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USA TODAY BESTSELLER • Whether it's a clutch goal or a cocktail, nothing beats "top shelf." In this novel from the bestselling author of the Heller Brothers Hockey series, a fun-loving jock and an ambitious career woman mix business with pleasure.

Not only is Jared Rupp one of the stars of the NHL's Chicago Aces, he's also the owner of the Sin Bin, the after-hours hot spot where the whole team hangs out. Lately, Jared can't take his eyes off the woman he's hired to give the Bin a more modern feel: a sexy, sophisticated consultant who has carved out a niche updating drink menus. She's as passionate about her career as Jared is about hockey—and yet he can't help wondering what kind of cocktail she *really* wants.

In her line of work, Sidney Frayne is used to guys hitting on her in bars, but Jared gets her hot enough to burst into flames. When he's wining and dining her, he's sophisticated as hell; on the rink, he's a testosterone-fueled powerhouse. Still, Sidney's bitter divorce taught her to keep her emotions on ice. With her busy schedule—and Jared's playboy reputation—she's not sure she's ready for a fling. Because if she lets Jared into her bed, she just may have to let him into her heart.

Kelly Jamieson's USA Today bestselling Aces Hockey series can be read together or separately:

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Praise for *Top Shelf*

"I'm a total sucker for sports romances, and so *Top Shelf* ticked a lot of boxes for me. If you've got a similar bent, I'd recommend it to you, too."—**All About Romance**

"Five star review: *Top Shelf* is a sweet romance with a credible couple and, as it is the third book in the Aces series, you get a feel for the way the club ticks and there are guest appearances from the stars of the previous two books. . . . Although you can read this as a stand-alone story, I thoroughly recommend that you pick up the first two in this series and catch up with the rest of the team. Go Aces!"—**Angel Net Reviews**

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"Mixology is a special skill and *Top Shelf* is the only way to go. With a little sadness, a lot of heat, and crazy chemistry, this book was difficult to put down. I've enjoyed Jared and his bar in previous books, I loved him

in this! Five stars.”—**Hines and Bigham’s Literary Tryst**

“I loved this book. Jared and Sidney were so entertaining.”—**A Crazy Vermonter’s Book Reviews**

“I just thoroughly enjoyed all the moments. It was a good read. I can’t wait for the next one!”—**Smitten with Reading**

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Steffi says

I enjoyed the previous books in the Aces Hockey series and have been looking forward to Jared's story for a while.

I really liked the setting with his bar/restraurant and Sidney helping him with his concept. It was interesting how she was doing her job and I would have enjoyed reading more about it.

Jared and Sidney been fun characters. I enjoyed their bantering and they had some intense chemistry. I liked how their chemistry and passion was growing throughout the story. Sometimes a few things went a bit too quick, especially to the end, but overall enjoyed the story a lot.

I am really a huge fan of the Aces team and it's so great that the whole team is involved in the individual stories. They feel like a huge family.

Suzi (Obsessive Reading Disorder) says

Gah! I love this series! I love that it takes place in Chicago. I love that the guys on the team are down home good guys. And I really love that the female leads are all sassy and strong and worth the effort the hero has to put in to woo them! Loved the back story on both of the main characters. Can not wait to read more from this author and this series.

*Complementary copy provided via Netgalley for an honest review.

Laura says

It's fun to be back into Jamieson's world and this book was exactly what I needed. I didn't know what I was in the mood for but I got a feeling I'll be reading a few others contemporaries next.

I like Jamieson's straight forward writing style –you know what you're getting and you'll have a blast. That's pretty much it. I liked Sidney and Jared as a couple and I wish I could've known them better as individuals but they were cute together.

And you guys know me, I love some cutesy tropes -friends to lovers, enemies to lovers and this book's pick "*dating but not falling*". It was fun. The banter was fun, they were sexy (although, could Jamieson cut off the long blow job description?) and, most importantly, they worked as a couple.

Overall it was a satisfying book and I'm ready for the next ones.

Liv ? says

★4.5 STARS!★

?SO GOOD! I needed this book to remember why I love reading sports related stories! Sidney and Jared's journey through this book is very subtle. It starts when Sidney walks into The Sin Bin and immediately criticizes the menu to the man next to her. Without realizing she just said all of this to the owner - you'd think he'd yell or something? Nope! He hires her on the spot!

?From the get go you can see the sparks between the two and their flirty banter. Too bad Sidney doesn't want anything more than a hook up. She's been burned before, by a husband to be exact...she doesn't trust easily.

?It's not hard for Jared to fall for Sidney and for her to fall right back. It becomes a game for the two - seeing who will lose first. In my opinion it was a tie! There are a few typical roadblocks in the story including a few possible pregnancies? But shhhh! No spoilers!

Maria11 says

ZZZZZZZ.....what oh yeah give me a minute to wake up...oh I am supposed to write a review?

I just have to say this was a total snore fest. Boring, predictable, and you could skip chapters without missing anything. The apex of the story was not thrilling or believable because you knew darn well it wasn't true.

There was tons of dirty talk...yet it was the same dirty talk every time. I really didn't feel the wow factor at all with them.

Oh well. You might like it, it just wasn't for me :(

Received an ARC from the publisher through NetGalley.

Jenn says

"I fell in love with you. So you win."

Meet Sidney Frayne - a divorcee who is extremely jaded on love thanks to her slime of an ex husband who cheated on her and got another girl pregnant. Having left him and a job she hated behind, she's successfully started her own business doing something she loves - creating and revamping restaurants/bars. This is how she meets hockey star and restaurant owner Jared Rupp. There's an instant attraction between the two and soon they are mixing business and pleasure -both promising the other that what they're doing is a 'no strings attached' type of thing. But this is a romance book so of course feelings are involved.

The thing that initially drew me to this type of romance was that it was hockey themed. Hockey is my favorite sport and sport players are some of my faves to read in contemporary romance so perfect match. I

liked that Jamieson seems to know the sport and even a little of what happens with the players when the game isn't on. I also liked how she set it in the current NHL but created her own team which allowed her more freedom to play with the characters since they weren't real players but ones she created.

Now for the romance - it was steamy, I'll give it that. You can see early on that these two are destined to fall for each other. Jared surprised me by being the more open one to an actual relationship. But Sidney bothered me a bit. I get that she's been burned and she doesn't want a commitment but there are times that she's downright rude and hurtful toward Jared. There are ways to put up boundaries without being mean. But I did like that she was driven and cared about her business. She didn't become a swoony waif around Jared, but maintained her own personality. Their banter was hilarious and her puppy was adorable.

Jamieson's books are fun summer reads for me. I will probably be reading more from this series at some point.

Mindy Lou's Book Review says

I love Kelly Jamieson's hockey series. They can all be read as standalones, so you don't have to start with book one. They are pretty low angst, this one has just a little bit of other woman drama. Jared has an ex fling who doesn't want to give up her dream of a famous, rich husband. It's handled well and you like Jared more because of it. The writing is mature, good story line and great chemistry between Jared and Sydney. I look forward to more in the series. ARC provided by NetGalley.

Brenda says

ARC provided by Netgalley.

DNF at 52%. My potatoes, I waste time on this one. Review later.

Sidney has her own business and accidentally she says that the meu of Sin Bin is bad. Jared is the owner and she finda her hot. He hires, they talk and start to have sex. There is nothing interesting here. Its a everyday relationship. She helps him in his bar, their have sex. He gets angry with his time for not work harder. The women its all over him. There is no major problem or anything that make the book stand.

Sidney was cheat out and does not want get involve they are acting like they are dating. Sidney was OK yet she never goes after him and assume a lot about him. They do not communicate. The issues are made up of nothing.

They are plain boring actually.

Auntie says

Loved it and this series!

Alex ? says

[cancer, death, infertility, cheating husband and divorce (hide spoiler)]

Wendy Marcus says

Loved it! Lots of sexy in this book!

Dali says

A story about a determined career woman who take her mixology expertise to the business and pleasure area with a hard partying hockey player.

“I fell in love with you. So you win.”

When a patron at his restaurant critiques his drinks menu, NHL star Jared Rupp can't help but want to know more about the sexy and smart woman. After learning that she's a consultant specialized in image and improving said menus he hires her to help out at the Sin Bin but also wants more. Their attraction is undeniable and there's no rule that prevents them from having fun together, but can he convince her that they could be more?

“You're just afraid you'll fall for me... In fact, I challenge you to a bunch of dates with me... We'll do all those things—talk on the phone, go for walks, call each other cute nicknames... But we won't fall in love.” ~Jared to Sidney

After an ugly divorce that left her depressed and feeling less than, Sidney Frayne has sworn off relationships and is now picking up the pieces of her life and focused on expanding her consulting business. So when the womanizing NHL player pursues her and slowly presses for more, her body says yes, her mind says no, but what does her heart say?

Don't ask me why but I love hockey romances and I've been following the Aces Hockey series from the start, so I've been curious to know more about the sophisticated, well-dressed playboy for a while and I'm glad to say I really liked him. After getting to know him though, I wouldn't label him as a player more like a bachelor who's not looking for a serious relationship because of his past. But once he sees the potential he has with Sidney there's not stopping him from finding happiness, not even Sidney herself.

Sidney is a good match for him, she's caring and sweet even after what she lived through her divorce. And when stubbornness, fear and depression threatened to take over, there was her best friend Frankie to help her

through it.

I loved the character development, including the secondary ones but it did take me a bit to get on the Jared and Sidney train though. The initial flirting and attraction was great but I felt they got into bed too soon and too often during the first half of the book which to me felt a tad gratuitous and didn't help in moving the plot forward. I did jump into the Jad+ney band wagon when their relationship started to develop into more, especially when Jared decided to play dirty in order to go after her heart and by the end I was really glad they got their happy ending even if a tad predictable.

“Show me your phone.”

He lifted one eyebrow. **“That’s not usually what women ask me to show them.”**

“Ha-ha. Whip it out, dude.”

The Aces Hockey team closed another season without winning the cup in this book, so I'm hoping there's still more to come. I can't tell who's next to fall in the team whether it's the trouble making rookie or the recent widower who broke my heart, but I can't wait to find out.

Top Shelf is book #3 in the *Aces Hockey* series by *Kelly Jamieson*. It's a light, easy to read standalone full length hockey romance. Told from both points of view with a happy ending.

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* I was given an ARC of this book for an honest review from NetGalley. The excerpts are from that copy. *

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Laura says

ARC Provided by the Publisher and NetGalley

I generally enjoy sports themed novels, and I liked the idea that Jared was both a hockey player and the owner of a bar.

I liked that Sidney was a former bartender who started her own business and was now working as a consultant for restaurants.

The problems I had with this were that I never believed either of them were actually what they portrayed and they kept having the same conversation, over and over. The talk during the sex was dirty...but it was the same conversation over and over, which just started to seem odd. There was no progression of the story, and the deepening intimacy of the relationship was missing.

I was disappointed by the latest in the series and I am not able to recommend this book.

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Beth says

Top Shelf is a fun, sports contemporary romance from Kelly Jamieson.

Jared Rupp is a NHL star and sports bar owner.

Sidney Frayne has taken her love of bars and created a company to help make them over. She has her sights on revamping Jared Rupp's bar, now she just has to convince him.

Jared is known for his playboy ways but he's got his sights on Sidney. Jared is just not sure if he wants to let someone mess with his baby, his bar.

Fun and flirtatious athlete meets seriously driven career woman in *Top Shelf*. Antics, romance and chemistry that just can't be denied, Jamieson has created another tale of those hot hockey players and the woman who learn to love them.

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Dawn ♥ romance says

At first I wasn't so crazy about this story feeling they jumped into bed a bit to fast but about halfway things got a bit more real especially when the other characters got more involved. Although there was still lots of sex, the ending was good enough to up my rating. Pro hockey player Jared is attracted to Sidney who he hired to upgrade his bar/restaurant.

