherine Bibby (Rochelle's Reviews) says

I received a copy via Net Galley and voluntarily left a review

Something about the heat that Victoria's fictional hockey heroes demonstrate both on and off the ice, keep me addicted and waiting impatiently for the next book. So every time I have a chance to crack open a new read by the talented Victoria Denault and catch another glimpse at love with these muscled book boyfriends, I am over the moon with excitement. This go around Victoria gives us a delicious goalie and a stubborn and sassy PR rep for the San Francisco Thunder. Together Dixie and Eli are sexy innuendos, smoldering looks, and simmering uncontrollable desire.

Eli Casco is all kinds of crazy hot and I was drawn to him like a moth to the flame from the moment he stepped in the elevator with Dixie and started spewing his charm. He had me wrapped around his finger with his "easy going" persona until you scratch below the surface and see the scared guy beneath. Then I was hooked and couldn't wait for him to rock Dixie's world both emotionally and physically. This goalie not only blocks the puck but keeps hearts melting all over the place with his dirty talk and sweet words!

I loved Dixie from the moment I met her as Jude Braddock's little sister in the first book in the series Score. I can't get enough of her feisty, quirky personality and from the moment she met Eli, the sparks flew and I knew that she had met her match! I loved getting inside this heroine's head and heart and seeing all her insecurities and vulnerability that lies underneath all of her humorous bravado.

Victoria Denault scored again with this ice melting romance that has us cheering openly and boisterously for another smokin' hot couple. I highly recommend Slammed for a mouth watering hockey player and his sexy match that are too hot to resist! Victoria always has me swooning over her jock heroes and ready for another chance to get out on the ice and experience the heat, laughter, and heart of her amazing players!

Karen says

I LOVE Victoria's books and devour them - can't wait for the next one!

I just loved Eli & Dixie and did not want it to end!!!

bookbruin says

Slammed is officially my favorite book by Victoria Denault! This book was pure perfection from start to finish and I didn't want it to end! **Slammed** is book 2 in the San Francisco Thunder series, but can be read as a stand alone. I do recommend reading the first book, however, since **Score** is fantastic and several of the characters, including the hero and heroine, appear in both books.

I loved Eli and Dixie right from the beginning and couldn't get enough of them! Their initial meeting was equal parts silly and sweet as it was sexy and fun. The witty banter and innuendo was absolutely hilarious and the sexual chemistry was so damn hot! All of the build up and push and pull made things absolutely explosive!

I honestly couldn't stop the goofy grin from forming on my face while reading their cheesy pick up lines and text messages. There are some more serious times in the book, but these texts and stolen moments helped lighten the mood and balanced the story well. I loved that there wasn't any unnecessary drama and that the conflict felt realistic and believable. It's rare that I like the hero and heroine equally, but this time I truly fell in love with both Eli and Dixie. Both of them were charismatic, intelligent, and driven individuals with issues to overcome, but this only endeared me to them and made them more relatable.

The Braddock family was another highlight of the book. The entire family is of course amazing and I loved the bond between all the siblings, especially the sorority. These 3 sisters are so supportive and loving to each other, but they also have no filter and hold nothing back. I can't even imagine how Jude felt growing up as the lone brother! Speaking of Jude, it was wonderful to catch up with him and Zoey and I loved his moments with Dixie. Their back and forth about the sex of the future Braddock had me giggling like a fool. Family plays such a vital role in this book and I really applaud the author for showing it in all of its brightest and darkest moments.

I can't recommend this book enough! You definitely do not want to miss **Slammed**!

Diane Lynch says

review to come

Sheyla ✂ says

"Do you mind if I follow you home tonight?" I ask her with a serious stare. "Because my mother always told me to follow my dreams."

Slammed was my first book by Victoria Denault.

Slammed had all the great ingredients. It had sass, amazing banter, goofy lines and a whole lot of romance. Just perfect!

Slammed's prologue let us see the first meeting between the main characters. Dixie Braddock is running late for her first day at her new job as PR for the San Francisco Thunder when she meets Eli. They shared a passionate kiss before both learn who the other one is. Fast forward a year later, and now Dixie and Eli are about to see each other again.

Dixie Braddock is loving her job. She's a workaholic but she also spends plenty of time with her family. She's Jude Braddock's sister who plays for the Thunder. Yet, Dixie wants her relationship with Jude to be under wraps. She doesn't want people thinking she got the job because of who her sibling is. She has worked hard to be where she's at and nothing will interfere with her destiny except a certain goalie she can't seem to forget.

Elijah "Eli" Casco is currently part of the hockey minor league for the Thunder. His brother Levi is the captain of the Thunder. They have a great relationship although neither gets along very well with their parents. Eli left college to follow his dream but an injury in the rink almost took his life. He's still dealing with its repercussions when he meets Dixie. He wants to prove that he can move to the NHL as their goalie but even he has doubts about his own capacity.

It was so easy to love Slammed. Both main characters were delightful. Their banter and skype conversations were all entertaining. I laughed and grinned through the book many times.

I also need to mention how much I enjoyed Dixie's family. Her sisters are a hoot and her relationship with Jude was a strong one too. The Braddock siblings' love for their parents was perfectly clear for everyone to see. Same with Eli and Levi. They had a great relationship too.

Even though I didn't read **Score**, I think you can read **Slammed** as a standalone. Saying that I need to go back and read it. Jude and Zoey's story has to be an interesting one.

Cliffhanger: No

4/5 Fangs

A complimentary copy was provided by Forever in exchange for an honest review.

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Tpagirl says

Slammed was the second book in the San Francisco Thunder series by Victoria Denault.

Elijah “Eli” Casco was the younger brother to the Thunder team captain, Levi. Eli was a goalie and started out in the minors but was called up to the NHL on several occasions until he got his big break. On one of those occasions he met Dixie Wynn, a Thunder PR rep, and the sister to one of the star players, Jude Braddock. Eli and Dixie didn’t know the other’s background and they shared an unforgettable kiss but then left it alone.

Eli and Dixie had sparks from the beginning but there was a serious no fraternization rule in their contracts so they couldn’t pursue anything serious. The storyline then highlighted their interactions and the pull that kept them gravitating towards each other. It was sweet and emotional but Denault also included loads of humor. As a result, I enjoyed the characters tremendously.

Slammed was written with a dual POV. It was well written with dimension, depth and complexity. Denault included so many intriguing characters that I have no idea her direction next, but I’m looking forward to wherever she chooses to lead.

Andi (Andi's ABCs) says

This review was originally posted on Andi's ABCs

It was strongly suggested I read Slammed, so I went against my policy of starting a series from the beginning and picked this one up. I'm so happy that I did. It was a really fun book. Eli and Dixie had the most amazing chemistry from the beginning to the end and I didn't get that romance reading anxiety from the break-up that almost always comes. Because of how the story was written I wasn't anxious for the dreaded moment and I really appreciated that. As a fan of hockey romances (I read a lot of them), this was definitely up there as a favorite and I'm grateful I broken my rule. After meeting Eli and Dixie I will happily go back and read book one

Carole (Carole's Random Life in Books) says

This review can also be found at Carole's Random Life in Books.

Oh my gosh. This book. I loved this book! When this book made its way to my house, I really hadn't heard much about it. One look at that yummy cover and I bumped it close to the top of my reading schedule. I took another look at the cover and noticed the hockey stick and was completely sold so I decided to forget about reading schedules and just started reading this book. And I didn't want to stop. I fell completely in love with this book and am so happy that it made its way into my hands.

This story focuses on Dixie and Elijah. Dixie works in the PR department at the San Francisco Thunder hockey team. Her brother is a star player on the team but Dixie is keeping that little piece of information under wraps. Elijah, or Eli, is an up and coming hockey player. His brother is the captain of the San Francisco Thunder and Eli is a goalie for their minor league team.

Dixie and Eli are fantastic together from the very start. I could almost feel their chemistry dripping off of the pages before I even finished the prologue. I wanted to see these two figure out how to be together from the very start. Dixie works for the Thunder and is very dedicated to her job which happens to have rules about employees dating players. Eli doesn't play for the Thunder so a little flirting couldn't hurt. Oh boy, how these

two flirt! Their flirting was a lot of fun. It was sexy at times and often funny. They pass cheesy lines back and forth which I found completely amusing.

There is some drama in the story but I loved how there was never any doubt as to what Dixie and Eli felt for each other. Eli has some issues to deal with from his past which kept things interesting while Dixie had some serious family issues to handle. Dixie and Eli had things going on in their life but they always wanted each other. They just had to figure out a way to make that happen.

I would highly recommend this book to others. It had the perfect mix of romance, heat, and humor to really keep the pages turning. This is the second book in the San Francisco Thunder series but I read it as a stand alone with absolutely no problem. This was the first time that I have read Victoria Denault's work but I am looking forward to reading more from her in the near future.

I received an advanced reader edition of this book from Forever (Grand Central Publishing).

Initial Thoughts

I loved this book! Eli and Dixie were so good together. They had amazing chemistry and just seemed to be having a lot of fun with each other. The bad lines that they used with each other were fantastic.

Beth ~ Panda & Boodle says

Our flame was extinguished before it even got to glow. But damn, I can still feel its warmth, and it's nice to know he can too.

Guys, guys, guys. You need to be reading this series from Victoria Denault. *Slammed* is only the second book of hers I have read and yet, I am already addicted to her style of writing. There's just *something* about it, about this book. I don't know that I can quite explain it, but it's tangible and it's real and it just maybe doesn't have a name. Except for WOW. This book absolutely has that WOW factor that truly fantastic romance novels do.

And maybe it comes from Elijah. After all, the man is swoon personified. From his terrible (and terribly hilarious) pick-up lines to the way he calls his girl "Sweet Dixie" to the obstacles he's fighting to overcome in his relationship and career, this man encompasses everything—Every. Single. Thing—a hero in a book like this should. But then again, as the heroine of this terrific tale, so does Dixie.

So, maybe it was she who elevated this book to the next level. I mean, her sass was on point—funny yet appropriately cutting when necessary—and her vulnerabilities able to make her feel so very *human*. I love-love-LOVED the hell out of her and her family, not for the first time. Dixie and her sisters ("The Sorority", as their brother, Jude, calls them) charmed and amused me in *Score*, and Ms. Denault manages to somehow make them even more charming and amusing this time around.

In fact, everything was *even more* this time around—and, as someone who loved the first book, that's saying something. There's not a thing about *Slammed* I would change. It had me from page one and became a book I simply did not want to put down. And when I reached the perfect ending, I just wanted to rewind and start all over again. And if that doesn't convince you that you need to be reading this book, then that's okay.

That just means I get to keep Eli all to myself.

“Are you propositioning me?”

“I’m just warning you.” I shrug. “I’ve gotten better-looking, and when you see me again you’re going to want a sequel to that kiss—and a whole lot more. And I’m willing to let that happen.”

~ FIVE *Save A Horse, Ride A Goalie* STARS ~

Logan Hr says

I think this is the best book ever written by this author!!! This was romantic, sweet, funny and amazing wrapped up in one amazing story!! Thank you for writing a wounded hero with a quirky and sassy heroine!! It was the perfect combination!!!

Samantha (WLABB) says

Rating: 4.5 Stars

I L-O-V-E-D this book! I am generally a big fan of hockey romances, and I have enjoyed the books I read in Denault's Hometown Players series, but this book just had the perfect combination of all my favorite elements.

Who?

Dixie Braddock, publicist for the San Francisco Thunder and kid sister of their star player, who is trying to keep the sister thing under wraps as she makes her way through the PR ranks of the Thunder's organization. Eli Casco, an up and coming goalie, who came back from an injury to make his bid for the NHL and now must unpack his baggage if he hopes to earn a permanent spot on the team.

What?

Eli and Dixie shared a kiss that they could not forget, and try to pick up where they started a year later. Just when it seemed both were ready to attempt to further this relationship, Eli is called up to the Thunder, and that puts him off limits due to the non-fraternization policy.

Why?

I loved so many things about this book.

- Dixie was fabulous. She was sassy and strong and went after things she wanted.
- Eli was so fun. I swear I smiled almost every time he was on page. He was also the more romantic of the two, and he made me laugh so much. I was actually reading his cheesy pickup lines to my neighbor at work, and we got a good chuckle out of them. They became something I looked forward to, and Denault wrote him some good ones.
- Dixie's family was fantastic. Her sisters were hilarious, and it was so much fun when all three were together. Her parents were absolutely adorable, and there was just so much love between them all.

#FamilyGoals

- This is the sort of drama I enjoy in a romance too, because it was not between the hero and heroine, but it still complicated things for them. So, you get the tension, without the cliché things you normally see causing issues in a relationship.
- The banter was pretty top notch, and made me laugh tons. But there was also some really sweet and serious

discussions, that made me swoon and sigh.

- I was so happy with the multiple dimensions Denault gave to both Eli and Dixie. Just when you thought that was all they had in them, a little something more was revealed. I especially loved seeing Eli's gentle side. He came through in a big way when he really needed to.
- A GRAND GESTURE!!! I am a diehard fan of Say Anything, and am a certified sucker for any sort of grand gesture. I thought the one Denault gave me was rather wonderful, and it came out of nowhere, so it was even better, because I didn't expect it. There were things that happened, which I expected, but I didn't expect it to happen like THAT.
- I want to list the brotherly love separately because both Dixie and Eli shared great relationships with their big brothers, and we got to share some really meaningful moments with them. I don't know about you, but I eat that stuff up.
- The ending was fantastic. I must be getting lucky with endings lately, because usually I complain a lot about them, but this one made me so happy. The last chapter, coupled with the epilogue just left me in a highly elated state.

Overall: This book checked off all the right boxes for me. A great hero and heroine, lots of feels, a hot and sweet romance, fantastic familial elements, hockey, and just the right combination of heat, humor, and drama.

Bookgasms Book Blog says

I can't put my finger on what exactly made it so, but this book felt *deeply* romantic to me. Like, I can't even tell you how many times I sighed and swooned, and generally bubbled over with happy-hearted satisfaction. *Slammed* somehow managed to be adorable, sexy, giggle out loud funny, and full of whatever that magic it is that puts butterflies in my belly and giant blissed-out smiles on my face. To put it simply: I loved it. L-O-V-E-D it.

Eli Casco. Lord, y'all. This guy. I could not have adored him more. Not even one tiny smidge more. He was my perfect hero: a little bit goofy, a little bit cocky, strong but kind and willing to move mountains for the woman he loves. I am so crazy about this hero. I loved his story so much. His chemistry with Dixie (whom I was already half in love with when she was just part of "the sorority" in *Score*) was an almost tangible thing for me. I connected with them basically immediately, my heart jumped right on board and I spent nearly the entirety of this book feeling like I was falling in love with their love story. And that is *exactly* how I want to feel when I'm reading a romance, so it's safe to say that *Slammed* hit every single one of my sweet spots.

The Braddock family, who I first met in *Score* continued to charm the heck out of me. I loved the good-natured antagonistic relationship between all the siblings, and that pure, sweet, boisterous love that this whole family has for each other. I loved the emotional and heartwarming secondary storylines going on here, and I especially loved how that connected to, and facilitated the forbidden romance brewing between Dixie and Eli.

Honest to God, you guys, this book is the whole package. This is only the second book I've read by Ms. Denault but I'm emphatically, enthusiastically, and wholeheartedly on board for more. This book was just an absolute delight! If you like your hockey hotties full of humor, heart and heat, you definitely do not want to miss out on this story! ~ Shelly, 5 Stars

Dena says

Dixie has the job of her dreams and has worked hard to get to where she is at in PR for the Thunder hockey team. Nobody she works with knows she is Jude's sister and she plans to keep it that way. One unexpected meeting in an elevator changes everything for Dixie. She meets Eli Casco, Levi's brother who plays for the Storm team.

Eli has issues and needs to get through them if he wants any chance at playing for the Thunder team. Something awful happened to him on the ice that almost cost him his life. Will Dixie and Eli be able to find happiness within each other?

Slammed is another perfect shot at making this series even greater! I just fall deeper and deeper in love with these characters with each new story. What I love is that Ms. Denault includes characters from previous stories so we get a glimpse into our favorite couples future. 5 goals to a sexy goalie and his lady!
