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### A Major League Love Penguin

What's the first rule of reinventing yourself as a cool girl at a new school? Steer clear of your old crush. A new school means a fresh start. So long Ronnie Smith, invisible tomboy, and hello Veronica, popular new hottie. This is my chance to finally be seen...and kissed. Yeah, that's right. I've never been kissed. But I mean to change all that now that I'm starting over with a new look and attitude. The only problem? I'm not the only one from my old school who's transferred to Briarwood High. Drew Remi is here, too, and he's still the same wildly popular baseball star. He's also the only person who can ruin my new life. But he can only rat me out if he recognizes me. So, why am I so upset when he doesn't have a clue who I really am? Start the bestselling YA sports romance today! Appropriate for all ages, this teen love story is fast-paced, swoonworthy, and has a guaranteed happily ever after....no cliffhangers! ★★★★★ "I LOVE this book. Veronica and Drew were just the coolest and cutest couple I could ever have imagined." - Reviewer ★★★★★ "This book is so satisfying. This is the third YA book I've read by Maggie Dallen, and I've loved every one. Dallen has a talent for tapping into and satisfying high school fantasies while keeping the stories charmingly grounded in teenage angst, hopes, fears and audacity. Who hasn't dreamt of escaping high school pigeon holes and reinventing a spectacular new persona?" - Reviewer ★★★★★ "This was such a sweet read!" - Reviewer

### They Wish They Were Us Bantam Books for Young Readers

When her free-spirited mother dies in a tragic accident, sixteen-year-old Alexandria Lee is forced to leave her West Coast home and move in with a wealthy grandmother she's never known in Savannah, Georgia. By birth, Alex is a rightful if unwilling member of the Magnolia League-Savannah's long-standing debutante society. But white gloves and silk gowns are a far cry from the vintage t-shirts and torn jeans shorts she's used to. Alex is the first in decades to question the Magnolia League's intentions, yet

even she becomes entangled in their seductive world. The members enjoy youth, beauty and power...but at what cost? As Alex discovers a pact between the Magnolias and the Buzzards, a legendary hoodoo family, she discovers secrets-some deadly-hidden beneath the glossy Southern veneer. New York Times bestselling author Katie Crouch's poignant and humorous voice shines in this enchanting and mysterious story about girls growing up in a magical Southern city.

### **The White Glove War** Little, Brown

What can Briarwood's resident bad boy teach little miss perfect? A lot, actually, since he's her hot new tutor. Beloved by her classmates and the newly minted captain of the girls' basketball team, Juliette's life is perfect. Except for the fact that she's one bad grade away from failing. A tutor might help, but that would mean exposing her deep dark secret—she's not perfect. Far from it. But if word gets out, her team will lose their fearless leader and she'll lose her stainless reputation. Luckily, there's one name on the list of tutors who has nothing to do with her friends...or anyone else in the school, for that matter. Connor may not have friends, but it turns out there's a lot this bad boy can teach her. Like how amazing a first kiss can be, and how hard and fast two people can fall in love—even when they both know that this secret relationship is all sorts of wrong.

### The Boyfriend League Forever

The baseball classic that Ernest Hemingway called "beautifully observed and incredibly conceived," now repackaged and including a foreword from Jane Leavy and never-before-seen content from the Plimpton archives. The first of Plimpton's remarkable forays into participatory journalism, OUT OF MY LEAGUE chronicles with wit, charm, and grace what happens when a self-professed amateur has the chance to answer every fan's question: could he strike out a major league star? Plimpton's inspired idea--to get on the mound and pitch a few innings to the All-Stars of the American and National Leagues--begins as a fun-filled stunt and comes to a deeply hellish, nearly humiliating end. This honest and hilarious tale features Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, Whitey Ford, Ralph Houk, and other baseball greats and is "a baseball book such as no one else ever wrote, and one of the best

ever." --New York Herald Tribune

*Out of My League* Maggie Dallen

In 1986, the bad guys of baseball won the World Series. Now, Erik Sherman, the New York Times bestselling coauthor of *Mookie*, profiles key players from that infamous Mets team, revealing never-before-exposed details about their lives after that championship year...as well as a look back at the magical season itself. Darryl Strawberry, Doc Gooden, Keith Hernandez, Lenny Dykstra, Mookie Wilson, Howard Johnson, Doug Sisk, Rafael Santana, Bobby Ojeda, Wally Backman, Kevin Mitchell, Ed Hearn, Danny Heep, and the late Gary Carter were all known for their heroics on the field. For some of them—known as the “Scum Bunch”—their debauchery off the field was even more awe-inspiring. But when that golden season ended, so did their aura of invincibility. Some faced battles with addiction, some were traded, and others struggled just to keep their lives together. Through interviews with these legendary players, Erik Sherman offers fans a new perspective on a team that will forever be remembered in sports history. INCLUDES PHOTOS

### **Suite Dreams** Harper Collins

They are all around you—in your neighborhood, your church, even your own family. They are sisters and daughters and mothers. These young women may look like they have it together, but inside they're hurting and hopeless. They are trapped by prostitution, alcohol, drugs, and darkness. They are desperate. And God is ready to transform them...into dangerous. In *A League of Dangerous Women*, Mary Frances Bowley tells the incredible true stories of women who knew only abuse, abandonment, and addiction—until God met their weaknesses with His Strength. Now these remarkable women are warriors for a heavenly kingdom, their lives a testimony to the extraordinary grace of a heavenly Father. Maybe you've been there yourself, or know someone who has been through similar circumstances. Whatever your background, these amazing stories will help you see the potential of God's redemption in your life. *A League of Dangerous Women* will challenge and inspire you to discover the healing, powerful, dangerous plans He has for you.

I Love You, Nice to Meet You Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Veronica Delaney didn't intend to fall for another bad guy, especially not one who just might be evil incarnate . . . Veronica Delaney is a bright and beautiful, young New York journalist who has had hard luck romantically and professionally. Her latest boyfriend left her for fame (and another woman, of course), and her latest assignment has her covering a bizarre satanic cult. But while following the story, Veronica soon meets the charming, polite, and devilishly handsome occult historian Richard Smith. Soon she's embroiled in an exciting affair—at least until strange relics begin to appear on her doorstep and things start to go terribly wrong. *The Boyfriend from Hell* is a funny, astute psychological thriller about the mysteries of attraction and love's power to hijack our good sense. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Avery Cormon including rare images from the author's personal collection.

*Out of My League* Oni Press

Gretchen Griner is an underpaid, underappreciated photographer for the Austin (that's Texas) Grackle, part-time lover of Peter Overton Treadwell III (known as "Trout"), and major consumer of Cup O' Soup. That is, until she meets Lizzie Potts—otherwise known as Viveca Lamoureaux, romance writer extraordinaire. Lizzie has a plan for Gretchen's life—and it includes Lizzie's brother Gus. But Gretchen has her own plan, and it does not feature a "wispy goon" named Gus. Of course, fate also has a plan for Gretchen, and it doesn't care what Gretchen wants. So Lizzie will give Gretchen Gus, Gus will give Gretchen the man of her dreams, and among this oddball cast of marvelous misfits, someone just may discover the secret to true romance.

**Outlaw League** Graphic Universe

Compiles and annotates YALSA's "Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults" and "Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers." Includes theme lists.

*An Ivy League's Poison* Scholastic Inc.

From the author of the irresistible beach reads "Caribbean Cruising" and "Thrill Ride" comes a book ideal for a lazy day at the ball park—the story of a girl who searches for romance among the boys of summer.

*Boyfriend League* Turtleback Books

I rested the ball on my hip and walked back toward the equipment shed. In the dark. Alone. With a boy. I would be completely freaking out over varsity soccer tryouts if it weren't for

the new student, Graham, who's helping me practice. He has the most amazing green eyes, curly brown hair, and perfect legs. Plus, we have lots in common, since all we both care about is soccer! Well, that's all he cares about. But my heart beats so fast when we're on the field together . . . and I don't think it's just from all the running around.

*The Boyfriend from Hell* Harper Collins

A wintry romance from beach-read favorite Rachel Hawthorne, the author of *Love on the Lifts* and *Snowed In* that is perfect to curl up with on a cold night. Great for fans of Stephanie Perkins, Lauren Barnholdt and Susane Colasanti. Fate has brought Jude, an Australian hunk, right to Alyssa's door—or rather, couch. In this hilarious tale of long-distance dorm room swaps, Alyssa's boyfriend, Rick, and Jude, his pal from Australia, have exchanged places for the winter break. As Alyssa teaches Jude how to deal with the wintry weather, she just might find herself a new snuggling partner.

**Thrill Ride** Independently Published

Bethany Farmer cares more about soccer than romance until transfer student Allein shows up, but after joining him in his battle to maintain control of the throne of Faerie, she must decide to give up the mortal world for him, or ask him to give up his immortality.

*The League of Outsider Baseball* Harper Collins

Named a Best Book of 2020 by NPR and Lit Hub. A Los Angeles Times Bestseller. A New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice "In *The Cactus League* [Emily Nemens] provides her readers with what amounts to a miniature, self-enclosed world that is funny and poignant and lovingly observed." --Charles McGrath, *The New York Times Book Review* An explosive, character-driven odyssey through the world of baseball Jason Goodyear is the star outfielder for the Los Angeles Lions, stationed with the rest of his team in the punishingly hot Arizona desert for their annual spring training. Handsome, famous, and talented, Goodyear is nonetheless coming apart at the seams. And the coaches, writers, wives, girlfriends, petty criminals, and diehard fans following his every move are eager to find out why—as they hide secrets of their own. Humming with the energy of a ballpark before the first pitch, Emily Nemens's *The Cactus League* unravels the tightly connected web of people behind a seemingly linear game.

Narrated by a sportscaster, Goodyear's story is interspersed with

tales of Michael Taylor, a batting coach trying to stay relevant; Tamara Rowland, a resourceful spring-training paramour, looking for one last catch; Herb Allison, a legendary sports agent grappling with his decline; and a plethora of other richly drawn characters, all striving to be seen as the season approaches. It's a journey that, like the Arizona desert, brims with both possibility and destruction. Anchored by an expert knowledge of baseball's inner workings, Emily Nemens's *The Cactus League* is a propulsive and deeply human debut that captures a strange desert world that is both exciting and unforgiving, where the most crucial games are the ones played off the field.

**No Ivy League** Entangled: Crush

For the Love of the Game... The sound of the crowd, the smell of the grass, the feel of the bat. For Luca Milano, baseball is more than a game, it's poetry. A star college ball player, upon graduation he is drafted by a major league team and assigned to a minor league team in Durham, North Carolina. There, on the field, misfortune in the form of a badly-thrown ball sends his life on a path he'd never expected. A path to pain, heartache, and love. Sammi Jo Jackson loves baseball more than anything else in the world, much to her mother's constant frustration. Constantly compared to her perfect and feminine older sister, Sammi Jo just wants to live her life without sacrificing who she truly is. But a surprising friendship with a minor league ball player, and his unexpected love of poetry, introduces her to a world beyond any she's ever known. The only trouble is, he's dating her perfect sister. A Major League Love is a story that bridges the gap between baseball and poetry, between friendship and love, bringing the heart and soul of America's favorite game into a beautifully poignant metaphor for life, regret, love, and loss.

*The Boyfriend Bet* Maggie Dallen

Rafe Turner has a tattoo running from his wrist to his shoulder. His hair is a little too long. He doesn't need to rebel, because owning his life is already in his blood. He's way out of her league, for sure, but when Lily Gardner accidentally face plants through the window of his band's practice room, a connection is formed between Rafe and Lily that can't be shaken. When Rafe invites her to jam with his band, Lily knows the mega-talented drummer is exactly what she needs to fix her life. The fact that Rafe already has a girlfriend? No problem. It'll be enough if people simply think she's dating him...won't it? Lily is about to discover that finding

her passion is a whole lot more complicated than a fake boyfriend...or two. "Stop, drop and rock-n-roll....Stephanie Rowe has created the new teen queen with Lily Gardner! THE FAKE BOYFRIEND EXPERIMENT gets under your skin, like a pop song on the radio, you find yourself wanting to go back to it over and over!" ~Guilty Indulgence Book Club Author's Note: This novel was originally published in paperback in 2006 by HarperCollins with the title THE BOYFRIEND TRICK under the author's pen name of Stephie Davis. The 2012 edition has been extensively revised and expanded. There are excerpts from other books by the author in the back of the book.

[Suite Dreams](#) Open Road Media

"ONE OF THIS SUMMER'S BUZZIEST YA READS"--Entertainment Weekly AN INSTANT INDIEBOUND BESTSELLER Gossip Girl meets One of Us Is Lying with a dash of The Secret History in this slick, taut murder mystery set against the backdrop of an exclusive prep school on Long Island. In Gold Coast, Long Island, everything from the expensive downtown shops to the manicured beaches, to the pressed uniforms of Jill Newman and her friends, looks perfect. But as Jill found out three years ago, nothing is as it seems. Freshman year Jill's best friend, the brilliant, dazzling Shaila Arnold, was killed by her boyfriend. After that dark night on the beach, Graham confessed, the case was closed, and Jill tried to move on. Now, it's Jill's senior year and she's determined to make it her best yet. After all, she's a senior and a Player--a member of Gold Coast Prep's exclusive, not-so-secret secret

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society. Senior Players have the best parties, highest grades and the admiration of the entire school. This is going to be Jill's year. She's sure of it. But when Jill starts getting texts proclaiming Graham's innocence, her dreams of the perfect senior year start to crumble. If Graham didn't kill Shaila, who did? Jill vows to find out, but digging deeper could mean putting her friendships, and her future, in jeopardy.

*The Magnolia League* Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

A wintry romance from beach-read favorite Rachel Hawthorne, the author of *Love on the Lifts* and *Snowed In* that is perfect to curl up with on a cold night. Great for fans of Stephanie Perkins, Lauren Barnholdt and Susane Colasanti. Fate has brought Jude, an Australian hunk, right to Alyssa's door--or rather, couch. In this hilarious tale of long-distance dorm room swaps, Alyssa's boyfriend, Rick, and Jude, his pal from Australia, have exchanged places for the winter break. As Alyssa teaches Jude how to deal with the wintry weather, she just might find herself a new snuggling partner.

**Wallflower** Lulu.com

While this book is basically a satirical look at baseball, it touches on other subjects along the way. It starts in 1956 long after the legend of Abner Doubleday, a Civil War officer, whose name is entwined with inventing the grand old game we now call baseball. Unlike the ironmen of the past who went the distance and hit for

power too, the narrative explores how the game evolved into one that features specialized players like designated hitters and starting pitchers who rarely go more than six innings before the hot arms of the bullpen trot out. It also tells the journey of a young boy into manhood and the trials and tribulations he endures while seeking his lifelong dream and indeed his true calling in life of becoming a major-league pitcher. It touches on the draft and his induction into the military and ultimately his deployment to Southeast Asia and a combat tour that he barely survived. It then follows his path into the world of marijuana trafficking and ultimately a four-year stretch in a Canadian penitentiary. It climaxes with our protagonist getting an invitation at age thirty-six to spring training. He didn't make the team, but it was an achievement nonetheless. It is an entertaining read with great characters mixed in along the way. I hope you will enjoy reading this piece of baseball fiction as much as I enjoyed writing it.

**Island Girls (and Boys)** Poppy

From the author of *Labor of Love* and *The Boyfriend Project* comes another beach-perfect novel of fun, friendship, and the boys of summer, great for fans of Stephanie Perkins, Lauren Barnholdt and Susane Colasanti. Dani's a tomboy, totally useless when it comes to romance. But this summer she and her best friend have a foolproof plan to change all that. Both of their families will be hosting summer league baseball players—a whole league of potential boyfriends!