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Bennett Morse devotes his time to chasing two things: an NHL career and women. He's the easygoing member of his three-man line on the Fenway Flyers, content to play the game he loves and soak up the female attention it brings – as long as it's from a different woman each time. He learned the hard way that choosing only one leads to heartache.

Newly single attorney Charlotte Holloway finds just what she needs in Bennett – a sweet, sexy man to ease the burn of her recent breakup. One night is all she wants from the left winger who seems to have all the right moves. Soon circumstance draws her back to Bennett, and the sparks between them become a fiery blaze. But with the stakes high, will they risk it all and put their hearts on the line?

Bennett Details

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Cocktails and Books says

This review was originally posted on Cocktails and Books

I love hockey romances, so anytime I see one I tend to snatch it up. Brenda Rothert's series was new to me so I was interested in what kind of hero Bennett would be. Thankfully, he wasn't a douchebaggy hero who readers might love to hate. Instead, he was a sweet man who fought hard to have the woman that he wanted, even when she didn't want him there.

Bennett is a minor league hockey player trying to make it to the NHL. He plays hard for his team and often plays just as hard off the ice. But everything changes for him when he meets slightly tipsy Charlotte at a local bar, has earth-shattering "it's supposed to be a one-night stand" sex and suddenly finds his world turned upside down two months later when she ends up pregnant.

Generally the whole accidentally pregnancy storylines bores me. But for some reason, this one worked. Maybe it was because instead of the heroine chasing down the hero and pleading with him to man up, Bennett demands to be involved in everything pregnancy related. It's Charlotte who tries to fight it. Demands she wants nothing from Bennett and declares she can do it on her own. Add in the fact that Charlotte is Bennett's best friend's sister and the tension was enough to make me quickly read to see what happens next.

The story was cute, our hero and heroine obviously meant to raise their family together. There were a few storyline flaws (such as how did Bennett not know who Charlotte's brother was considering they're roommates and best friends), but the storyline in general was put together enough that a reader could move on without dwelling on it.

Carrie says

4.5

Charlotte Halloway breaks up with her boyfriend after he showed her what a douche canoe he really was. He took the job that she really wanted after he originally told her he wasn't interested in it. To celebrate her new independence she decides to go get trashed at a local bar. And there she meets Bennett. She doesn't know much about Bennett but she doesn't really care as long as the long island's keep her happy. She's tired of not getting what she wants but tonight she is going to get exactly what she wants.

I really enjoyed Bennett. Once again we have a smart, educated, independent female character. Charlotte may be a bit too independent but that is completely understandable with how she is raised. I loved the side characters--her humorous roommate, her ex-boyfriend that deserves a good kick to the crotch, and her brother who livens up the storyline even more.

I loved Bennett. Like a lot. He was just an all around good guy. He wasn't the manwhore I was expecting based on the story summary. It sounds like he had a history of some manwhore-ish ways but it quickly

becomes obvious that that is not who he is. And this story needed a good guy. I'm kind of over the alpha's. I'm all about the sweet.

There were definitely a few twists that I wasn't expecting. One major one caused me to fist pump the air. But I'm not going to spoil it so you need to read this book when it comes out.

Advanced Copy obtained via author for my every honest opinion

Michelle Brace (Wicked Babes Blog Reviews) says

This was my first book by Brenda Rothert and I can't wait to get my hands on more. With that being said, Bennett is the second in this series but you don't have to read the first one in order to fully appreciate this one. I will say that Brenda's writing has me wanting to get my hands on Killian's story and I hope that Liam will get his soon.

This is Bennett and Charlotte's story and the wild ride that they are about to take in order to find their HEA or maybe they won't. Things are going to be easy for them and if they want to find their HEA then it's going to take a lot of work, patience and self reflection. Not only that but their are people who wouldn't and aren't happy to see them together. Will they be able to break them up? Will Bennett and Charlotte be able to work through their own issues in order to accept love?

I loved this book and OMG Bennett is a hottie who knows what he's doing in bed. Brenda's writing is so good with a storyline and characters that will have you sucked in and wanting more. You don't want to miss out on this book!

Denise - Shh Mom's Reading® says

4.5 stars #mustclick <http://amzn.to/1TLDGYQ>

OK, I am writing this review with the blurb next to me as I want to keep my review to only what is mentioned in the blurb. Bennett was a wonderful experience and I want the reader to experience it as I did for its range of emotions and for the beautiful way the story unfolds.

It should be noted Bennett takes place along the same timeline as Killian, book 1 in this On the Line series so Bennett can very easily be read as a standalone.

Bennett is the story of minor league hockey player Bennett Morse and Charlotte Holloway. All I am going to say about Charlotte is she is newly single, ok I will also add I so wanted to strangle her ex so many times in this one. The moment he became her ex (nope not cheating read the book), the moment he found out her secret, the moment he thought he could fix her problems... ugh yes he irked me, which means the author did a great job!

Bennett, ah Bennett, yes he is a hot hockey boy but more importantly there was so many times in this book that he melted my heart. I loved that Bennett wanted Charlotte, that he pushed, that he didn't give up on her despite her being scared. And I loved how Charlotte came first and he proves this in spades so many times, yes, once I wanted to reach into my kindle and strangle and hug him all at the same time for putting her first!

I loved this line from the book:

"Maybe that's why it's called 'falling in love' instead of 'slowly and carefully stepping into an amorous

relationship."

The heartache in Bennett's past was raw and touched my soul, as did his questioning the why around it. The what if's and the action he chooses because of it. How he finally tells Charlotte was so powerful, his emotions bleed off the pages.

"I cared for her so much it hurt sometimes. It was how I was feeling about Charlotte right now. My feelings for her were an out-of-control freight train, barreling down the tracks. I'd vowed not to let this happen again, but not only did I think it wasn't possible to stop the train, I didn't want to."

There were times in this book that Liam (the third linemate whose story is yet to be told) made me laugh, there were times I wanted to strangle him but in the end I can't wait for his book next!

Just wait til you see the role Liam plays in this one, nope not a menage or love triangle - soooooo far from it... read the book!

Thank you, Ms. Rothert for the Fenway Flyers men and for this powerful and layered story.

Garden Of REden says

REVIEWED BY JENN

This is Book #2 in the On The Line series, but can be read as a complete standalone.

I love that I know when I am reading a Brenda Rothert story. Her writing has a unique voice and stands out in a saturated market. She always dives deep into her characters and they are well-developed. She brings raw emotion to each story, and even if the theme is similar, it never feels stale, or over-done. I kept having to put off starting Bennett, but once I did, I read it in one sitting. It was "unputdownable." Being honest, I never expected the "twist" in the story. Other reviews might share, because it does happen in the very beginning of the book, but I was taken aback by it, and I won't tell you about it. I think all books should be experienced organically. Let the plot unfold as you read it!

While there were times that Charlotte drove me crazy with her insecurities and her inability to commit, she made up for it in her snarkiness and her unwillingness to yield who she was. I love female characters who stand up to their man.... Charlotte most definitely fits this mold. Ignoring his serious hotness and hockey body, Bennett was sweet, considerate, the perfect gentleman, and willing to give up his dream to be with Charlotte. He was the perfect book boyfriend. So, then what is Charlotte's problem? You'll have to read to find out.

4.5 STARS!

Samantha Kurtz of Sammy's Book Obsession says

5 Stars From Sammy's Book Obsession!

Dialogue Natural/Realistic

5/5 Stars

Very realistic.

Emotional Impact

5/5 Stars

As usual, this story had some really deep hitting topics woven into it.

Grammar

5/5 Stars

Spot on as always.

Story Pace

5/5 Stars

Moved right along.

Twists, Turns, & Predictability

5/5 Stars

No spoilers, but yeah, seriously interesting twist!

Heat (Sexual -where applicable)

5/5 Stars

Natural and realistic. Added to the story rather than the story revolving around it.

Likeliness to Recommend

5/5 Stars

Absolutely will recommend!

Likeliness to Finish Series

5/5

I'll definitely finish this series and any other!

Likeliness to Read More from Author

5/5

I've read everything available from Brenda Rothert to date and will continue to do so happily!

Overall

5/5 Stars

I was provided with a Review Copy/ARC for review.

Brittani Brown says

Brenda strikes again! I received an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review...well here it is!

sorry in advance for the extra book you'll read if you stick through this

Charlotte is such a strong-minded and independent woman that does what she has to at her job to move up. Until she doesn't. Her boyfriend, Riley, ruins everything and lies to her in the process. So she dumps him.

In comes Bennett. Char, as he affectionately calls her, sits at a bar trying to drown her sorrows. When she

gets an eyeful of Bennett, she throws all caution to the wind and takes him home.

In the heat of the moment, he asks if they are okay as he reaches into his pocket for something. His interpretation: are you on the pill? Her interpretation: Are you ready? Her answer: Yes.

The next morning she regrets her decision, and throws away the number he left her, intending on never speaking to him again.

Bennett can't move on for a while after Char. One night, he finally decides to try and get him out of his mind with a hot distraction. That is, until she shows up at his door.

Bennett is excited to see her at first, until she unveils her news: she is pregnant. She goes on about how the condom must have broke and he stops her and asks what condom? Remember when he reached in his pocket for something? Oh, that was just a breath mint.

Then there is a lot of drama with her ex calling her a whore, her brother, who is coincidentally Bennett's roommate and teammate, wants to kill whoever knocked her up. Her roommate figures out he is gay and moves out.

Then the best part of the story happens. She goes into the hospital to have their son! Only she is in labor for so long, the doctor decides to go a c-section. After the baby is born she suggests naming him Christopher, which is Bennett's middle name. He says he wants to name him Charlie, after his mom. So it's settled!! Happily ever after!

Not quite. Bennett gets called into his owner Orion's office who tells him the NHL wants him! Chicago! His dream come true. Except Charlotte won't leave her job to move in with him. So he turns it down.

Thankfully Liam, her brother, is eavesdropping and gives her this information. She is able to meet Bennett at his second job, the lumber yard, and convince him to take the new gig in Chicago and she and Charlie will join him!

Now, you can sigh! Happily ever after!

Michelle says

ARC provided by author in exchange for an honest review

GOOOOOOOOOOOOOOAL!!!!!! As one of my favorite authors and dear friend, Brenda Rothert continues to DELIVER a story that will melt hearts and have reader swooning! In her newest release, **Bennett** Brenda will show her readers there is nothing minor about Bennett as he scores major points in the sexy protective alpha hero department and an extra point for being an absolute sweetheart.

“Bennett: pros-Sweet.Loyal.Caring.Easy to be with.Highly attractive.Committed to our kid.Intelligent Sexy as fuck. Amazing in bed. Good at fixing things.Makes me feel good. Bennett: cons- Faces lots of

temptation from other women ”

Bennett is the second book of the *On The Line Series* and can be read as a standalone but I highly urge readers to read *Killian* as well. So what is **Bennett** about?

Bennett Morse has only one thing on his mind and that is to make it in the NHL. As a minor league player, Bennett has dedicated his life in making it into the pros. And as a hockey player, life mostly consisted of the ice and of course puck bunnies. And there was no shortage of those. But as time goes by, Bennett is feeling that his life is at a standstill. Will he make it to the NHL? As Bennett contemplates his life and dreams, he meets a young woman that catches his eye.

Charlotte Holloway is a newly single attorney, who just broke up with her boyfriend. Angry that her ex stole her job promotion from her, Charlotte decides to drown her anger in a couple of drinks. While at the bar, she meets Bennett. They strike up a conversation and well one thing led to another and soon Bennett and Charlotte ended up tangled in the sheets. The following next day, Bennett leaves his number for Charlotte hoping that she calls. But the call never came. That is until...two months later.

“I cared for her so much it hurt sometimes. It was how I was feeling about Charlotte right now. My feelings for her were an out-of-control freight train, barreling down the tracks. I’d vowed not to let this happen again, but not only did I think it wasn’t possible to stop the train, I didn’t want to.”

Well fast forward to two months later, Charlotte is standing in Bennett’s doorstep and announces to him that she is pregnant and is the baby sister of Bennett’s teammate, Liam. Worrying about making it in the NHL and now a baby on the way, Bennett has a lot on his plate but he makes it known to Charlotte that he will be there supporting her with everything. As Bennett and Charlotte discusses their future plans, Bennett makes it known to Charlotte that they should try dating to really get to know each other and also see if there is something more. As they start this new relationship, Charlotte makes it known to Bennett that she wants to keep their relationship a secret for now since she doesn’t want to cause any friction between Liam and Bennett. But what happens when their secret is out? And what happens when Bennett’s insecurities and fears destroys his chance of a happily ever after with Charlotte? And can Charlotte let go of her fear of commitment?

“I love you, Charlotte. And that’s a hard thing for me to do and say. But I do. I love your strength and your smile and your intelligence. I love how you keep me on my toes. It’s never felt as good to make another person happy as it does with you.”

Brenda Rothert has seriously stole my heart when she introduced me to one of the sweetest, charming, and lovable hockey heroes that I have read. So as you can see, I LOVE BENNETT. Okay, let me reiterate it one more time... **Bennett** is a MUST READ!!!! Here is why you have to read this book. First and foremost, this book is so raw, emotional, touching, and heartfelt. Secondly, Bennett will score major points on the ice and off the ice. ***wink*** And lastly, **Bennett** has one of the most lovable hero that can make any hearts flutter with his honesty, devotion, and commitment. So if you are ready to be swept away in this sweet, raw and beautiful tale of love then I highly recommend you to read this book. If I am keeping score, Brenda Rothert has already won as she delivered two amazing minor league hockey heroes. And FYI, Brenda Rothert has been told Bennett Christopher Morse belongs to me.. hahaha.

Review can also be found on *Four Chicks Flipping Pages*: <http://fourchicksflippingpages.weebly...>Brenda Rothert

✿kawehi.reviews says

? I received an ARC via Inkslinger PR in exchange for an honest review. Thank you! ! ?

I liked this one a whole lot better than *Killian's* read. Not that I disliked or had anything against Killian.

Bennett, whom is a team mate of Killian's, story takes place during the same parallel timeline as *Killian* . Those of you who have not read bk1, I highly suggest you read it although this one is very easy to read without prior knowledge to its predecessor.

So Bennett. Man, he is definitely book boyfriend material. Not only was he NOT a manwhore extraordinaire...Bennett was kind, understanding, had a heart of gold, and was a complete sex god. He certainly has a stomach for hardheaded individuals~~ what with his best friend being stubborn as they come, and said bestie's little sis, Charlotte, whom Bennett unknowingly sets his sight upon.

I won't give more of the story line out, because it would spoil pretty much one of the, if not the biggest, drives of the entire plot and gamechanger between Charlotte and Bennett.

Between the two, Charlotte was kind of the take charge fiery one but with major trust and commitment issues. Sometimes, as I reader, I felt she was a tad hot and cold towards Bennett and I wanted to shake her. But over all, I dig understand where her deep rooted issues lay and why she was so hard on herself and wanted to make sure that she was self-sufficient.

And Bennett, he was the nurturing and one with his heart on his sleeve. He's been a hard life himself, but, don't underestimate Bennett. When trifled with or faced against oppression, he will come back swinging and be there to protect what's his. I loved him wholeheartedly and rooted for him on his quest to win over Charlotte and make it into the NFL!!

A wonderful read, which, I hope will pave way to perhaps Liam's story next!! I can't wait!!

Karen says

I just want to stand up and applaud. I've just read the perfect sports romance book. The characters, storyline, plot pacing, right balance of quirky personalities, and respect, resolution, and love. I love hockey but this is more than hockey and without being preachy you learn about respect for feelings, suicide and the effect on those who survive, being honest with yourself and others, and it's OK to share with a man who is wholly committed to you, and so much more. Read the books of Brenda Rothert, they keep getting better. Wish the star rating could go higher. PS. I laughed my ass off for scene in doctor's office. Hockey players!!!!!!

Heroesinbooks says

A one night stand between two strangers has huge ramifications. Charlotte finds out she's pregnant by her brother's best friend and room / team mate. Bennett finds himself utterly mesmerized by the gorgeous Charlotte but she is fiercely independent and he has had his heartbroken before. Not to mention , there is one hotheaded brother and best friend to consider.....and he's not happy.

Bennett is one of the sweetest heroes ever. He reminded me very much of Ethan Dexter in The Game Plan by Kristen Callihan .Bennett really made this book for me. I liked Charlotte even though I took a little while to warm up to her.Brenda Rothert just writes awesome books!

Kristiej says

4.5 out of 5

I recently went on a hockey romance bender where that genre seemed to be calling me. Then other books calls got louder and I moved on. The hockey romance is calling again though. I'm not sure if it's because they are in the playoffs or not. Though how wrong is it THAT NOT A SINGLE CANADIAN TEAM MADE THE PLAYOFFS? You would think at least the Leafs would have – yes I have a sense of humour. Anyway, this is the second in a new series by Brenda Rothert. I have read many a book of hers and quite enjoyed a number of them.

This is the story of Bennett Morse and Charlotte Holloway. They first meet when Charlotte or 'Charlie' has had a bad day; her boyfriend scooped up a job she was sure was hers, and after work does something very un-Charlie like. She indulges in a one night stand with a hot guy she picks up in a bar. Her one nighter leaves her a note the next morning along with his phone # and letting her know he's like to see her again. Because she feel bad about what she did, it really is amazing how alcohol can lower the inhibitions, she throws out his number without planning on ever contacting him again.

But things don't go as planned and because they had a major miscommunication, it seems as if she now has a wee little bun in the oven and thinks it's only right to let the baby daddy know that he is indeed going to be the baby daddy. But much to her surprise, baby daddy steps up to the plate and wants to be involved. Said baby daddy is hero Bennett Morse, hockey player on a farm team hoping to make the big leagues. While he's been quite the player, and I don't mean just hockey, this major surprise leads to some maturation on his part. Charlie is less than thrilled but reluctantly allows him to be part of things. There is one major problem though. Turns out she is little sister to Bennett's best bud and team mate Liam Holloway. Best bud who is majorly overprotective of his baby sis and a real player himself. Bennett and Charlie don't tell brother Liam that they are expecting a baby together and I found the scenes very cute when Liam goes on about what a douche Charlie's baby daddy is. Since Bennett has really stepped up to the plate, he really is involved but he can't tell Liam because Liam would kill him because Bennett broke the bro code by hooking up with Liam sister, even though Bennett and Charlie didn't clue into the connection until much later.

This book has things in that would normally turn me off. I'm not big on one night stands for example. But after being so unexpectedly blindsided by her now ex, I can understand why Charlie did what she did. And I loved how Bennett really wanted to be there for her. Of course since this is a romance, once they begin spending time with each other and bonding over coming baby, strong feelings began to develop.

I really loved both characters. Charlie is strong and independent and doesn't want to lean on anyone, but slowly allows Bennett into her heart. And Bennett does an excellent job in going from boy to man. Not once does he in any way, shape or form, resent or get angry with Charlie over how his life circumstances change. In fact he is more than willing to make major sacrifices for their future and he becomes a very honourable and noble hero.

I very easily and happily recommend this book to all those who love sports romance. The author even 'gets' the hockey section of the story. Well done Ms. Rothert says I. Well done indeed.

Laurie says

With each book, I fall further under the spell of Brenda Rothert. She creates characters that are by no means perfect, but their hearts and intentions are always good. Bennett is the second book in her On the Line series and is a love story with some of my favorite elements that in Brenda's hands are a powerful story of love and understanding. I defy you to try to put this book down before its end, because these characters and their story will not allow it.

From the get-go, I was in love with this book. Brenda has captured the voices of her characters so perfectly – they feel grounded in the real world. I love hockey stories so much, but here we get to see and understand the struggles of the minor league players, who are playing for the love of the game and not getting much financially. They are riding buses and not flying in team charters. We really get to understand why they keep playing.

Charlotte Holloway is fierce. In the face of so many people in her life attempting to manage her, she does what she believes is best for her. It's in the moments where she pushes back that we get to see the strength of this woman's heart. The joy in this story is witnessing her learn how to share it with the man that is truly worthy of it.

Bennett Morse is a really good man. He bucks the pro-athlete stereotype and we get to see the lengths he would go to be the man that Charlotte would want to spend time with, as well as up his game to get to "The Show". You don't get a choice, but to fall in love with Bennett.

Our social media newsfeeds are clogged with so much vitriol, that you almost need a hazmat suit to read them. It's in these moments that I am most grateful to authors who spread empathy through their stories. One of my favorite things about Brenda Rothert's books is her innate ability to take the most difficult of topics and not only let her readers understand it from personal perspective, but through her words, lend comfort to those who might need it most and more importantly -- let them know they are never alone. We need more of that in our world. Thank you Brenda.

Laurie's Rating: 5+++++++ Stars

Diane Lynch says

4 1/2 of 5 Stars

Brenda Rothert scores with Bennett the second book in the On the Line Series. Twenty-six-year-old Fenway Flyers left winger Bennett Morse has a one-night-stand with attorney Charlotte Holloway. However, one night will not be enough. Bennett is full of unexpected twists. This contemporary sports romance takes place in Fenway, Indiana. It is suitable for new adult and adult audiences.

Brenda Rothert does a great job with her character development. I like Bennett. He is sweet, loyal, caring, and smart. He has some fears from a previous relationship that affect him. I appreciated that Bennett is from Orland Park, Illinois. I am from Chicago. We have family in Orland Park and are often there for the holidays, so it was cool that Bennett spent Christmas in Orland. He has a cool family. Charlotte is a strong heroine. She doesn't want to follow in her mother's relationship footsteps. She doesn't realize that she is nothing like her mother in that respect. She and Bennett have great chemistry.

The plot is well done. The conflict with Bennett's roommate, Liam, was interesting. This story has multiple examples of what can happen with communication breakdowns. I love the scene with the peanut clusters. Bennett is a good man looking out for Charlotte. This is the first book that I have read by Brenda Rothert. I enjoyed her writing style. I will definitely read more books by her in the future and have already picked up some of her previous work.

Complimentary copy provided in exchange for an honest review.

Libby Harrison says

<https://romanticcynicblog.wordpress.c...>

Beware of Spoilers!

Star Ratings:

Heroine (Charlotte): 24? – 3/5

Hero (Bennett): 26yrs old – 4/5

Plot: 3/5

Grovel: none

Cheating: none

HEA: yes with baby

Triggers: some OW drama, suicide (H's old girlfriend)

Average score: 3.5/5

Best Line: *"I was an independent person before I got pregnant, and I still am now. I don't need a man sweeping in to save the day and rescue me from loneliness."*

Worst Line: *"This was just what I needed. A hot, willing woman to get my mind off Charlotte."*

Personal Review:

This was a good pregnancy romance between a recent law graduate and a hockey player.

Random Ramblings

- Liam was an ass for pretending he had a dead wife in order to pick up women
- I didn't get what the big deal was with Liam finding out
- I liked how committed the H was
- I just wanted to scream at the h for all the lies
- Bennett in tears had me crying
- It was refreshing to read a romance where neither the h or H have a lot of money

Overall Feeling:

Liam was a big baby, Charlotte was a coward and Bennett was great!
