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Star hockey player Daniel Sacachelli wants only two things: 1) for the Falcons to win next season, and 2) for his secret — the fact he’s actually the prince of Eldonia — to never make its way to Chicago. But if Daniel keeps avoiding his crown, their family will lose their kingdom forever.

Madison Myong can’t believe that her will-they-or-won’t-they best friend Daniel is really a prince! He’s always seemed more rebel than royal. But now, he needs to clean up his image, fast. Posing as his long time girlfriend, Madison accompanies him back to Eldonia, intending to give Daniel a makeover fit for a king.

Only, the more royal Daniel becomes, the more Madison misses her best friend. And if she does her job right, she’ll lose him forever...

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Colleen's Conclusions says

I received Just one of the Royals by Leah and Kate Rooper from Netgalley. It has no impact on my thoughts. My thoughts are my own.

I was very excited when I first heard about Just One of the Royals. It's very surprising, but I love a good hockey story. And if you add in some royalty to it? HUGE BONUS!! I quickly started it when I got it and was very pleased that it met my expectations.

Just One of the Royals is the second book to The Chicago Falcon's series by Leah and Kate Rooper. They could almost be read as a standalone, but the characters from the first book are mentioned several different times, so it would make sense to go back and read Just one of the Guys first before you pick this one up so you can fully appreciate all of the mentions/moments between the other characters. They didn't take up the whole story or anything, but it'd still just be appreciated more. The story also kind of mentions one plot that happened in the previous book and continues on from there for the two new characters.

I loved the two new characters we had, Madison and Daniel. Madison was an aspiring actress, and Daniel was one of the players on the Chicago Falcon team. Madison was also the assistant trainer for the team. Daniel had a secret, and when his sister Eva comes to visit him, his secret is out...he's a prince. This part was totally a Princess Diaries moment but for a prince instead, but I still absolutely loved it. His sister had to bring him home, but not before convincing his best friend Madison to help him become the king of their kingdom. Madison's plan to help him was to become his pretend girlfriend to help Daniel win his kingdom over for him.

This book was funny, there were a couple of different parts that had me laughing like when Daniel was panicking over his spaghetti and stuff like that.

If you are looking for a book that is similar to The Princess Diaries, look no further. Just One of the Royals is just as witty with it, but there's just hockey and some smack talk added into it. It was an enjoyable fast paced five star read.

Thank you Netgalley and publishers for giving me the chance to read this book! I thoroughly enjoyed it and can't wait for the next one already. I might even have to go back to reread the first one now.

Alja Katuin says

A lovely, light story about true love and how sometimes it's better to be honest and upfront! I loved it, I'm looking forward to reading more of this author

Elaine says

This is a lovely teen romance with plenty of surprises along the way. To start with Daniel Sacachelli is the illegitimate son - and heir - of the King of Eldonia but no one at his school knows this. There he's one of the star hockey players and best friend of Madison Myong. Actually he'd like to be much more than her best

friend, but she has very controlling parents and he has a poor reputation so they'd find him totally unacceptable. Little does he know that Madison also wants to be more than his best friend but doesn't feel able to take the next steps to change that. Well, that was true until she overheard that he needs to save the throne for his family, so he needs help to make himself fit to be King. Now that's something Madison can do - she's a talented actor and has helped others take on different roles convincingly in the past. So now, the two are off to Eldonia, posing as a couple. Will they manage to fool everyone? Can she really help prove him worthy of becoming King? Will fake become real?

This is a fun, light-hearted and entertaining read, with plenty of laugh out loud moments, some farcical aspects and great friendships and team spirit to help everything work out in the end. A quirky, quick and enjoyable read, just don't take it too seriously! I hadn't read the other book in this series but will be endeavouring to do so in future.

I requested and was given a copy of this novel, via NetGalley, with no obligation. This is my honest review of the book after choosing to read it.

Grace says

Princess diaries with hockey is a fun concept. The writing just wasn't very good.

Miranda (MrsLeif's Two Fangs About It) says

Just One of the Royals was a fun and cute book to read during my royal wedding hangover!

One of my favorite things about this book was the focus on friendships! All the characters had such strong dynamics with everyone around them, and it warmed my heart so much! The authors were great at creating believable and fun friendships between everyone.

The romance in this book was very sweet and adorable! The romance was supposed to be the trope of a fake relationship to something more, which is one of my favorite tropes! However, the romance felt more like just friends to lovers. I didn't think the fake relationship idea was really developed all that much to make it seem realistic. The romance was still a lot of fun, but I just wish I would have seen a little more of that fake relationship trope throughout the story.

Overall, this was a quick and enjoyable read! If you are craving some royal romances just like I was, then I would recommend checking out this cute book!

3 / 5 Fangs

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MrsLeif's Two Fangs About It

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Thamy says

I guess I hoped for another version of the secret-prince trope, but this one wasn't bad.

Daniel is secretly a prince and now his father, the king of Eldonia, died, his sister shows up asking him to take over the throne or else she'll have to marry against her will thanks to some very old law. But Daniel knows his popularity isn't that high, so he gets the help of his secret-crush Madison, who suggests pretending they're a thing so he can show commitment.

I really wanted the actual prince trope. I mean, Daniel is really a prince, but he wasn't raised like one, he's almost his father's dirty secret and never thought of going anywhere near the throne until his sister contacts him. I think most of my disappointment came from the simple fact it wasn't the story I wanted, so take that in consideration.

Still... I caught myself a little bored. The pretend-relationship part never gave many fruits either, just the steps we all know the characters will end up taking. And to be honest, I wasn't convinced by the party-boy tag they put on Daniel. This is part of a series and I haven't read the first book, so mea culpa, but from this book alone, it was far-fetched. He seems too serious and focused for that here.

Now the characters themselves were good. I loved Madison, Eva, and Daniel isn't bad at all, poor thing. Everything happening at the wrong timing... I could see the writers' talents for building characters and wouldn't stop thinking of how I want to read the rest of the series or the previous book. But the story itself lacked shine.

If you're up for a nice, quick-to-read YA book, this can be it. But that's as far as it goes, in my opinion.

Honest review based on an ARC provided by Netgalley. Many thanks to the publisher for this opportunity.

Michelle says

You can see this full review and more at Book Briefs: <https://bookbriefs.net> Just one of the Royals is the second book in the Chicago Falcons series by Leah and Kate Rooper. I loved the first book in the series, Just one of the Boys, so much that I actually re-read it before picking up this book. So I had a pretty good feeling I was going to enjoy Just one of the Royals. Leah and Kate Rooper make a great writing duo. I can't wait to see what the next book is going to bring for us. The Chicago Falcons series is a young adult sports romance series, where each book follows a different hockey player and tells his story.

In just one of the Royals we follow Daniel and Madison. Daniel and Madison are best friends, but one of them is hiding a pretty big secret- that he is actually a prince! I know the set up is a bit different, but this book gave me all kinds of great Princess Diaries vibes. I loved it. I also really liked the best friend romance aspect of the story. That is always going to be one of my favorite contemporary romance tropes. Not to mention there is tons of hockey fun...and hockey players. Basically, all of my favorite things in a light hearted young adult romance.

Kate and Leah have a wonderfully conversational writing style, which leads to books that have a wonderful flow to them. I read both of the books in this series in one day. They are quick, reads that you can easily demolish in one sitting, and at the end you will have a nice big satisfied smile on your face. So whether you love hockey romances, best friends romances or secretly royal romances, this is the book for you. It has everything all in one! I really enjoyed Just one of the Royals. It was a cute and fun read.

This review was originally posted on Book Briefs

Kristin says

Just One of the Royals is a cute young adult story about a bastard son who has to learn to be a King for his people. Daniel has no interest in being the prince of Eldonia, let alone the king. However, after his father passes away, his sister comes out to America to ask for him to consider taking the thrown. In their country, only a male can rule the country, so if Daniel turns it down, Eva must marry a suitable man to rule the kingdom or the family will lose the thrown forever. This was sort of like Princess Diaries, only with hockey players.

Daniel has always known he's a prince, and has spent his summers visiting his father. However, he never felt like Eldonia was his country or that he belonged there. So, when his sister drops the bombshell on his lap, he immediately panics. All he wants to do is play hockey and be a normal teen. Not to mention the fact that he knows nothing about Eldonia and is definitely not fit to be the countries ruler. Yet, he can't help himself from wanting to help out his sister. He was a really loyal character that would sacrifice anything for those he loved.

The book is split up between Daniel's POV and Madison. While I really liked Daniel's character, I did not care for Madison at all. I'm not overly sure if she was all there. I'm think the girl may have had a few screws loose. I get it, she wants to be an actress, but this girl took it way too far. When she eavesdrops on Daniel's conversation with his sister, she decides the solution is to to Eldonia, pretend to be his long-lasting girl friend to prove that he's reliable, and show his people that he can be the future king of their country. Just about every thought from this girl was her playing out a scene, getting in character, viewing rooms as her stage, and it was a bit weird. Not to mention the crazed fit she has in the castle where she tears down a curtain and wrestles with it as she thinks how she doesn't want this stage any more and that it was time for the curtain to go down. No, honey. I am pretty sure it's time for you to see a doctor.

While this was a cute story about Daniel coming into his Prince-hood, I never fully latched onto the story. I wasn't onboard with their romance, I didn't really care for Madison, and I just didn't feel like there was anything that really set it apart from other young adult novels.

Alja Katuin says

Absolutely loved how quirky and quick this read was. I need more of these kind of books!

Samantha (WLABB) says

I just re-read my review for the previous book in this series, Just One of the Boys, and I have to say, I am harboring many of the same thoughts about this book, which is a positive thing.

I had adored Madison in the last book, because she was such a fantastic friend to Al, and I was happy that she was getting her own romance. I was also excited to see she was getting paired up with the resident bad boy, Daniel. They had a really close friendship in the previous book, but I wasn't sure if the attraction went both ways. The doubt each experienced made me a little nutty, but I did enjoy seeing their friendship evolve,

and they ended up being great together.

I was pretty surprised by the royal storyline, but I have to admit, I loved it! I read this book the day of the royal wedding, so I was already sort of swept up in royal-mania. This just added to the fun. We got to travel to the small, European country of Eldonia, where we attended many events and saw Daniel try to live up to his princely title. Like many "suddenly royal" type stories, Daniel committed many faux pas, but he also worked really hard to redeem himself, because in the end, it was all for his family.

The family theme was quite strong in this book, and I always like when there is a solid family focus. The interactions between Daniel and his sister were very merry and heartwarming, and we also got to spend a lot of time with Daniel's Falcon family. Bromances can be a most splendid thing, and that was totally the case in Just One of the Royals.

Just One of the Royals also really delivered on what I want in companion novels. Not only did we get to catch up with Al and Hayden, they were featured in this book. It's not the first time, and it won't be the last, that you hear me say how glad I was to see what happened "after". AND, I think the next match will result in lots of fun. The heroine is sassy, while the hero is a little on the shyer side. I know I am excited to see how that one works out.

Overall: It was a lot of fun being back with the Falcons! The Roopers gave us another super cute romance with a fun royal twist.

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Stephanie says

I received a copy of this title via NetGalley. It does not impact my review.

Just One of the Royals is the second book in a series about members of a junior hockey team. I haven't read the first book in the series yet (from what I gather it sounds very similar to the movie *She's the Man*, but with hockey instead of soccer), but found this could be read easily as a standalone.

I really liked the friendships in the book. The guys on the hockey team, plus Madison (the trainer) were all pretty close and they looked out for each other. I liked that there weren't any frenemies or mean girls. I also enjoyed Daniel's relationship with his half-sister and with his mother. He was super sweet with both of them and I loved it.

The fake-relationship trope is one of my favorites and was the main reason for me wanting to read this book. However, I didn't really think that aspect of the book was very well done. The reason for them trying to fake a relationship was pretty flimsy to start with and then there were none of the fun moments where they had to try to prove to people they were together. They just like held hands a couple times? Kissed for the cameras once. No one in Eldonia really cared about their "relationship" at all and it just didn't make a lot of sense to me. It felt a lot more like Friends-To-More than Fake Relationship.

Overall, Just One of the Royals, was a cute read and I liked that it was written by two sisters, but it's probably not a book I would want to pick up again. I liked Daniel and how all the relationships were portrayed, but was disappointed in the lack of Fake Relationship drama and also that I didn't find Madison to

be very likable. If you enjoy sports romances and are trying to feed your Royal Wedding hangover, you might enjoy this one.

Overall Rating (out of 5): 3 Stars

D.M. says

Princess Diaries meets the Mighty Ducks.

Just one of the royals has all my favourite books themes rolled into one.

- Best friends who secretly want more ?Check
- Fake relationship ?Check
- Ice hockey player ?Check
- Misunderstood bad boy ?Check

Daniel Sacachelli is a hockey player for the Falcons. His best friend Madison is also the girl of his dreams, but he needs to find the courage to tell her. Daniel is also hiding another truth. He's secretly a prince and his responsibilities are about to catch up with him. His step-sister has come to take him home and to try to convince him to take his place. The Falcons are taking a road trip but don't worry there will always be hockey!

Madison is in love with her best friend but he has a different girl on his arm every weekend. She wants to follow her dreams to be an actress but her parents want her to be a doctor. When Daniel blows her off she finds herself in the local diner drowning her sorrows. The right place at the right time is about to earn Madison the inside scoop.

The Chicago Falcons series is great. The writing style is catchy and the stories are juicy. Just One of the Boys is my favourite so far, but Just One of the Royals is good. I can't wait for more! Cheers for the underdog. This book has the perfect ending and a sneak peek at the next instalment.

I just have two little niggles with this book. I hate the word bastard which I know is made popular by a certain snow but I wish it was phrased differently. My second dislike to this book is Daniels sisters nickname for him. I just found it a little irritating. These two things don't really affect the storyline.

This can be read as a standalone, however, features the character from the first book. The story is enhanced with the background information on the other characters but not essential. One of the Royals is a fun read intended for the older teen.

4 Stars out of 5.

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Danielle (Life of a Literary Nerd) says

1.5 Stars

I wanted to love this I really did. It has everything I'm looking for in a fluffy contemporary, but this just fell

incredibly flat to me. I thought the plot moved fast, with little to no set up and the characters were one dimensional. The dialogue was rough and felt really juvenile. The whole story was just a miss for me. Can't win them all.

I received a copy of the book from Entangled Teen via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Dani (Dani Reviews Things & Love in a time of Feminism) says

Hold up a sec...

- Ice hockey player
- Guy is secretly a prince and needs to learn how to be more royal (Princess Diaries vibes)
- Friendship to romance trope

Yeah, I need in on this.

Claire (booksoffeeandrepeat) says

Note that I had no idea this was the second book to a series. Although this had been the case, the story was still easy to follow and was quite entertaining. In tradition to "The Princess Diaries" (except the main character is a prince), the story follows Daniel (an illegitimate son and heir to a throne) and Madison (an immigrant with a dream).

It was interesting to read about the thoughts of a secret prince and the other POV from Madison. They were similar to each other as they were both hesitant to act on what they wanted: their hopes and dreams as well as what they felt for each other. Unfortunately, the romance did not satisfy me, nor did it want me to keep me reading. While the book had been fun to read about (at least for a while), I wasn't a fan of the romance trope used in the novel. I ended up feeling bored and it just didn't seem genuine to me. Ironically, there just wasn't enough chemistry (in my opinion).

There was also a moment when I had no interest in reading about these characters. After a while, I grew exasperated with the juvenile voice (and sometimes thoughts) of these characters. Hence, I realized that this book just wasn't for me. In general, the romance and plot was predictable and formulaic. It just didn't stand out to me. Even if this was the case, I'd recommend this to story for the friendship aspect and the influence of "The Princess Diaries" with sports (hockey).

****Huge thanks to the publisher for approving my request to read this book in exchange for an honest review.**
