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Sara Smith, a hard working lawyer, thought she found her true love. Unfortunately, that was a huge mistake. Now she goes home at night and avoids people. Until one day her best friend forces her to go to a hockey game.

Lucas Sharp, the Captain of the Chicago Eagles, has focused on one thing, winning the Cup. It was not until a meet and greet after the game that he saw Sara.

After finally going on a few dates Lucas knows that she is hiding something, but Sara won't talk about it. Will Lucas be able to melt away the ice on her heart and still win the Cup? Or will Sara keep her true-self frozen away from finding happiness?

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Taylor Lakke says

I was given an ARC for an honest review.....

I loved this book. This was a great and fast paced read. The kind you can't put down. The author had me at hello Lucas. A very swoon worthy hockey playing hunk! I loved the characters, especially Sara and her best friend Rachel. I felt the pain of Sara's plight and the thick as thieves type friendship of Sara and Rachel. I loved how strong Rachel was and how well the friends complimented each other. Lucas can definitely melt away the ice around my heart. This is a hot romance with the one element I am totally down for, that true love conquers all. I loved this book and will be adding to my print copy collection.

Deanna says

I am a huge fan of books with sports in them.

(Which is odd since I hate sports in real life.)

So I HAD to read this book. I mean, it has *hockey* in it! I could read romance books with hockey in them all day long. There's just something about that sport that makes men so...delicious!

I'm not ashamed to admit that I read this book in one sitting (or laying in bed if you prefer that I use my words literally). I thought it was a wonderful, quick, and fun read. I enjoyed all the characters and there were multiple times that I laughed. I will definitely be reading this book again when I feel like reading a sports romance novel!

FloeticFlo says

So, true story, I dated a hockey player before. My story didn't end like Lucas and Sara's, but I still understand where Sara was coming from ;-) We even have an ice skating date and everything! But back to the story...

Sara Smith was treated not very nicely by her ex-boyfriend. (Understatement of the YEAR.) So she is still tender and just trying to go through the day to day motions when her best friend drags her to a hockey game and the hottie team captain notices her.

What follows is an intense emotional story about two people who have love at the bottom of their agenda -- falling in love. The great thing about is that with their love, they help expand each other's worlds. There were so many moments in this book where I held my breath and waiting to see what Sara would do! I was rooting for her all the way, and I wanted to give her a hug and bake her brownies because she was struggling, but she was still trying.

The supporting cast in this story is absolutely amazing. Rachel, Max, Lucas' family are all fun to read about and the people you'd want to have in your corner.

Definitely pick this one up when it is released!!

Laura says

The plot was good, could have been better though. This book had serious potential to be amazing! Also, the grammar, missing words, and punctuation drove me nuts.

Downward dog says

I received this free from Amazon and enjoyed every minute of this story. Lucas is the captain of a professional hockey team in Chicago. He meets Sara when she attends a hockey game. He is immediately taken with her and her beautiful green eyes and he's also intrigued when she tells him she doesn't like hockey. He finds it refreshing that she doesn't care that he is a celebrity and isn't interested in him because he is a hockey star.

Sara is an attorney and hiding out from life after a traumatic experience. She is afraid of everything and trying to figure out how to live her life without fear.

I love books about hockey players. Lucas is quiet, reserved, close to his family. He doesn't date much because he dedicates his life to hockey. He is a nice guy and I loved how patient he is with Sara.

Heartwarming story!

Cathryn says

This book seriously needed an editor.

I'm a sucker for a hockey story so I'll read the next one but this wasn't great. I've definitely read better.

Wendy says

Loved this book. I enjoyed the characters and the story. I cant wait for the next in the series.

Jacque says

I am a huge hockey fan, so I was excited when my blog partner Mary sent me an ARC of her first novel.

I absolutely loved the behind the scenes interactions between the players. Max, Marc, and Lucas are very close both on and off the ice. When you are The Captain of a very young team that is in contention for the

Cup, your work is never done. Lucas is a consummate professional, but from the moment he meets Sara at a meet and greet he can't stop thinking about her.

Sarah is not a hockey fan and has a lot of personal baggage. She comes from a less than caring family and has experienced some traumatic events in her life. It was captivating to watch the changes in both Lucas and Sara as their relationship developed.

There is some rather graphic content, which is probably not appropriate for young readers. I would classify this as NA to Adult. It could be considered NA based upon the fact that the characters are in their late 20's, but I would be cautious about giving this book to a teenager. There were some scenes that even caused me to blush.

My full review is on my blog. [http://jacquesbooknook.blogspot.com/2...](http://jacquesbooknook.blogspot.com/2013/02/melting-away-the-ice.html)

Jenee -Jenee's Book Blog says

This is Mary Smith's first book, well she has written books before but they were written by her and another author. I read her previous book, Breakaway, which she co-wrote with Lindsay Paige and loved it! So since I love hockey romance so much I decided to give this one a shot too! It has no cliffhanger but is part of a series.

Sarah has relationship baggage and goes to a hockey game to get out for once. She doesn't have a good background as far as relationships and family goes but none of that is really her fault. Considering everything, I think she is a really sweet woman in need of a good man who may just be a certain hockey player she meets...

Lucas is an incredibly attractive hockey player focused on winning the cup until he comes across Sarah at a meet and greet. Lucas sees something in Sarah he likes and tries to have a relationship with her as well as shooting for the dream of winning the cup. He knows Sarah has secrets but wants her to trust him. Will he earn her trust AND win the cup or lose one in the process?

Very good debut book. Loved the dual POV and the secondary characters. I can't wait for the rest of the series. I'd rate it at 3.5 Stars.

Candace Selpf says

I am truly honored to have been allowed to read Mary Smith's first book, Melting Away The Ice.

The story is extremely interesting, the characters are believable, and you cannot help but fall in love with Lucas Sharp!

Sara is a brilliant lawyer with a horrific bit of baggage she hasn't been able to unpack. Lucas Sharp is an amazing hockey player who has been too busy with his goals to really do anything else. That's all I'm going to give you as details go.

What I like: The story is developed throughout the book, you are not just given all the details within the first few chapters, you have to think about things and wait as the characters reveal things over time. I enjoy getting the story from both sides, you don't have to spend time with the main character to worry about how the love interest is thinking because the next chapter, you will find out.

What I didn't like: I really have no complaints about this book. I was annoyed with Sara a few times for her terminology, but it is part of how she deals with things, so I cannot take issue with it.

Would I recommend the book: Absolutely! It is not for Young Adult, as there is adult content, however it is a great read for those over 18.

Lisa Berk says

Cute book, but a ton of typos.. Sort of got distracting

Dee says

3.5 stars. :)

Beth says

I loved it! I could not put it down! It is just the right amount of sweet and sexy and it even had me teary eyed at the end. The characters were great and I can't wait to read the next one!

Jackie Rodriguez says

I really liked the story. However the writing should have been polished a bit more. It was worth reading and I would have rated it higher if the writing itself was polished. A lot of times it seemed like the internal dialog that the characters had with themselves was juvenile and not up to par with the rest of the story. I also would have liked to see Max and Rachel's story in a little more depth.

Great Story though!

Jenna Roads says

Wow! Thank you Mary for allowing me to get an ARC of your debut novel. Uh hum, this book contains explicit sex scenes.

This book is dynamic and full of sass, hot guys, beautiful women and will make you have the full range of emotions your body can experience. You will laugh, cry, cheer, fall in love and want to kick butt! This was a wonderful story of sexy women lawyers and hot hockey players!

It's about a secret thing that happens to Sara that changed her life forever and the people who care about her also about failures and triumphs. A fun story about friendship, heartbreak and love. And did I say Hot guys? Lucas and Max will steal your heart! My favorite was Lucas, here is the book description: "He had piercing blue eyes, built like a Greek God and looks that a male model would sell their soul for" — I love the story and know it will sore to the top of the bestseller list. I have to give it 5 hot and steamy stars!
