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Baseball is a game built on the number nine.

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Nine fielding positions.

Nine batters in a starting lineup.

Now, America's favorite pastime can add another lucky number nine to the list.

Nine indie authors bring you nine unique stories filled with romance and baseball. Get ready to round third base, slide into home and fall in love.

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From Reader Review Rounding Third: A Baseball Anthology for online ebook

Amanda says

This was such a unique collection of baseball themed romance reads, I loved them all! As far as anthologies go, I'm usually left wanting more! (<~~ read: I'm a greedy rotten reader who needs ALL the words!) more character development, more details, more time to get involved with the story, you get the idea! Well I'm thrilled to share with you all these authors knocked their stories out of the proverbial baseball park!

Clutch by Tarrah Anders was definitely up my alley. A strong heroin (Sawyer) who hooks our hunky womanizing baseball player hero (Gunnar) there was enough twists and turns to reel me in, Melinda I knew you were a two bit hussy, and enough steam to have me flipping the pages at lightening speed! Loved that Sawyer stuck to her Guns, pun intended, on the situation rather than let Gunnar get away with it— go girl

Safe by Jess Bryant was also a surprise read for me. I don't read a ton of M/M but she nailed Trevor & Rodrigues story! It felt like a real world relationship with how things were handled. They were friends, teammates, and a hope for something more and I could easily picture that scenario IRL. To cross the line or not cross the line! You'll have to read their story for yourself but you won't be disappointed! Both men were able to mature on the pages as the story progressed and had me rooting for them!

So much goodness in the other stories as well, 5 stars across the board!

Kelly Green says

I read this in pieces! I really enjoyed this anthology! I really liked that there was a heat rating at the beginning of each story so you could choose the level of hotness you were in for. Each of the authors brought their own greatness to this book! Clutch was so great. Safe was so crazy, had me on the edge of my seat. I am always a fan of great sports romance! To have a whole group of them all in one place! It was a great way to spend the weekend. (and I really like that there was such a fantastic M/M story in there too!)

Claypot_Reads - Michelle says

Absolutely recommend this Sports Anthology - there's a little something for everyone. From sweet and swoony to wake your hubby at 1am for a quickie. Sooooo great!!!

Clutch by Tarrah Anders

Sawyer was a character I instantly liked. Plenty of angst and miscommunication in this one. Gunnar was everything you think a pro Baseball player will be plus a bit more.

Safe by Jess Bryant

Okay can I just say I ABSOLUTELY ADORED this story. These two were everything I love in a M/M read. Seriously hot and raw but so beautifully vulnerable too. Gah! Trevor and Rodrigo made me swoon so hard. I just loved this one.

Red Stitch by S Cole

Wow – this was not what I was expecting. Mythical tales of fate and the relationships between people. Not my usual read but beautifully written.

Curveball by Dee Ellis

Riley Roland seems to be your typical Baseball PLAYER but turns out he's more. And as for Ashland well I loved her. Sassy, smart and fierce. Their chemistry was amazing and the storyline had plenty of emotions too. Will be looking for more from this author.

In My League by Kelsey Kingsley

I really enjoyed this one. Brett was my kinda BBF. Smart, talented and the right amount of alpha. Mackenzie came in with some baggage but he did his best to break down her walls. Loved their banter and the realness of the story.

The Change Up by Maren Lee

This story was AWESOME!! Older woman, younger man is hard to pull off but Maren does it perfectly. Loved the banter, the genuine feelings and the seriously smoking hot chemistry between Clay and Samantha. Delicious!

Wild Pitch by Kathryn Nolan

I think this story might be my favourite read from her. Ever. So perfectly filthy. It was absolutely fantastic. That rare blend of emotions, laughs and wake your hubby at 1am for a quickie kinda Hotness. Only complaint on this one was that it ended. Could have easily read a full story about these three. Love, love, loved it!

Sliding Home by Lynsey Stewart

Troubled British player Brad meets more than he bargained for in Jess. Loved the concept of fiancé for hire and the dialogue in this one was great. Add in great chemistry and a touch of angst and it was a fantastic read.

Extra Innings by Connor Wright

This was one of my favourite kind of reads. Childhood sweethearts that need to work to find their spark. I loved the emotions and truth to this story. The characters had to find who they were to each other again. Add in some swoony romance and this one had me smiling by the end.

I received an ARC of this book.

Tarrah Anders says

I can't wait for everyone to read this!!!!

Maren Lee says

Seriously so proud to be involved in this! Love all the stories! ?

Love2ReadRomance says

Clutched by Tarrah Anders: I love Gunnar and Sawyer, and I love how Tarrah Anders brings her characters to life so that you feel like you are right there in the story with them! I can't wait to read more of her writing!

Sophia Peony says

I love baseball and this was such a great anthology for someone who is a fan. Though not all of the stories are actually about baseball (like a small element of baseball) they were all sexy and definitely fun to read. There are awesome back and forward between characters in most of the stories and good tension between couples *talk about hot*. There's a little bit of something for everyone, even a paranormal type, some second chance stories and whirlwind romances. Definitely a great read for sports romance fans!

Vanessa Meighan says

I think it was a brilliant collaboration of a great group of authors. All the stories had something different to offer and unloved each and every one of them!

Christine~justloveybooks.com blog~ says

5 Stars to *Rounding Third: A Baseball Anthology*.

This anthology was fantastic! *Rounding Third* features nine amazing, talented authors. While I have been fans of some of the authors, I was thrilled to be introduced to new favorites. In this community we all know how difficult it is to read everything that crosses our paths and interests us. Being a blogger, I find that too often I feel like I'm reading just so I can move on to the next book on my schedule to review it and get that review up on my blog. The process becomes mechanical after a while. I have so many authors on my TBR waiting for me to fan girl all over. That said, I was happy to discover some new ones in this anthology.

There are nine novella length romances. Some are more steamy than the others. There is Menage and even M/M. While every story is a standalone, you may notice that a few of the authors have small connections to their previous series. I personally loved having that added connection.

What do you get when you combine baseball, romance, steam and nine amazing authors? *Rounding Third*.

*Proceeds from this book will go to the charity, 10 Books A Home. This is an early educational non profit organization helping high poverty preschoolers into kindergarten preparing them to perform above grade level. For more information you can visit their website: www.10booksahome.org

This is my honest and unbiased review. Thank you for taking the time to read it. :)

Kimberly (Kimmy Loves to Read) says

I received an advanced copy of this book with the promise of an honest review.

I love baseball, so an anthology about baseball players is right up my alley. The cool thing about this anthology is the fun little rating system they have going on. The more flaming baseballs, the steamier the book. And believe me when I say there is something for everyone. Below are some quick thoughts on the stories I had a chance to read.

Safe by Jess Bryant

I'm going to call this one a friends (aka teammates) to lovers story and I absolutely LOVED IT. When Trevor and Rodrigo finally give in to their feeling for each other...get that cold shower ready!

Full disclosure: I got this ARC to read Jess' story. I'm a big fan and have been waiting for this one for a while. It's just a bonus that I had a chance to read some of the others and discover some new authors.

Wild Pitch by Kathryn Nolan

Kathryn is a new to me author and I haven't read too many threesome stories, but when I saw this synopsis I just knew I had to read it. And OH. MY. GOD. This story is smoking hot. Not to mention friends to lovers is one of my favorite tropes and this short story is that, x1,000,000.

The Change-Up by Maren Lee

Let's hear it for the older woman/younger man trope! Holla! As I get older, I get super excited when I see this trope in books. Especially when it is done in a not creepy way! In this book we have the guy doing the chasing and he had to pull out all the stops to get his lady. It is a sweet and sexy story and I was left wanting more of them!

Curveball by Dee Ellis

Since this an anthology of short stories, things have to move pretty fast for everyone to get their HEA. From the moment Riley and Ashland met, they practically melted my e-reader. These two had crazy chemistry and this is another one where I want more of their story.

Oh who am I kidding! I want more from ALL the characters in this anthology. Hi, my name is Kim and I have a hard time letting go. ;-)

Karen Sedgman says

Fantastic Baseball Anthology by nine fantastic authors! Loved all the stories, all with different heat levels! This is a must read!

Melanie (mells_view) says

I was able to read an early ARC of The Change-Up by Maren Lee. A single mom meets a young hot baseball player while she's just trying to get through back to back shifts at her TWO jobs! She doesn't know who he is, but she does know he's hot as hell, and must be good in bed. What she expects to just be one night of fun turns into so much more. The thing is... he doesn't exactly know how old she is. Or that she's a mom. Hmm. Wonder if that will be an issue? The perfect amount of sweet and hot all wrapped up in a quick novella. I really loved Samantha and Clay! Maren Lee did a great job giving us a story with ups and downs, steam, sweetness, and fun in such a short span of time.

- more reviews to come once the entire anthology is out!

Merged review:

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Danielle Robbins says

I loved this collection of stories!

Clutch by Tarrah Anders : I loved Gunner and Sawyer! They were great together! This had a little angst and plenty of sexy times! Loved it!

Safe by Jess Bryant : Trevor and Cruz's story was raw and beautiful. They were perfect together! They were scorching in the bedroom! Love it!

Red Stitch by S Cole : This was an interesting read! Not what I expected but I am definitely interested in reading more about Maxx and the Fates!

Curveball by Dee Ellis : I love Riley and Ashland. He was cocky and sexy and Ashland was fierce and sassy! They had amazing chemistry and some very hot sexy scenes! I loved this one!

In my league by Kelsey Kingsley : I loved Brett and MacKenzie. I loved their banter! They were great together!

The Change Up by Maren Lee : I loved this one a lot! Clay and Samantha had amazing chemistry. I loved the way Clay went for what he wanted! He was perfect! I loved Sam! I also loved the little cameo from my favorite couple Molly and Wesson!

Wild Pitch by Kathryn Nolan : This was a great read! Super hot and beautiful! I loved Sawyer, Cash and Darcy!

Sliding Home by Lynsey Stewart : Brad and Jess had great chemistry and angst. I loved their banter on the plane! They were great together!

Extra Innings by Connor Wright : I really liked this one. Deacon and Lily's story had some real emotions and also swoony moments from Deacon. I thought it was sweet the way he fought and what he did! The ending was beautiful!

Joyce says

This anthology made me yearn for baseball season to start! So many great stories, all centered around the baseball field! The green of the grass, the crack of the bat, the heat of the sun, and the sexy men in baseball pants. You'll find a wonderful variety of stories here. Something for everybody!

Paulette says

I truly enjoyed reading Rounding Third: An Anthology in Baseball. The stories were steamy, fun, varied, each one seemed to have a different theme. Don't get me wrong each one had a fair amount of sex or sexual overtone but they all had different plots and themes. Of course like anything I had my favorites. It would take up too many pages to write a review on each story so I'll just highlight a few.

Wild Pitch by Kathryn Nolan was HOT, and yet extremely sensitive and captivating. It grabbed me from the moment I read the first paragraph. It's not my usual genre of reading but while I was reading it I didn't realize I was reading a different genre of book. I know it doesn't seem to make sense cause I'm not giving away any spoilers so you just have to trust me on this. It's the whole package. I wished there was more story. I didn't want it to end.

Sliding Home by Lynsey M Stewart grabbed me the moment I read the main character had a British accent. What full blooded American girl doesn't love an accent. The spin on the story is so unusual for a British guy to play professional baseball. Bingo! You had me at hello or luv or whatever he's saying. Lol. Seriously though, it's a truly different story with romance, some angst, heat, and even though the guy can be a dog at times, he has a tender side. It's quirky and fun and shows he has some depth to himself. Once again need to read the book!

The Change Up by Marren Lee wow I loved the concept from the get go. Older woman, younger guy, different social statuses and racial backgrounds and yet reading the story those differences seem to evaporate, but it's not what you may have preconceived ideas about.

What I loved about this story was it was real. The dialogue, as well as the situational crises so to speak were genuine. Again read the story!

In My League by Kelsey Kingsley's is charming. This story made me laugh. It deals with the older professional baseball player as well as family, preformed opinions of people, youthful dreams and is just a sweet sexy story of how we can prejudge other people including ourselves. I loved seeing the view from a seasoned ball player, and hearing the way he spoke and saw life. Also, the misconceptions or preformed notions that we as females can decide sports figures are like. We get to see how it can play out. This was another story I didn't want to end.

These stories were just a few of my favorites all the stories are well written and stand on their own merit. Curveball by Dee Ellis is another one I loved. You need to check it out. I'm just fearful if I keep writing I'll never stop.

Each story has a strong male character with their own distinct personality but so does each female in the story. There's 9 stories and 9 different scenarios, No two stories are the same except they have heat, angst, maybe a little mystery, and come with their own set of issues, and have sexy as hell ballplayers with big egos and great female (sexy in their own right) leads that set these guys to become creative. You know the saying the bigger they are the harder they fall! Well it can be awfully entertaining watching that or in this case reading that! So to end this I'm just going to say buy the book read all the stories. Then you can decide which ones are your favorites and write your own review on them. Enjoy...Baseball has never been so entertaining!
