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*Love may be just a game, but to the baseball players in Jennifer Seasons' sexy Diamonds and Dugouts series—they're playing for keeps!*

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## Stealing Home Details

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### Keith says

Yes - I read a tacky romance novel. It was free on my Nook and I thought - why not!

It wasn't as bad as I thought it might be :-)

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### Marian says

I really, really enjoyed this book! This was one of those books that at around 1am, there was this part that struck me so funny, I'm giggling and couldn't stop, all the while hoping I didn't wake my husband.

Lorelei Littleton will do ANYTHING to save a beloved family member. Including taking a woman's story about her scoundrel ex-husband at face value and agree to break into his home to steal one of his most prized possessions.

Only she didn't expect that the picture that was painted for her would seem so different from the reality.

But it was too late. Because she was already in too deep. And her reasons too important. She has to succeed, no matter the cost.

Mark "the wall" Cutter. Major league baseball's hottest catcher. After his divorce, he's gotten rather used to an endless stream of mindless, faceless, no strings attached women. But lately he finds he's a bit bored with his lifestyle. That's when he notices Lorelei. And gets the rug pulled out from under him.

And he is BEYOND angry.

Unfortunately, he's a bit attracted too. So he decides to take matters into his own hands.

This was just a fun, endearing, and sweet story! A little edgy, but not over the top. Steamy in parts, but not overdone. I loved the banter between Mark and Lorelei and literally fell in love with all of the characters. I'm hoping that we will see some of these characters again in later novels.

This book gets the esteemed place of honor of having THE BEST pick up line I have read to date. I laughed out loud and couldn't stop. The heart and personality of this story really reached out and pulled my right in. The unexpected depth and challenges these characters had to face only made me love them even more.

Highly recommend this story and anxiously waiting for the next in this series!

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## **Anne OK says**

It's a sports-related (major league baseball catcher) romance with two interesting characters who have been thrown some challenging obstacles to overcome. It's a little outlandish, but a quick and fun read. I'm going to give the second book a chance as well (major league short stop). The third book in this series is due out later this fall (the pitcher's story).

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## **Nicole says**

My review originally posted here: [http://thebookpushers.com/2013/04/10/...](http://thebookpushers.com/2013/04/10/)

I love my sports romance books so when I saw that Avon Impulse was starting a new series with a new author, I was super excited.

Lorelei is desperate for some cash to help pay for the life saving surgery her niece needs. When she is approached to steal something from baseball's apparent bad boy, she is willing to do just about anything. But stealing Mark's good luck charm is not going to be the easy task she originally thought, especially after Mark catches her and demands she stick by his side until it's returned.

Mark is just a little tired of having women throw themselves at him. He thought Lorelei was different, but he was quickly proved wrong. Not willing to lose his good luck, Mark keeps Lorelei close until he can get back his charm. The more time he spends with her, the more he finds that he might have been right about her the first time.

Although this book definitely had its corny moments, I really enjoyed the story overall. My love of sports romances was sated beautifully in this book, as we got a lot of moments to see Mark play, feel his love of the game, and see the effects that his career had on his life. I adored it. I'm not usually a big baseball fan, but I was definitely a Mark fan at the end of this!

I liked that Mark was a little fed up with the way his life was portrayed in the media, that he was ready to look into settling down, but was also aware of just how difficult that task would be given his lifestyle. I could tell he wanted more, and it came across well in the story. I felt bad for him, especially as we discovered more and more about his bat-shit crazy ex. I definitely wanted Lorelei to do a little bit more groveling at the end, because I felt like Mark deserved it.

I had a little bit of a harder time connecting with Lorelei. I was able to see where she was coming from in relation to her niece, as I would do anything to save my son's life. However, I also thought she was extremely wishy-washy with her feelings toward Mark, Mark's ex (who hired her to steal), and the fellow ballplayers. She seemed to be in constant limbo, not really knowing who to believe, who to trust. Even after Mark showed her with actions that he wasn't the man his ex-wife and the tabloids made him out to be, Lorelei still hemmed and hawed about trusting him.

I really enjoyed the supporting cast of characters in this story. I'm anxious to read more about the other ballplayers. I was also a big fan of Lorelei's brother, and I hope that we get to see more about him in future stories. Maybe even get the chance to see him find love again.

All in all I thought this was a great debut book by Seasons. I loved the way baseball played such an important role in the overall story. I loved Mark and his fellow players, and can't wait to see more of them in coming books. For me, the biggest disappointment was Lorelei and her indecisive ways.

I give Stealing Home a B-

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### **Erin says**

Mark Cutter & his filthy mouth are worth 5 stars. The rest...not so much.

I really liked Mark...not just his mouth. His history, his personality, the relationship he has with his friends & his sister...to me, he deserved better than Lorelei and a story that starts out with her doing a terrible acting job all to help her along with her big heist plan.

I know that 95% of what we read in all of our various 'romance' genres tap dances on the line between 'remote chance of this being reality but we'll believe it 'cuz we'd LIKE it to be possible' and 'straight up fantasy no matter how much we'd like it to be true'...but the whole premise of THIS book just made me roll my eyes.

Lorelei's history is tragic & the future isn't looking so good either...still, I just can't buy a girl who works from home writing articles for a gardening magazine suddenly falling into a 'lucky charm' heist plan, rolling with it & believing she'd get away with it.

Never mind the audacity of her being pissed at (and eventually REALLY hurtful towards) the person she tried to steal from, when she didn't get away with it. It's like trying to get into a club with fake ID & then being mad at the bouncer for not letting you in. YOU'RE in the wrong. Suck it up, laugh it off & move on...and, in the case of Stealing Home, be thankful Mark likes your tits, is curious about you & your reason for being a failed criminal/idiot and doesn't want to send you to jail.

Shit, maybe I'm just a super coldhearted bitch 'cuz Lorelei's reasons were, indeed, heartbreakingly wrong...I just couldn't buy it & I think when you have a character as well written as Mark is, I just think he deserved a better story.

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### **Diana says**

Sports themed romances are one of my secret loves. I don't keep track of teams, I don't understand the different types of sports. I don't even understand the appeal of watching sports for fun (just ask my boss, who sighs at me during football season)! However, I do love reading about built and hunky men who drip with sweat and testosterone. I blame Jaci Burton and the cover of The Perfect Play. Ever since then, if I come across anything sports and romance related, I gobble them down like Dove bars.

Despite her kooky and quirky actions and thoughts, Lorelei was in some ways still a traditional romance heroine. She was willing to sacrifice all for family, she secretly wanted someone to love her for herself, and she waffled back and forth between trust and despair when it comes to the hero. Despite the cover, I could

have sworn this was a historical novel from the 90's!

My problem manifested itself in the last few chapters, when moderately insane Lorelei became psychotic. Her personality did a complete turnaround, going from sensible and determined to whiny and irrational. Now I know she was upset because of her niece's circumstances, but that is no call to go off the rail and start making unfounded accusations toward Mark, a man you claim to love.

What makes it worse—for me anyway—was Mark's response. He feels guilty and upset that he can't figure out how to fix the mistake he made with Lorelei. Yet there was no mistake made! And I mean it literally: Mark had done nothing. He hadn't said anything inconsiderate or hurtful; he hadn't even hurt her physically. If anything, he did more than you would have thought considering she had stolen from him (more than once) and lied to him repeatedly. It was never clearly explained why Mark let her get away with this behavior or if it was, I totally missed it. I finished the book—it felt stupid not to with only five or so chapters remaining—but it ended on a flat note. There were no more high points.

Stealing Home, up until the last few chapters, was not a bad read. It was funny, with a good sense of comedic timing similar to Rachel Gibson, and in no way a serious read. It was pure entertainment. The writing and pacing were on point and the story was a unique take on close contact developing into something more. I liked the small glimpses of baseball the author provided too. I never felt the sports parts came across as overwhelming or inaccurate. Of course, I am sports illiterate, so I wouldn't have known if the author described something wrong or not. But the tidbits seemed plausible. I would definitely read another romance by this author, although I may not buy it until I read it first.

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### **Maggie says**

2.5 stars

I have no idea why I read this book. I think I saw it mentioned on Smart Bitches, Trashy Books and, since I usually trust their recommendations, I decided to give it a shot. It's not so much that I would say I didn't like this book, because I didn't not like, but I also just found it really annoying.

Lorelei, the female lead, seriously made me want to buy a Lorelei voodoo doll and stab it repeatedly. WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND THINKS IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO STEAL SOMETHING FOR SOMEONE'S BATSHIT CRAZY EX-WIFE??? If you have half a brain you must realize that you're going to get caught. And that the ex-wife was seriously wack-o.

And then Mark, who I genuinely did like a lot of the time, decides to pretty much hold her captive rather than turning her over to the police. Really? You want to deal with this crazy lady while you're in the middle of a highly stressful part of your baseball season? So you hold her captive? Which, PS, made me kind of uncomfortable. The fact that he was holding her captive and the fact that Lorelei just kind of happily went along with it after a few struggles.

Plus Lorelei actually has a good reason for stealing Mark's good luck charm, well as good of a reason one can have for theft. She wants to save her niece's life, it's not like she wants to get new boobs and a trashy wardrobe. I hated that it took her so long to tell Mark this. I also was seriously annoyed by Lorelei's brother

and the sick niece, but that's just because I'm a terrible person.

Last complaint, I'm not really sure the author had a complete grasp of the game of baseball. I should have highlighted the parts I was skeptical of, but there were a few words she used and ways she described things that made me think she should have done a little more research or have someone who really knows baseball look over those sections.

Bottom Line: There were just too many things about this book that annoyed me for me to really be able to recommend it. The female lead was stupid and annoying and the male lead, who I kind of liked, did some questionable things. I say skip this.

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### **Candis Terry says**

I loved this book! Very fun and witty writing. Can't wait to read more from Jennifer Seasons.

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### **UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says**

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#### **My Review:**

*Stealing Home* is the first book in Jennifer Seasons' *Diamonds and Dugouts* series. It's fun, romantic, quirky and sexy... a truly entertaining story!

#### *Cover:*

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I'm a big fan of Contemporary Romance, and this one is just right. It has all the things I most enjoy in my reads, and a terrific supporting cast as well.

The story line is one that tugs at the heartstrings, and starts a chain of events that can't be stopped, without someone landing in prison. I enjoyed the way that all played out, and I *really* enjoyed the time we spent in Mark's head during his time behind the plate. I've never been much of a baseball fan, and don't know a lot about the sport, but Ms. Seasons didn't get all sport techy and I actually found myself very interested in the game play.

Mark and Lorelei are both great characters, and their chemistry and quick wit made for some great reading. Mark really is the perfect hero... sexy, funny, compassionate - but by no means a pushover... from the start I wanted him to have everything his heart desired. Lorelei annoyed me here and there because she wouldn't open up and explain why she so desperately needed the money, even though she'd been caught red-handed and had nothing to lose. Lorelei was desperate, so she went to desperate measures to get what she needed. Some of the things she said were laughable, in a totally Mae West cheesy kind of way. But still, I couldn't help but admire her devotion to her family and her determination to help them.

The bottom line: *Stealing Home* is a great start to the *Diamonds and Dugouts* series, and sitting here writing this review, I've got a grin on my face thinking of some of the stunts Lorelei pulled, and how Mark fought back. It's safe to say that I'm looking forward to reading more in the series.

And check this, the ebook is only .99 on Amazon, and worth every penny!

Amazon: *Stealing Home* by Jennifer Seasons

It's \$1.99 at Barnes and Noble and, in my opinion, still worth the price:

Barnes and Noble: *Stealing Home* by Jennifer Seasons

*My thanks to Avon Books and Edelweiss for providing me with a copy of this story in exchange for an honest review.*

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## **Andrea says**

**\*\* 4.5 stars \*\***

*Stealing Home* was fun fun FUN! I love a good contemporary romance (duh) and I am a huge sucker for a sports romance at that, so I was extremely excited to jump into this story. My expectations were definitely met, and exceeded.

It seems that most romances feature a shy, naive heroine who is subjected to the arrogance and hyped-up libido of the charming man who wants to make her his. And that's cool...but, *Stealing Home* is sooo not that story and I loved that. Lorelei Littleton is a desperate woman and a would-be thief. Her niece is dying, and she's given an opportunity to make the money to save her, and it is too good to pass up. All she has to do is steal the lucky charm of professional baseball player. Easy, huh? Well, even though Lorelei has a good plan, things don't go according to plan when the mark is a drop-dead sexy, charming man who makes you weak in the knees. I felt for Lorelei, I really did. There's not much I wouldn't do to save someone I love. But damn, this woman has her eye on the prize and she is ruthless. So even though I sympathized with her, I did have a hard time really liking Lorelei. However as the story moves along and Lorelei begins to soften towards Mark

and really open up with her fun, sexy personality, I enjoyed her a lot. Major bonus points for Lorelei not being the shrinking violet, too. She was a woman who didn't shy away from her sexual nature, and I loved that. She was a great, great fit for Mark.

Okay, Mark. This is where things get fun. I'm not one to ogle athletes that much. Basketball, football, and hockey players don't really do it for me. But give me a good looking baseball player (or swimmer, come on), and I'm going to take notice. I'm going to say it's the arms and the uniforms that do it for me. *[Sidenote: I blame my dad for making me watch the SF Giants religiously as a kid. My first crush was first baseman Will Clark.]* So anyway, Mark Cutter is a MLB catcher in Denver, one of the best in the league. The world is his; money, prestige, women, and he loves it. But Mark is more than he seems, and he has some serious emotional baggage that is weighing him down. And naturally, he's pissed when the woman he intended to seduce winds up stealing his lucky charm, and he's determined to get it back. The complication is that Lorelei is just about the sexiest woman he's ever seen. She's a natural beauty, sexy, flirty, and seriously going to drive him crazy. I loved that Mark was a truly nice guy, and was the pursuer, wanted a real relationship with Lorelei. He has some issues that have made him insecure, which I'm not going to really go into here. And yes, he's a nice guy, but let's just say that Mr. Mark Cutler is a very naughty man in the bedroom. And he has a filthy mouth. SCORE.

*(Incidentally, I talked at least five women into buying Stealing Home on release day simply based on Mark being a baseball player with a dirty mouth. )*

When it comes to a fun, sweet, romantic, and suuuuper steamy story, Stealing Home really had it all. This book had me smiling almost the entire time I was reading. I really adored the characters, especially Mark (omg!), the road to them finding true love, and let's just say, this story really hit the spot when it comes to steam. I was dying a few times! It wrapped up in the absolute best way possible. I will be so excited to read the next Diamonds and Dugouts book this summer!

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### **Wminbc says**

I liked it...but...seriously...why do people not talk to each other??? Number one pet peeve evah!

Where should I start...I love baseball and for some reason pitchers and catchers have always been my favorites. I love the pressure that these players endure and the leadership they tend to exhibit on and off the diamond. Mark was one such player. He married young, innocent and stayed true to her until she cheated on him. And cheat she did, not just with sex but with his emotions and his soul. Mark learned after that round, he had to harden up, use women for sex only and forever keep his heart and body separate. He began to live up to the ball-playa role and excelled at pleasing himself in the bodies of women. This is thankfully eluded to more than described.

Lorelei is sucked into Mark's ex's labyrinth of lies. She agrees to steal his good luck charm necklace in exchange for money. But when her plans go awry, Lorelei drugs Mark and runs off into the night. Getting caught with his pants down sucked for Mark, but not nearly as much as the huge loss on the field he suffered due to the loss of his necklace. Mark tracked Lorelei down and then the real story began. I really enjoyed parts of this book and then others were so inconsistent.

For example, Lorelei is worried for her brother and niece and yet she conveniently forgets about them when she's having fun, flirting with Mark or drinking beers with Mark's friends. Then, she blurts out random stuff like, "You killed a little girl." And Mark is like, "um, that was odd..." and then they are having sex. Made me scratch my head and then yell at them, "TALK!"

When they do talk, they storm out on each other, then get back together, then storm out, then together, then...you get the idea. That girl began to make my head spin, I can only imagine the signals Mark was picking up on??? But in the end the HEA came, the side characters were fun and I enjoyed Mark's sister Leslie (a LOT!). I can't wait for her story and the rookie also looks like he is going to be a lot of fun. Enjoy!

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### **Nadine Jones says**

Eyes darken, guts tighten, cocks twitch, heat shoots from eyes, arms are like steel bands, electricity flows from fingers, necks tingle from a gaze... it's like X-men fanfic! But, it's not. It's actually trite, mindless, Silhouette-style contemporary romance between a MLB star catcher and a freelance garden magazine writer who has great boobs, 34Ds (yes, we are even told her bra size - I lost track of the number of times her great boobs are mentioned... who is this trying to appeal to???). If you're looking for something entertaining to pass the time while you're stranded in an airport for a few hours, this is the book! otherwise, maybe give it a pass. Move along, there's nothing special here.

A writing sample (from page 15 in my Kindle copy):

Making his way through the bar with long, purposeful strides, Mark hit the back door and stepped out into the chilly Colorado night. As he scanned the parking lot, anxiety quickened his pulse when at first he didn't see her. Then his eyes fell on her curvy figure near a small red car and he smiled. Anticipation and curiosity quickened his pace as he headed across the parking lot toward her.

Why just spell out the action when you can use extra adjectives!!! He didn't just "walk" out of the bar, he took "long, purposeful strides" - it's not just nighttime, it's "the chilly Colorado night" - he didn't just spot her, "his eyes fell on her curvy figure" - - not a single thing is added to the book with all those extra words. And everything keeps quickening (believe me, these are NOT the only two times that word is used). Maybe a pregnancy will be next!

Let's try re-writing:

*Mark made his way through the bar and stepped outside to scan the darkened parking lot. At first he didn't see her, but then he spotted her between two cars, and he smiled. His steps quickened with anticipation as he walked toward her.*

There! That's not so bad, is it? Nice, direct, action-packed. And I even kept one of the "quickened"s! I do admit that I am not a writer, so maybe I don't understand. This book is generally well-written and fun, it just has soooo many overdone descriptors.

This is one of those books that builds the romantic tension by setting up the hero and heroine with "secrets" that, for idiotic reasons, they aren't telling each other. It is SO BLINDINGLY OBVIOUS that Mark would completely understand why Lorelei needs money for her niece's surgery - he would GIVE her the money. But does she tell him? OH NOOOOOOOOO she continues to plan to steal from him, alternately despising herself for wanting to steal from him AND despising herself because she can't bring herself to follow through on the dirty deed. It's inane.

Not to mention Lorelei's reaction to conflict. Any conflict. Even ridiculous conflicts, like "I'm falling for him." In the face of conflict, does she:

- (A) Find a good time to talk to Mark about it.
- (B) Mull over the problem until she finds a solution.
- (C) Call a friend for feedback.
- (D) Despise herself and hightail it out of town in the middle of the night, without leaving even a good-bye note for Mark. The pain of heartbreak that she feels is reasonable in the face of how awful she thinks she is.

yes! Option (D) is correct! EVERY TIME. (Yes, she hightails it several times. She sure is a "catch.") I'm sure their relationship will be very successful.

A few baseball games are recounted in detail, and ... I dunno. I am not a fan, but I've seen quite a few games. I've never seen a fistfight ... but oddly Mark seems to feel it's appropriate to get into multiple fights. The entire team seems to be white ... I know, the author doesn't want to introduce too many characters, so maybe the rest of the team isn't mentioned. But we ARE told about back to back games, and the same catcher and pitcher play them all, in their entirety. Okay, fine, the CATCHER can play both games, but the pitcher? Unlikely. I don't understand how the author messed that up. I wonder if she started with a hockey team ("Sapphires and Slapshots!") and changed it last minute.

And other random things that bugged me: Mark is an interesting hero ... except his dyslexia has been done to death in romance... they want the hero to have a secret defect, but he still needs to be sexy and manly... presto! dyslexia! The sex scenes would start out hot, but quickly devolve... repeatedly, he leaves her high and dry... not sexy!

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### **Lisa Filipe says**

Great, New Baseball Series...Jennifer Season's writing reminds me of the AMAZING Rachel Gibson... Mark was friggin adorable and funny, and Lorelei was snarky and fun! What a start to a great new series!!

#### **Full Review**

I am SO glad I picked up STEALING HOME by Jennifer Seasons the other afternoon. I was in the mood for a quick, light-hearted romance and I got that and SO MUCH MORE!! As most of you know, I am a HUGE Rachel Gibson fan, and when I first started STEALING HOME, I got that same feeling that I get when reading RG, that happy anticipation of what's to come, knowing that I am going to love every minute. I got that feeling, and I have to say, I enjoyed STEALING HOME so much!

Lorelei, our heroine, was hysterical! She reminded me a lot of Annabelle from SEP's MATCH ME IF YOU

CAN. She had a HUGE heart and did what needed to be done to survive, even if she had to use "Fonda" and the girls to get it done!

Mark "The Wall"...well...I think his name just says it all! He was tough, but so charming and had that Southern Gentleman Smile that would come out once in a while and make all your lady parts do a little dance. He was a guy who had been through a lot and was looking for something "real"...ya gotta respect that. He just has to jump through a whole lotta hoops to finally get his woman!

The secondary characters are adorable! Mark's sister Leslie was a little fire cracker, and I hope she gets her own book! The men of the Denver Rush were such a fraternity with their ribbing and pranks, I LOVED them all!! These bad boys really did have hearts of gold!!

I am so looking forward to PLAYING THE FIELD, book two, releasing in July!

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### **Marlene says**

Originally posted at Reading Reality

It's April and that means baseball season is just around the corner.

When the "boys of summer" start to play, can baseball romances be far behind?

Lorelei Littleton and Mark Cutter are both trying to steal home in Jennifer Seasons' first trip at bat in her new Diamonds and Dugouts series. It's just that neither of them starts out thinking that way.

Mark Cutter is the star catcher for the Denver Rush, the fictional Major League Baseball team based in, of course, Denver. Cutter is still young, but old enough to have gotten tired of the traveling life of late nights, lots of parties, and very easy plastic bimbos. Especially since his ex-wife used to be one.

He's starting to hunger for something real, he just doesn't know it yet.

Lorelei Littleton has way too much real in her life. A lot of very real medical bills and nowhere near enough money to pay them with.

Her beloved niece needs a life-saving open heart operation, and Lorelei's brother doesn't have medical insurance to cover it. That's not all. He's still paying for his late wife's medical bills after her death, and his own surgery. There's nothing but pain and tragedy there.

Logan's done his best, but rodeo riders are bad health risks, especially with only one kidney. His life sounds like one of those sad country music songs.

Lorelei's answer is to do something dangerous, and maybe live a little. Mark Cutter's ex-wife wants someone to steal Cutter's good luck charm. She says she'll pay a cool \$100,000 for it. That's enough money to pay for her niece's surgery.

What Lorelei doesn't count on is the charm of the man she's supposed to steal from...and that there is a very

good reason Mark Cutter divorced the witch.

But his ex has finally done something good for him after all the pain she caused him...she sent this luscious would-be thief into his life. Lorelei is the most real woman Mark Cutter has seen since he became a star player. He'll do anything to keep her near him. She's his new good luck charm!

Escape Rating B-: The story all hinges on a series of misunderstandings, and they are doozies! Mark's ex-Dina lies like the proverbial cheap rug to Lorelei to get her to steal from Mark. That's the one lie that makes sense. After that, the story keeps going based on Mark and Lorelei never telling each other anything resembling the truth.

It wouldn't work at all except they are so hot for each other they can't make themselves keep away, even when common sense says they should. The enemies-into-friends angle manages to work.

Both Mark and Lorelei have pretty big secrets. Lorelei hides that she's doing this in order to get money for her niece's surgery. Mark's problem is his insecurity about his dyslexia. He's hidden it all his life, and he's very afraid to trust anyone. His last experience at trusting someone ended in divorce, so he's pretty gunshy.

At the same time, everyone around them knows they are falling for each other. Her need for the money, and his need to keep his new good luck charm around give them both an excuse to stay together when logic would say otherwise.

This one is for people who like hot sports romances, especially about baseball players. It was fun and frothy, just like the mochas that Lorelei loves to drink.

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## **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

Kitty's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

5 Stars

Ah, Spring ... baseball season. Hot jocks with even hotter libido's and Stealing Home had no shortage on either of them! Jennifer Seasons mixed a little mystery with a lot of hot baseball players and came up with a home run. What a fun time I had reading "Stealing Home"! It was a fast-paced, fun book filled with intrigue, sex, hot bodies and, my favorite, baseball.

When Lorelie Littleton pretends to seduce and then drug Mark Cutter just to steal his good luck charm for his ex-wife, life becomes a little complicated and even more frustrating. How is she ever going to get the charm to Dina and collect the \$100,000 when he won't let her out of his sight? How is she going to keep her hands off of that hot body? She needs the money and doesn't care how she gets it or who she hurts in the process. Then she really gets to know Mark and realizes that everything that Dina said about the alcohol-chugging, drug-using, womanizer was just totally false. Now, the decision she is dreading – give Mark his lucky charm back and loose the \$100,000 or give it to Dina and loose the love of her life?

Mark Cutter is tired of playing the "game" off the field. He's tired of women throwing themselves at him, he's tired of going out trolling.

But, after he got burned with Dina, there is no way he is ever going to trust a woman that much again. Then

he meets “Fonda Peters” and he thinks, just maybe, he could have a good time with a girl that didn’t throw herself at him, didn’t have an agenda and had a rack on her that lit up his life. Well, two out of three wasn’t bad. When he realizes that “Fonda Peters” drugged him and stole his lucky charm, he is pissed. Time to find out who she really is, get his charm back and get her out of his life. What he doesn’t plan on is her refusing to give it back. Oh well, he’ll just make her life really complicated and not allow her to leave his apartment, go to his games, meet his friends and family then maybe, she’ll realize that he’s not giving up on getting his charm back. Too bad that he started falling in love with her even though he knew there was something she wasn’t telling him, something more that she was hiding from him.

When the truth finally comes out, Mark steps up to the plate, big time, and really hits a home run. Lorelei has no choice but to return home and help take care of her niece but Mark follows and turns her life really upside down and confuses her more than she was before. When she learns of what Mark has done, she can’t help but finally face the truth that she was in love with him and wanted nothing more than to spend the rest of her life with him.

I have never read Jennifer Seasons before but I am definitely looking forward to the rest of the “Diamonds and Dugout” series. Hopefully, we’ll see more of Mark’s sister Leslie and his team-mate, John Crispin in the next book. The story was very well written. There really isn’t a lot of baseball references so if you are not into baseball but into hot jocks, you’ll enjoy the book. The writing was fresh and fast, a definite page turner and Mark was so sweet trying to win Lorelei back that you can’t help but cheer him on – both on and off the field.

Review copy provided for an honest review.

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