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Liza Sutherland isn't looking for love. Not from a charity-auction date she didn't even bid on and especially not with Nationals first baseman Cole Collins, the guy she obsessed over as an awkward teenager. She won't get involved with a notorious player, no matter how attractive Cole is.

Cole Collins is up for contract renegotiation, but after too many late-night parties, he'll need some positive publicity before he can make the roster. His agent, Frank, pitches Liza as the perfect prop...only Cole didn't account for Liza no longer being just a teenager with a crush. She's gorgeous and smart and he's instantly hooked.

When Frank makes Liza a deal she can't refuse—a bet she will fall in love with Cole or a cool half mil goes to charity—the game is on. But neither bet on the real feelings that surface. Could a fake fling turn into an official forever?

## **The Practice Proposal Details**

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## From Reader Review The Practice Proposal for online ebook

### Glass says

Review posted on Way Too Hot Books

The Practice Proposal by Tracy March is perfect novel for all of you who like good romance involving good girl and womanizing sports player. Bad boy will see everything wrong in his previous relationships and good girl will find her inner bad girl. A little bit predictable, but that is not a bad thing when it comes to this type of novels - that is exactly why we read them and what we want.

If you are fan of Jaci Burton and her Play by Play series like me, you will love The Practice Proposal. Only difference is the cover - Burton's novels have those "let me lick your body - everywhere" covers. The Practice Proposal is tamer comparing to them, but story is even better, so please, hurry and pick up your copy of this novel - you can find Amazon and Barnes & Noble links in this post.

The storyline. Really, really good. There are no loose ends, maybe I would like that some things were written differently in the end, but Tracy March is woman who knows how to get you interested. Being woman herself, I believe that she knows what is one of the biggest fantasies every one of us has and she used it. Do you remember that boy you not-so-secretly liked when you were teenager? And he acted like your friend or he didn't notice you at all because you were this awkward creature with braces, pimples or no feminine curves at all? Wouldn't you just love to meet him today and let him see what did he miss? Make him beg for your attention? Yep, that fantasy!

Characters. Those of you who know me are familiar with my lack of patience for goodie two shoes/virgins/naive female characters. No, she is not virgin (thank you God), but Liza is good girl who obviously isn't aware of her appearance and how it affects opposed sex. Why did I like her? Because she is smart and independent. Cole is your typical sports player with everything that goes with that - parties and one night stands, but he is not jerk and (again, thank you God) he thinks about consequences of his actions. Don't let me start about all the reasons this man will make you swoon like sixteen year old One Direction groupie.

What are you waiting for? Read this book as soon as possible and tell us what you think. In the end, I would like to say just one more thing.

Dear Tracy, thank you for this super sweet story and I wish you lot of good books and 5-stars ratings.

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### Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

4.5 Stars

This is one of those books that I saw the publisher's blurb on Facebook and I raced to buy it. I'm a sucker for any book with a baseball theme, I can't help it. I know there are readers out there that are huge football, hockey, and basketball followers but for me, it's always been baseball. This is a new to me author so I wasn't sure what to expect, but after reading The Practice Proposal I know for a fact I'll be checking out the other

offerings of Tracy March because this book is a homerun on a stick swirled in chocolate!

Liza Sutherland has endured what most people never want to face, her fiancé was gunned down in the line of duty and she hasn't dated since. She's fine with her life but her mother thinks otherwise and buys her a charity auction date with her teenage crush and now starting player for the Washington Nationals, Cole Collins. Cole has his own set of problems, his bad boy player reputation has caught up with him and he's in danger of not being picked up for next season. His agent sees the charity date as a chance for Cole to clean up his act, but Cole has his own reasons for not wanting to rekindle a friendship or anything else with Liza. Too bad fate jumps in and hands them both something they don't think they are ready for or want.

From start to finish this book had me enthralled and yes, while there was some baseball involved including a pennant race and World Series, baseball was not really the main focus. These characters just jumped off the page and into my heart. They both have dealt with some pretty big blows in their lifetime and despite that they are pretty normal well adjusted people. That's not to say they don't have their insecurities or hang ups, but they really work towards not letting them get in their own way. I love how from their first date, they hop right back to the closeness they shared as teenagers. Liza has a way of keeping Cole's ego in check and calling him out and it was cute and fun to watch. I like that she sees him just as a guy not the superstar athlete he is. I like her even more for the way she gets him to open up and share his past and the way she accepts all of him. When Cole realizes something is holding Liza back, he confronts her and then sets out to help her deal with her grief. I love that he doesn't pressure her and that he understands she needs to sort out her conflicting feelings. While he has some stellar and very romantic moments in this book, there is one scene that left me crying my eyes out and convinced me that he is one hell of a guy.

While this is a romance there is a lot of other things going on that make this book completely intriguing. There is past deceit, secret deals, returning bad influences, not to mention a pennant race between two rival teams with the hero and heroine on opposite sides. However, I can't deny that watching these two work their way through everything wasn't beyond satisfying. If ever two people deserved happiness, it is Cole and Liza. I also enjoyed all the supporting characters and their role in helping them find their happily ever after.

I highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a good romance, regardless if you like baseball or not. The Practice Proposal is one of those books that will have you laughing, crying, and cheering sometimes all in the same scene. It will most definitely touch your heartstrings and give you the same feeling you get when your team heads to the World Series two years in a row...yes, it's really is that amazing!

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### **Tessamari ♥Many Waters...♥ ~ Sweet Spot Book Blog says**

Three Stars

Quick impromptu read. Can't resist a hot baseball player. Cute, predictable, but it was far from a *home run* .

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### **KAS says**

If you are in the mood for a light-hearted, feel good romance, look no further. I really enjoyed it. I am also a sports fan, so the fact the main character is a hottie baseball player was a bonus ;) This was also my first Tracy March read and was impressed with her writing style and how quickly she drew me into the storyline

and kept my interest throughout. Quite the fast-paced little gem!

Liza Sutherland wins a night out with Cole Collins, an All-Star first baseman. She is freaked out because she didn't even enter the silent auction and has no desire to date, ever again! Turns out it was her mother who entered her name in the drawing. For good reason, Liza's mother desperately desires for her to get back out there and start dating again! The "reason" adds a lot to the storyline, IMHO, so no spoilers here.

Cole is a player both on and off the field. He is the black sheep of his baseball team, and is always in the news concerning his bad boy behavior due to all the partying with his long list of women, particularly the Victoria Secret model variety. It has been years since he laid eyes on Liza, the gangly 'all knees and elbows' teenage girl, wearing braces no less, who would go all gaga over him when she would come and watch him play at the summer camps her father held every year for promising young players. Cole knows he needs to be seen out and about with this well respected, virtuous woman to shake off his playboy image. He hopes she sticks around long enough after their first "auction date" to revive his career and get him through contract negotiations. At least for his sake, Liza looks nothing like the mousy girl of yesteryear!

A definite second chance romance! Glad I was given the opportunity to read it.

\*I received this book, via Netgalley, in exchange for an honest review\*

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### **Jen says**

#### **2.5 REALLY Slow Moving Stars**

Hmmm, well...at least it didn't take long to read. I don't believe I've ever started a review off quite like that, to be honest. It was also an entirely painless read void of any drama whatsoever. Unfortunately there en lies the problem.

I suppose a little back story's needed here. Liza's had a rough couple of years. Her fiancé was killed in the line of duty and she's resigned herself to never finding love again. Cole's an all star first baseman who's become more famous for his exploits off the field than for his solid play on the field. In his early years Cole attended baseball camps put on by Liza's father and the two became friends, albeit with Liza developing a good sized crush on Cole. When a date with Cole is offered at a silent charity auction, Liza's mother takes the opportunity to bid on behalf of Liza with the hope that Liza will finally start dating again and possibly reconnect with her teenage crush. Cole's overly involved agent pushes Cole to start publicly dating Liza because, after all, that will magically improve Cole's public image and that lucrative new contract will be his. After turning down a second date with Cole, that same agent offers Liza a \$500,000 donation to the charity she works for if she can date Cole for 2 months and *not* manage to fall in love with him. What's she have to loose? Kind of like a convoluted game of romance chicken with the proceeds going to charity! Here's the kicker; either Cole or Liza's aware of the deal the other's made.

For as unbelievable as this premise is, there's little to no drama in this book and the only action takes place on the baseball field. There's a seemingly endless amount of internal monologues where the characters have long, involved conversations with themselves but very little interaction between the two. Even when she thinks he cheated on her, the conversation basically boils down to "It's understandable how that was taken out of context. I believe you. Darn that twitter!" **Come on, people! Someone please just raise your voice or emote something! I dare you!**

She feels guilty about moving on and he realizes he's looking for a serious relationship with Liza instead of the parade of models and one night stands that's become his norm. They both know they need to set the other straight on the circumstances leading up to the beginning of the relationship, but instead of talking to each other they keep going around and around in their own heads. Then they go over and over these facts internally until I thought about screaming, just to break up the monotony. She does eventually open up about her fiancé and he explains a little more about his difficult childhood but that's it.

Unfortunately I never felt any kind of connection, romantic or otherwise, between Liza and Cole except a companionable friendship. The addition of a non-closed door love scene or two might've helped. There are past issues involving Liza's parents and Cole, but that proved unnecessarily boring as well. The eventual drama when Cole and Liza discover the other's "deal" came and went and by the end I simply felt...blah.

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### **Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says**

Reviewed for Read Your Writes Book Reviews  
by Kim  
[www.readyourwrites.blogspot.com](http://www.readyourwrites.blogspot.com)

I was looking for a comfort read and a book to make me enjoy reading again and I found both in THE PRACTICE PROPOSAL by Tracy March.

Liza Sutherland is a twenty-seven-year old who is "happily" living in her own little self sustained bubble. She's happy to watch her beloved Orioles, co-owned by her parents, and work for BADD (Be Aware of the Dangers of Doping) Athletes Foundation, founded by her mother. For the past two years her parents, John and Sylvia Sutherland, her best friend Paige, baseball, and BADD have been her life. She doesn't date and she isn't interested in it, after the death of the love of her life, Wes.

Cole Collins is the playboy of MLB. At twenty nine, Cole is the Nationals' All-Star first baseman, who by all appearances has everything a man could want. Cole has a great career, dates actresses and models, and women everywhere adore him. For the past seven years, Cole has overcome a lot and fought hard to get where he is. But something is missing. He is on the cusp of having the Nationals award him a very lucrative contract. Problem... His wild ways have just caught up with him, in the form of his recent arm accessory and him driving drunk, with her having drugs in her purse.

Liza and Cole originally met each other eleven years previously, when Cole was one of the boys attending BADD's summer baseball camp. They struck up a good friendship. In fact, Cole was Liza's teenage crush. Cole looked at Liza's parents as the parents he never had. To him, they were his family, until it became time for Cole to get drafted into MLB and something went wrong.

This time around, Liza and Cole come together in what I can only say is destiny. This is the story of two people who start off using the other for gain, but somewhere in the process find the missing piece in their lives. These two have emotional baggage, but together they overcome it.

Pace of the story: Perfect!!!!

Positives: The characters are ALL likeable if not loveable. Liza and Cole make a great team and couple. Cole is a great guy despite his past. He does simple romance like no one else. And when the guy proposes, he does it like no one has ever done before.

Negatives: Are you kidding? There AREN'T any!

Do I Recommend the book: Heck yeah.

Bottom Line: Tracy hit it out of the ballpark with this book. She even threw in a curveball, for good measure. (Puns intended.) You might need a tissue or two. I can't wait to read more of this series.

Source: NetGalley

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## **Romancing the Book says**

Reviewed by Rachel

Book provided by the publisher for review

Review originally posted at Romancing the Book

Take me out to the ballgame!

Tracy March really hits this one out of the park! The reader is immediately sucked into the life of Liza Sutherland, baseballs sweetheart and all around girl next door. She's mourning the loss of her fiance and the last thing she wants is to hook up with her childhood crush. But manipulative family ALWAYS get their way. Soon she finds herself on a date with the very man who's eyes she could never forget—Cole.

Liza's character is so beautifully written and well rounded. She had the perfect combination of sassy and quirky. Because of her past relationship with Cole, her constant dialogue with him was so easy and fun that I found myself grinning the entire time I read the book! She wasn't EVER too whiny or unlikeable. I rooted for her and genuinely felt like I could feel where she was coming from.

Cole has been a player for far too long. He needs to settle down, his manager demands it. Enter in Liza, and his world is thrown upside down. She gets him, and since he has no family, that he knows of, he really needs someone like her.

I FELL HARD for Cole. His playfulness was hilariously addicting and I couldn't help but fall for his cocky attitude. It wasn't overdone. He was confident and charming.

There were a few really cool twists in the story that I did not see coming. A few were abrupt but then again it was a shorter story so I get how it needed to happen where it did.

All in all a very sweet read with basically no cursing or open door sex which was another shock! Well done Miss March!

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## Amy R says

The Practice Proposal is such a fun story. I had a tough time pulling myself away from it and am now ready for baseball season to start! Tracy's writing is smooth, the plot moved along at a good pace and her descriptions of people and places makes you feel like you are right there in the story with the characters.

In The Practice Proposal we meet Cole Collins, a major league baseball player for the Washington Nationals and Liza Sutherland, the daughter of the owners of the Baltimore Orioles. Cole and Liza had met when they were teens and Liza had quite a crush on Cole at that time. Now they are grown up and it has been years since they have talked. Because of Cole's agent, Frank Price, the two are thrown together for a romance that neither Cole or Liza really expects to happen.

Tracy sure had me on the emotional roller coaster in this book. Both Cole and Liza have some past issues they need to deal with and it seems they are the only ones that can help each other out. I found my heart breaking and even shed a couple of tears for both of them at times. Cole and Liza also had fun and entertaining times together in which I found myself laughing out loud with them. When they forgot about the reason they were in this relationship, Cole and Liza were focused on each other, and the relationship was easy and fell into place. We don't get to read a lot of books about easy going relationships so it was refreshing. There were no overly dramatic elements that you would roll your eyes at and I loved that about Cole and Liza.

The rivalry between Cole playing for the Nationals and Liza cheering for the Orioles was a big part of the book and so much fun. If you are a baseball fan you will really enjoy that about this book. I enjoyed the secondary characters in the story, especially Liza's friend Paige. I hope there is a book in the future about her because she is a little spitfire and definitely entertains.

The Practice Proposal is a sweet romantic read. Tracy is an author that I will be checking out again in the future for sure. I highly recommend The Practice Proposal to anyone looking for a fun, flirty, heartwarming read about family, friends, and love.

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## Vijetha says

### ***2.5 confused Stars!!***

*I didn't know what to expect from this one. From the blurb I had thought Cole would be a player who would mend his ways because of Liza. But that didn't happen here. Cole was like a kid in a shiny candy factory who is totally charmed by everything but at the same time gullible and naive.*

*He was constantly complaining and Frank was more of a babysitter to this so called heartthrob! I really didn't like the uncertainty and immaturity in Cole. I wish the author had given him more credibility!*

*I was more interested in Wes in this book, and considering he was dead that's saying something.*

*As for Liza, I didn't have any particular problem with her, but she was impressionable and easily let others cloud her opinions. She was like a yo-yo with her thoughts.*

*All in all I felt like this book took me tightrope walking and left me in the middle. And I didn't really like the supporting characters as well, Paige, Liza's parents , Frank just seemed cut and pasted into the story rather than written into it.*

*I don't want to continue my rant on this book, but I'll just conclude saying I would like to give the author another chance because her writing style was good, but this story was mediocre to the best.*

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### **Lily (Night Owl Book Cafe) says**

I have to say even though I am not a fan of baseball nor do I watch it, I still very much enjoyed The Practice Proposal and it's sweet plot.

After winning a charity-auction date she didn't even bid on, Liza Sutherland ends up on a date with her families rival teams baseman Cole Collins – a boy who she used to obsess over when the two were teenagers. Cole is a playboy who manages to get involved with the wrong women at the wrong time, and get caught by paparazzi while doing so. With his Nationals contract and future on the line, Frank, Cole's agent suggests Cole to settle-down – with Liza being the perfect woman. Too bad she is no longer a teenager but a smart, beautiful woman that he cannot help but find himself attached.

When his first attempt fails, Frank steps into the mix by offering Liza five hundred thousand dollars towards her charity if she goes out with Cole until the end of the season. But she would only get the money if she doesn't fall in love with Cole by the end of their agreement.

The Practice Proposal was a wonderful story, I loved the plot and I thoroughly enjoyed the characters who were perfect in their own ways even with their own flaws. Cole the playboy who wasn't sure that he could settle-down with anyone until he reignited the passion with a girl from his past and Liza, who had already last once a man she fell in love with. They were addictive not to fall in love with both of them, and it was easy to root for both Cole and Liza till the very end. Cole was wonderful to Liza and the lengths he went to win her heart and sweep her off her feet was as sweet as it was swoon worthy.

I liked the attraction and the history between Cole and Liza. I also enjoyed the bit of mystery of what had happened between Cole and Liza's parents. Growing up poor, Cole ended up in Liza's dad's camp, fortunate enough to get funding from an anonymous donor. He was supposed to be drafted by Liza's dad's team when the Nationals drafted him first. Cole's relationship with Frank was also a bit shocking, but I am glad for his happy

ending.

Both of them made deals that could cost them their hearts and you cannot help but wonder how it would all come out. The ending was a bit sad, joyful and completely rewarding! I didn't need to know or enjoy baseball in order to enjoy this little gem!

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### **Julie (Manga Maniac Cafe) says**

3.5 to 4 stars

Review:

I was attracted to this title for two reasons: it's a second chance at love trope, and because hero Cole is a baseball player. I have to say, when the story starts out, our Cole is not very heroic. In fact, he's pretty much a sleaze bag. His contract with the Nationals is in its last season, and he desperately wants to remain on the team. His behavior, however, is putting the contract renewal in jeopardy. His date with a Hollywood starlet ended in disaster, with her being busted for possession and arrested. Cole was drunk, but thankfully, he doesn't abuse illegal narcotics, so he got off with an embarrassing headline in the newspapers and the dismay of the Nats front office. The team is big on family values and keeping everyone's noses clean, and Cole's unruly behavior is frowned upon.

At the advice of his agent, an aggressive, wormy kind of guy, he agrees to go out with Liza Sutherland for the rest of the season. If she'll have anything to do with him, that is. Liza's mother runs a charity for disadvantaged boys, and through generous donations, helps send talented youngsters to baseball camps, where they can develop their talents. They also preach about the dangers of professional players doping to enhance their performance. Cole has donated a date to the organization's charity fundraiser, and Liza is mortified when she discovers that her mother is the high bidder – and that Liza is expected to go on the date. Digging in her heels, she protests that she's still not over her fiancé, a Secret Service agent who was killed in the line of duty. Her mother lays on the guilt trip, and Liza is forced to acquiesce. She doesn't want to see Cole again. When she was a teen, she had a monster crush on him, and she stalked him when he attended the baseball camp that her father, a retired pro player, ran.

Sparks don't exactly fly when Liza and Cole are reunited. Liza thinks Cole is a player, and she's not about the fall for the gorgeous baseball star. Cole is only seeking brownie points for his contract negotiation. To the surprise of both, they enjoy their evening out, but Liza isn't ready for any kind of commitment, so she shoots him down when he asks her out again. Then Frank, Cole's meddling agent, approaches Liza with a deal to keep Cole out of trouble and dating her. If she'll continue to go out with him until the end of the season, and if she doesn't fall in love with him, Frank will donate half a mil to the charity. Liza is torn – she works for the charity and loves developing the summer camps. She hates fundraising, and she is woefully behind her goal for the year. She doesn't want to hit her parents up for the the difference, and she already feels defensive around her coworkers because her mother runs the charity and they think she has it easy working there. Woe is Liza! What will she do! That money will help so many needy boys! Yes, yes, yes, she will sign that deal with the devil, despite her reservations.

After Liza signed the contract with Frank, I didn't think Cole was such a sleaze. Sure, he's continuing to see Liza for purely selfish reasons, but Liza isn't completely without guilt. They are dating each other under false pretenses. Cole wants a new contract with the only family he has, and Liza is too proud to ask for her

parents' help with her fund raising goals. I honestly didn't want to like either one of them, but to my dismay, I did. As the story progressed, I began to understand how important a successful outcome was to both of them, and I grudgingly began to sympathize with them. I know! I have often been accused of being gullible. Guilty as charged.

Though *The Practice Proposal* is a quick, easy read and doesn't break any new ground, the story kept me engaged. The round of baseball games got a little repetitive, but the rivalry between Liza's favorite team, the Orioles (which her parents are co-owners of) and Cole's Nats, was fun. As both teams progress through the playoffs, Liza's loyalties are tested. Does she root for her parents' team, or for Cole's? Since baseball was a big part of the story, it was fun to see Liza's Go O's slowly change to Go Nats!

As Cole's motivation for wanting to stay with the Nats began to make sense to me, I started to understand why he was willing to resort to such desperate measures as to string Liza along. When he started falling for her for real, I wondered how he would ever convince her that his feelings were on the up and up after she discovered his deception. She's finally ready to move on after Wes' tragic death, and the guy she's falling for is being harassed into dating her by his obnoxious agent. Ugh! That's not going to go over well!

While the ending is a little too tidy, getting there was more emotional than I expected. Cole's special seventh inning stretch had me kind of choked up. That's when I finally believed that he was for real. Who declares their feelings for someone in front of forty-two thousand of their closest friends? It took a lot of guts to pull that off, and it's one of the most romantic proposals I can remember reading. Two thumbs up for Cole!

*The Practice Proposal* is another great read that I recommend tossing in your beach bag. Entangled seems to be pitching out quite a few summer friendly reads, and if they keep this up, they will be my go to publisher when I'm looking for a light, satisfying and emotional read.

Grade: B

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## **Autumn Review says**

Oh my goodness...I loved this book. I'll start by saying that I am an absolute sucker for baseball players, so this book was right up my alley. *The Practice Proposal* was so sweet and exactly what I look for in a short read.

Despite the length, I got a full story. I absolutely loved these characters. I almost always love the male characters more than the females, but in this one, I loved Liza too. She is such a solid character. She's likable, smart, and is cautious about getting involved with Cole. Now, Liza has known Cole from the time they were teens. They met while Cole was training in her father's baseball camp. Liza had a huge crush on Cole, who was just starting his career. Of course, Cole didn't reciprocate those feelings at the time, but now...he wants Liza.

When Liza's mom get her a date with Cole through a charity function, it's set a plan in motion. Frank, Cole's agent, also has an ideal to bring this couple together. Cole needs to clean up his image and Liza needs money for her foundation. So with Frank suggesting a game plan to both of them separately, Cole and Liza's relationship starts off based on the ideal that they will both get something out of a relationship. But the thing

is, they really did fall in love. It was perfect.

There is more to the background of each character, which I enjoyed learning about and there was even a surprise that I honestly didn't see coming. I also liked Paige, Liza's friend and I'm hoping she gets a story of her own. Of course, I'm hoping that she meets one of Cole's yummy baseball player pals. \*winks\*

Overall, I loved this book. I flew through it within a few hours and loved every minute of the story. With likable characters and a sweet story, The Practice Proposal was certainly a home run for me. If you're looking for a short, sweet, romantic read, check this one out!

Quotes:

~While he's been working at stealing home, she has quietly stolen his heart.-Loc 2389

~"And just so you know," he said, "if you're ever thinking about it sometime...from the moment I got to know the real Liza, and every second since, I've wanted you to be my wife."

He took a deep breath and exhales loudly. "And not because of a contract." His pulse thrummed in his ears. "I don't want a new contract if I can't have you."-Loc 2722

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## **Kassiah says**

### **4 stars.**

My full review, including quotes, can be found on the [Pretty Sassy Cool](#).

The daughter of a famed baseball player, Liza Sutherland has grown up around the sport her whole life. When her mother enters a charity auction bid in Liza's name for a date, she's less than thrilled. Liza's still reeling from the death of her fiancé and isn't looking for love, even with her childhood crush, Cole Collins. Before he became the bad-boy baseball superstar he is today, he attended Liza's dad's baseball camp, and the two struck up a friendship. Being raised by a single mother (and then his grandmother), Cole's been through a lot and has a reputation for being a party boy. In an effort to shed his image, Cole's manager tells him it's time to settle down (or at least make it appear that he's settling down), and Liza's the perfect candidate. She's not interested in dating, but when Cole's manager offers a generous donation to the charitable organization that she works for—exceeding her fundraising goals and securing her job—she agrees to go out with Cole. Neither of them count on their relationship becoming real, and neither of them wants the other to find out about the initial arrangements that got them together in the first place. You guys all know this story—the bad boy player falls for the good girl and they live happily ever after, right?

Right. But here's the thing about this story: even though the storyline is somewhat cliché, I still loved it. There are some definite twists and turns and a little mystery thrown in to the mix. It's a fun, sweet story, with a sexy boy and a girl I found myself rooting for.

I loved the anticipation in this story. You should remember that the Entangled Bliss titles are Fade to Black, so there's nothing explicit, but it's still hot. The writing was great, the story was sweet, and I think you'll like it. I loved the proposal(s), I loved Cole (and Liza), and I loved his tweets.

My main complaint about this book (besides the fact that I wouldn't have minded not fading to black) is the ending. I wish there was a little bit more. I hate it when the conflict is resolved and then just... the end.

Regardless, I still loved *The Practice Proposal* and think you will, too.

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### **Anne OK says**

Spring arrived and I was ready for some baseball – or more preferably a good baseball romance. And along came a new-to-me-author inviting me out to the ballgame. It was a winner even though it included a few strikeouts and some foul balls.

Cole and Liza met as youngsters. She crushed on him but he didn't see her as anything more than a camp friend. Over the years, they lost touch. Now he's a hot-shot baseball player with some major image problems. She's grown into a beauty with a perfect image. His agent thinks she's the answer to his problems. And wham, we're at the ballpark with all the bases loaded. Of course, there's some heat thrown, as well as several real zingers to keep fans on their feet. Will Cole and Liza get their homerun?

All in all, I had a fun day at the ballpark.

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### **Anna's Herding Cats says**

Well I am just completely smitten. Absolutely and utterly. I adored *The Practice Proposal*, Cole and Liza and everything about them. So I'm gonna gush a bit and I'm gonna shake my fist at Tracy March at the same time because the woman put me in a reading funk like you wouldn't believe! 5 whole days I couldn't pick up another book after finishing *The Practice Proposal*. 5 days and 8 book attempts and nothing doing. And still, I had a smile on my face the whole time because it was just that great of a read.

This was one of those books that just made me... happy. It was a fun read that kept me smiling and really put me in a good mood. There's not a ton of drama, even though both of the main characters, Cole and Liza, are keeping some pretty big secrets. There are some outside meddlers keeping both of them mum on what their real motives are for being in a relationship. Basically, she's been promised a huge donation to her charity camp if she can keep from really falling in love with him and he desperately needs an image redo and someone to make him look a bit more... wholesome to the people who own his baseball team.

One of the things I loved about this one was that the hero isn't some big alpha jerk or running from his feelings and the heroine isn't a damsel in distress that needs a man to save her from her life. She's a little broken after losing her fiance years earlier but she's a strong woman who has goals and a life of her own. They're both people you can respect and that you can imagine actually being friends with and not wanting to throttle them every two seconds.

There are some really cute moments that made me snort and others that made me sigh in romance bliss as these two people went about getting to know each other in all manner of ways from campfire weenie roasts to "baseball pie wars".

"Haven't you ever seen *Cupcake Wars*? It's like that, but with pie."

Liza was waiting for the punch line, and Cole looked as though he was trying not to laugh.  
"You're serious?" she asked, imagining the horror she might create considering she was

chronically kitchen-challenged.

"What? Are you afraid of a little friendly competition?" Paige teased.

"No," Liza said quickly. "I just hate to embarrass him."

Cole laughed and smoothed his hand up and down her back. "I'm not too worried about that."

"Whatever," Liza said, enjoying the sturdy feel of his touch. "You'd be wise not to judge me based on one flaming wiener."

Paige raised one eyebrow. "I'm not sure I want to know what that means."

"Considering we're in your kitchen," Cole said, "and you're letting Liza cook, I'm guessing you don't." He flashed Liza a knowing smile, and her heart fluttered.

"I think I might," Paige teased. "But I'm willing to risk it. There's a fire extinguisher mounted right there on the wall. Feel free to use it when you need to."

I loved the two of them and how easy they were with each other. He's sexy and sweet and had a bit of an obsession with Twitter. I'm not much for Twitter myself but omg I just loved his tweets to her. He was just such a cutie. And she's just a delightful heroine. You could see the big explosion coming from the start but even so it was just a great experience getting to the big "oh no you didn't!".

Okay, so I do have one complaint...the heat level...everything was completely fade to black. I know that's expected from the Bliss line but a little more heat would have made for an even better read for me. Yall know I love my steamy reads so it's really something that one with so little actual sexy page time got such a high rating from me. That like never happens.

If you're looking for a fun, sweet read The Practice Proposal would be an excellent pick. I swear, I'm still smiling over this one which is why it's gotten one of our "pick of the litter" awards. Definitely looking forward to seeing more of what March has to offer in the future.

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