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Anything can happen on an island with the one who got away...

Fame, fortune and a sexy-as-hell swagger make famous hockey player Mac McCaskill nearly irresistible to Rory Kydd. They shared a searing-hot *almost* kiss years before. But now that she's been contracted as his physical therapist, she's determined to keep things professional. She keeps her hands to herself—until she and Mac are isolated on his private tropical retreat during a raging storm...

Mac never forgot how Rory made his blood burn. He wants the kiss they never had...and much more. But once the storm ends, so does the fantasy. Will the connection they found in paradise survive the real world?

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Susan says

Good second chance story. Years earlier, Mac had been a hotshot young hockey player, dating Rory's sister. Rory had been attracted to him, but 1) he was dating her sister and 2) she doesn't trust men, especially players like Mac. When he shows up to her sister's apartment, looking for Shay, they have a near kiss that is witnessed by her sister. Mac had come looking for Shay to apologize for comments caught by a live mike, and instead made things even worse. It took months for Rory and Shay to repair their relationship, and Rory still hasn't forgotten what happened with Mac. Now Mac needs a physiotherapist and Rory is the best there is. Can they get past their history and work together?

I liked both Mac and Rory, but they certainly had some serious issues working against them. Mac has commitment issues thanks to the way his mother treated him. He was never good enough for anything as far as she was concerned. She never gave him any kind of support or encouragement for his dreams, and as a result he has always depended solely on himself. He refuses to give any woman the power to make him need something from her. Rory had grown up with a father who was a serial cheater and a mother who always took him back. Added to what happened between she and Mac, she doesn't believe that any man is capable of an honest relationship.

When Mac is injured it is imperative that he get better as quickly as possible without anyone knowing what has happened. If his injury becomes public knowledge it could have disastrous consequences for the team and the plans that he and his friends have for it. Rory is the best one for the job, but she has reservations about accepting it. Not the least of those reservations is the attraction she still has for him. Mac is also still attracted to her and intent on pursuing it.

I loved the relationship that built between them, though neither would admit that it is a relationship. The sparks between them are explosive. Hiding out in a tropical getaway while she helps him heal Rory tries to keep things professional but the heat won't be denied. They are also both very stubborn people. Mac is sure that he can make his deadline if he just pushes a little harder. Rory's business is knowing what the body needs, and she knows if he pushes too hard he could end his career. There is a major confrontation between the two when their attitudes towards his recovery clash, with each of them having their worst fears realized. I liked seeing Mac realize what he had done and take steps to fix it. Over the next few weeks they get to know each other and their feelings grow. They have one last hurdle to face, confronting their fears before they can have the future they both want. One of the things I liked best is that it wasn't a jump to a perfect relationship, but an admission by both of them that it will still take work to make it succeed. I'm looking forward to seeing them in future books.

I liked his friends/partners Kade and Quinn also. Their determination to make their dream come true is fantastic. I liked seeing the story of what they are trying to accomplish and how they are going about it. The stress they are all under is obvious, but so is the teamwork that can make it happen. I'm looking forward to reading their stories.

BookFairy says

I love Joss's books. this series i love that the hero has to convince the heroine. Strong female, characters that are beautifully flawed. love it

Cheryl says

Fist book in a new series about Mac the hockey star on the Mavericks who injures himself. Of course the best physiotherapist is an old exs sister who Mac wanted 10 years ago but couldn't have her. Now ten years older we get to see their relationship develop. Looking forward to book two.

E.A. Turley says

Trapped with the Maverick Millionaire by Joss Wood.

3 out of 5 stars.

The first book of a set of three, this was a reminder to me of the reasons I used to like reading a good Mills and Boon story every now and then. In the past, I think Mills and Boon were known as nothing but a joke to some people, they always seemed to be the butt of classless jokes simply because of the genre they represent, but I can tell you now that times have changed, as have the updated material.

This set of three is about a trio of ice hockey heroes that are players in more than one way, until love finds them. The first book is centred around Mac and Rory, who first met years ago when Mac was dating Rory's sister but dumped her in the worst possible way.

As usual, both have their issues to contend with, although Mac's main one is to recover from an arm injury that he's suffered. Rory is the best sport's physiotherapist around and is called in by Mac's friends to treat him in private, as they can't afford to let the press hear about the gravity of the injury. He might never play again. Because this is a more contemporary romance, it's very easy to relate to most of the things in this book and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I've already got book two to read as well.

I'd recommend this book to all that enjoy a straightforward contemporary romance.

Nicole says

This was a decent story. It was a fairly quick read. It had some room to add more detail and seemed to jump forward in time without much transition, so all of a sudden it was weeks later. It kind of gave me whiplash to make the jumps, but it had a nice ending that wasn't too abrupt. I love books about hockey players, so that was a definite draw.

Elaine Fike says

Another solid romantic tale from Joss' pen.

Time is short and the stakes are high.

Mac's future and those of his business partners lie in Rory's hands.
Can she make peace with the past?
Will he honour their agreement?
A pleasant tale of love and duty. Mistakes and forgiveness. Time and place.

Maria Rose says

This review appears as a blog post at Harlequin Junkie: <http://harlequinjunkie.com/review-tr...>

In this first story in the From Maverick to Married series, Mac and Rory have a history, but not one of being lovers. Instead, Mac used to date Rory's sister and on the night he famously dumped her via an 'oops, did the microphone pick that up?' conversation with a few of his teammates, it spelled the end of any friendship that might have gone further under different circumstances. Now it's ten years later, and Mac is nursing a hockey injury that may prove to be his downfall, unless he can get some serious treatment. Enter Rory, a professional physiotherapist. Though she thought her attraction to her older sister's ex-boyfriend would be long gone by now, that isn't the case and in close proximity, Mac makes it clear that he wouldn't be averse to exploring a relationship with her. On a stormy island retreat for his recovery, they give into that passion for each other. But when they're back home once again, can they make the fantasy into reality?

This is my first story by Joss Wood and definitely won't be my last. The story starts out making it clear that Mac and Rory's sister were never suited to one another, though her finding that out via a media frenzy would make anyone look bad. Mac certainly didn't do it to hurt her, and when he comes to search her out, he finds Rory instead. They've always had an attraction to each other that they denied as he was involved with her sister, but now that he's free, it could be a possibility. When they're discovered in an almost kiss by her sister, it leads to a whole other mess as Rory, her sister and Mac all deal with the fallout. Regrets on Rory and Mac's side are huge, and for some time Rory and her sister are estranged. Fortunately as time goes by, things find their way to a new normal. Rory's sister meets someone else and gets married, Mac continues playing hockey and being a big-time player (of the female companion variety), and Rory devotes herself to her studies and her eventual job as a physiotherapist. When they meet up again 10 years later, Rory has her work cut out for her as Mac is no longer the young twenty-something hockey player who can easily recover from injury. What he has is career threatening, if he doesn't follow his doctor's advice, and that of his new physio, Rory.

I liked both the characters. Even though the circumstances at the beginning might make it look like Rory and Mac are dubious in character, it's really not the case and they never crossed any lines. They've grown up too, and though the attraction they had before was perhaps somewhat juvenile, it's definitely not that way now. They share some sexy scenes together. Rory worries about how her sister will feel when she finds out, and tries to think of a way to keep things private. Being known as the sister of the woman from the infamous breakup will mean paparazzi attention as Mac is quite a well known and highly watched player. Plus, if it gets out that his injury is more serious, it could spell trouble for the team and his two friends (former Maverick hockey players, and who will be the focus of the next books in the series). Rory must decide if a relationship with Mac will be worth those risks. Mac is a bit stubborn, and definitely not used to someone giving him advice on what he can and can't do. He has trouble taking Rory's advice and she gets naturally frustrated when he pushes himself beyond the limits she's set for him, with regards to his treatment and recovery. But Mac realizes Rory's concern for him is genuine and does work towards balancing her advice

with his determination to get back on the ice.

I enjoyed the background setting of the series, the behind the scenes look at the running of the Vancouver Mavericks and the scenes on the ice. The three friends – Mac, Kade and Quinn have some great banter together and are obviously close. The team's success is in all their best interests as they have personal and business reasons for their involvement, and decisions about the team's future weigh heavily on their minds. Overall, I found this story delivered what I hoped for – a hockey themed sexy romance with secondary characters I want to know more about.

Note: a copy of this story was provided by the publisher for review.

Terri Hebert says

Love this book. Can't wait for the next one. Great job Joss Wood.

Harlequin Books says

"This exciting, well-planned introduction to the From Mavericks to Married series shows alpha hockey stars meeting their matches. Mac and Rory are melt-the-ice hot, and their passion comes across via dynamic writing and honest dialogue" (4 stars @ RT Book Reviews).

Miniseries: From Mavericks to Married

Susan says

I won this book through Goodreads. really enjoyed this book. A great summer read and a nice enjoyable storyline.
