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**Everyone knows the girl is off limits. But it's so good to be bad.?**

## **There's this girl...**

Heidi and I have been trading hungry looks all year, and everything she does makes me smile. But I don't do girlfriends, and I certainly can't get involved with the league commissioner's daughter. I need shots on goal, not a hookup and a widely misunderstood paparazzi photo.

Can I resist her, though? The way she teases me should be a game penalty for interference with my libido. ?

## **There's this guy...**

Jason wants me, but he won't admit it. That man looks at me the way a hockey player eyes the lunch buffet after practice--and I love it.

But when victory is finally within my grasp, I blow it and humiliate myself. Even then I can't even avoid him--as the team intern, I'm in constant view of his hard body and cocky smile.

I need another chance. Jason Castro is about to learn the true meaning of an overnight sensation.

## **Overnight Sensation Details**

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### The Romance Book Disciple (Samantha) says

Overnight Sensation continues my obsession with the Brooklyn Bruisers! In this story, we get the "overnight sensation" Jason Castro as our hero. And his lady love? None other than the commissioner's daughter, Heidi Pepper! She is also a Bruisers' intern, hoping to take over Becca's job now that Becca is marrying the owner.

Jason is having an off start to his season. He isn't living up to his previous season and struggling in his new position as right wing. One area Jason doesn't struggle? With the ladies. He nearly has a 1 night stand with Heidi, not knowing she was the commissioner's daughter. Heidi has decided she is tired of doing whatever her father wants. She doesn't want to go back to Bryn Mawr and finish school. She doesn't want to date the boring, father approved guy who is even more boring in bed. She decides to stand up to her father and take risks. I admired Heidi a lot. Being able to say "This isn't the path I want my life on" is really difficult. When you have overbearing parents who hold the purse strings, it's even harder. But, Heidi doesn't shy away from working hard to keep her independence. She also works hard at trying to get Castro to sleep with her! Sometimes its downright comical and other times my heart hurt for her because you can feel her emotions. Heidi was a character that made me want to be a better person. She was able to look at everything in life as an opportunity and I find that incredibly admirable!

While Castro initially comes off as a typical manwhore jock, you learn pretty quickly that isn't the whole story. Don't get me wrong-he is a love 'em and leave 'em guy for sure, but he is also driven, dedicated to his sport and his teammates, and really sweet with his family. He carries guilt about a past tragedy and you see how it shapes him in subtle ways. I wanted him to man up and be with Heidi despite her father, but I understood his predicament (hello, its basically the CEO's daughter)! His past really moulds him in some tragic ways and that was heartbreaking.

In the 200 + books I read each year, Sarina Bowen's are always some of my favorites and Overnight Sensation delivered. Bowen writes dynamic characters that you bond with quickly and creates a book 'family' you never want to leave. I hope she writes this series forever because I will never tire of it!

POV: dual 1st

Tears: no

Trope: boss's daughter, hockey

Triggers: none

Series/Standalone: stand alone within an interconnected series

Cliffhanger: (view spoiler)

HEA: (view spoiler)

Max by Sawyer Bennett, The Friend Zone by Kristen Callihan, The Good Luck Charm by Helena Hunting...then you will probably like Overnight Sensation!

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See full review on The Book Disciple

## Optimist ?King's Wench? & MANTIES Champion says

### 3.5? 3.75????

I'm round up because of Heidi Jo. That girl are funneee. Heidi Jo had me cackling so much during the bear vs. fish fight that my sides hurt. She's spunky, fiery and driven.

Her father is the league commissioner and he's pissed that she dropped out of Bryn Mawr so he decides to put her in the penalty box, so to speak, by making her do menial jobs for the Brooklyn Bruisers. But he underestimates his daughter.

She is a trooper. Not only does she do all these crappy jobs but she's good at them. She's observant and uses some of the things she's witnessing to strengthen her relationship with Becca (new team owner) AND she starts her own delivery service for the team. By the time all is said and done everyone thinks Heidi Jo is going to run the world. She's that capable.

Castro is her crush and she's determined to get the team hit and run artist to "inspect her suspension". Even though she has zero experience at seductressing, she's intuitive and determined which means Jason Castro doesn't stand a chance.

Castro's pretty funny in his own rite and he's a great teammate. He's protective and possessive of Heidi but she's not afraid to give him the business when he gets all caveman on her.

The sex is pretty standard SB fare. Castro's a *little* bossier than some, but still not too far off the reservation.

Things started off so well then the fizzling started to occur with Jason's wishy-washiness. He whirls around more than a weathervane.

From shutting her down because she's the commish's daughter and because he's a one and done kinda guy to schmoopy SUPER BOYFRIEND to icing her out like a polar vortex to ILY?

That ILY came out of nowhere and did not resonate. I get that he's struggling with the abrupt and tragic loss of his high school sweetheart and is bad at making the words, but the flips happened so fast it was hard to believe in the HFN.

Heidi Jo should get all the bone melting sex she can stand then...

Because craycraybenaynay.

I wish I had liked this as much as I initially thought I was going to but I will still read the next one which I'm guessing is about Silas and the singer that I'm pretty sure he has a history with, though I was so hoping it would be Bayer there for a minute. That dude needs a happy in a baaaaadddd way.

Remember, I'm kind of a hardass so grain of salt, people. Grain of salt... YMMV.

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### **Carole (Carole's Random Life in Books) says**

This review can also be found at Carole's Random Life in Books.

I loved this book! I have only been reading Sarina Bowen's work for about a year now but she has quickly become an author that I trust to deliver great romances and she totally delivered with this book. This book is the fifth book in the Brooklyn Bruisers series but it was the first book from the series that I have read and it worked well on its own. Of course, now I am ready to go back and get the other books read since I liked this one so much.

This story is all about Heidi and Jason. Heidi, an intern, lets her inhibitions go for one night and wants to hook up with the team's sexy hockey player, Jason. Unfortunately, she has way too much to drink and ends up sleeping it off at his house instead. It wouldn't be a big deal except for the photo of them together that is making the rounds and the fact that Heidi is actually the commissioner's daughter. As the pair spends more and more time with each other, they decide that they just can't stay away from each other.

Heidi and Jason were both great characters. Heidi has lived a rather sheltered and spoiled life. She knows this but she also isn't afraid of hard work. I liked how she was willing to do what was needed to get what she wants. It seemed that no matter how terrible the job was she approached it with the best attitude possible. Jason doesn't do relationships and hasn't for a long time. He is more of a one night stand kind of guy but he wants more with Heidi. It was great learning about Jason's past and finding out what he was really thinking.

I loved these two together! They just seemed to fit perfectly together. They had fantastic chemistry with each other and there are quite a few sexy moments in the story. I liked the way that he looked out for her and vice versa. They both showed that they were willing to stand up for each other and just be there for support when necessary. It does take Jason some time to completely open up to Heidi about his past but I liked watching them work through everything.

I would highly recommend this book to others. This was a great romance with fantastic characters. I loved the fact that there was quite a bit of hockey worked into the story and the side characters were just as great as Jason and Heidi. I ended up reading this entire book in a single day because I literally could not put it down. I cannot wait to read more from this amazing author!

*I received a digital review copy of this book from the author/publicist.*

#### **Initial Thoughts**

So, so good! I loved Heidi and Jason! Both characters were very well done and the chemistry between them was amazing. The challenges that they had to overcome seemed realistic to me. This one was just a whole lot of fun to read.

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### **Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says**

Yay ??? I loved it ♥?♥? Review to come!!

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## **Penny Reid says**

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## **Kendall Ryan says**

Sarina scores big with this undeniably swoony romance!

Can't wait for everyone to get their hands on Jason Castro & Heidi Pepper (aka Hot Pepper)

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## **Christy says**

**4 stars!!!!**

I love the Brooklyn Bruisers books, and I was so excited to read about Jason Castro! I loved his book. Another hit in this awesome hockey romance series.

Jason is the guy who doesn't do relationships. Yes. He's that guy. But there is this girl named Heidi who has been interning for the Bruisers and they've been circling each other. The thing is, Heidi is off limits for Jason. Her dad is important (the NHL commissioner) and Jason is off limits for Heidi (hockey player). It doesn't matter though, that pull is still there between them.

I don't remember ever wanting anything as badly as I want Jason Castro right now.

There was a lot of push and pull in this one, a lot of friends to lovers, denying the feelings and all that jazz,

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but they have so much chemistry. Heidi was a fun character. At first, I wasn't sure how I felt about this 20 year old spoiled girl, but my goodness, she was so much more than what met the eye. Heidi is a hard worker, resourceful, fights for what she wants, and really is a sweetheart.

Jason Castro. Sigh. I loved Jason as well. He's a really good guy. He's had a big of a tragic relationship past that has made him hesitant to be with anyone so he does fight it a bit, but once he's committed he's all in and it's the very best!

This is one of my favorite hockey series. I love Sarina's writing. Her characters are endearing and the stories make me smile, laugh, and feel. This book was fun, sweet, sexy, and emotional and I really enjoyed it! I'm hoping we get more from this series because there are still many characters I'd like to read about! Keep em' coming!!

“You and I are going to be a thing.”

“A thing? What's that?”

“It's whatever we want it to be. It's our thing.”

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## 1-Click Addict Support Group says

Oh, this book was A-M-A-Z-I-N-G!

Heidi and Jason shined in this hockey-infused story about life-altering moments and forging new paths...

Heidi was a rich girl but she was so much more than that. Funny and sweet, bold and brash, she was so many things in one compassionate and practical package. She wasn't afraid to stand up for herself – or others – and she did it all with humour and class...

Jason was a handsome, talented hockey player who didn't have commitment in his vocabulary. Heidi turned him – and his beliefs – on their ear, as she not so quietly, but very competently, won him over.

Their romantic dance had *all* the things! Heated moments (totally fan-worthy!), sweet conversations and romantic hiccups. Throw in a hockey team that were really family as well as parental units that stirred the pot, well, it was reading perfection.

I don't want to start another book because then I would have to put this story behind me and I'm not ready to let it go. If you haven't met the Bruisers then you must if only to read Heidi and Jason's story but trust me, you will want them all. So, so freakin' good... ~Diane, 5 stars

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## ☆ Bianca ☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆ says

I have to admit that I only read 2 Brooklyn Bruisers books before this one. One was the one right before this one: Brooklynair - which I loved! And then I obviously read the amazing True North Series - of which Bountiful had a Bruisers player in it too! ?

So now here is Heidi and Jason's book.

I really love Heidi! With her adorable accent! I tried reading her scenes in an accent - very talent-free I have to admit! ?

And Castro is just as adorable! Poor guy. So attracted to this off-limits girl!

I love his friendship with his room mate Silas. Can't wait to get his book with the pop star!!!

And as if Heidi being the daughter of the league's boss was not bad enough - poor Jason also has some sad mysteries in his past that make him think he will never fall in love again.

Plus he's not really playing his best hockey at the moment, but he really wants to stay with the team...

And poor Heidi? With her idiot daddy! She sooo wants Rebecca's old job working for the team, but her dad wants her to go back to college.

Lots and lots of things to overcome until we can ride off into a happily ever after sunset!

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Such an adorable story!

I'm not the biggest hockey romance fan - that's why I'm so late to join this series!

But I really love what I've seen so far!

I love the team, the owners, the players, the atmosphere.

And of course Heidi and Jason. They so belong together, but it'll be really hard to get to that happy end!

But we love every second of their journey!

The book was funny, sad, heartbreaking, sweet, hockey-ish, Brooklyn-ish ... and so much more!

I'm sad to not have started this series with book #1 - I hope I'll find time to read them all one day!  
#MegaBusyReadingCalendarBloggerLife ?

**OVERNIGHT SENSATION was such an adorable and fun and sweet and heartbreaking Hockey Romance!!! Run to your nearest amazon asap - Heidi & Jason will be sold out in no time!**

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## Stacey is Sassy says

### Hard to break a habit, but worth it for happiness

*Overnight Sensation* hit my Kindle and I was really excited to get started. I planned my reading attack plan. Step 1 – finish what I’m currently reading. Step 2 – go to work, try not to think about it as it sits there waiting patiently to start tonight. Step 3 - start my Friday Night Party Night with a glass of wine in one hand and my Kindle in the other with *Overnight Sensation* locked and loaded. Well, like all good plans set by a compulsive plan maker, things went awry. My eldest wakes up in the middle of the night with gut pains. What follows is 12 hours of ... “Mum, I’M DYING!!!!”

So, my plans were delayed but Heidi and Castro were definitely worth the wait.

It’s so easy to get sucked into a *Sarina Bowen* story. She easily sucks me into a world that is different to my own but makes me feel at home and part of their lives. I love the Brooklyn Bruisers series and each instalment leaves me extremely satisfied. We are not “meeting” Heidi and Castro for the first time be we are getting to know them a whole lot more. Both Heidi and Castro are not at all as they seem and the more I got to know them, the more I liked them.

Castro hides his feelings because I think he’s afraid that a little chink in his armour will take away the barrier protecting his sanity and his heart. Out of habit, he pushes away anyone who gets too close. Everyone gets the carefree and fun Castro. No one can know that he suffers guilt and heartache from losing his first love. When Heidi comes into his life, he knows his attraction will do more than dint his armour. If he lets her, she might just shatter it and take his heart.

Poor little rich girl wants to break the rules. Heidi is very dissatisfied with her life and the decisions that were made for her not with her, about her future. Standing against her father’s strong will, she finally decides to take matters into her own hands. But, independence is hard and her first steps in breaking the rules lead to being ripped off, embarrassed and humiliated. Heidi is made of tough stuff though, she is determined to start acting like an adult in control of her life. With a little help from Castro and Silas (Castro's teammate and housemate), her first steps, while wobbly, take her where she wants to go.

Castro needs to stop pushing people away and learn to trust his heart will be safe with those who he's come to love. Heidi needs to learn that money is not the way to happiness. Her wish list needs to have more than pretty knick-knacks. They both need to break their habits and find their way to happiness.

I really enjoyed *Overnight Sensation*. While not my favourite in the series, it still gave me all the highs and lows I’ve come to appreciate from this amazing storyteller. I love the closeness of these teammates and the Brooklyn Bruiser gang. They care about each other and definitely have each other's backs. The connection between Heidi and Castro jumped off the pages and it was inevitable that once was not going to be enough for the two of them. Luckily, it doesn’t take half the book for the two of them to realise it and we get to see them form a thing that then morphs into a relationship. Of course, there are bumps in their road to happiness but most of them were easily traversed.

I highly recommend the *Brooklyn Bruisers* series, *Overnight Sensation*, and ANYTHING that *Sarina Bowen* writes. If you haven't tried, I suggest you skate to it, NOW!!

## **K. Bromberg says**

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## **Corina BookTwinsReviews says**

Oh wow!! It's not often that I fall in love with a heroine - but Heidi was my kind of gal.

Besides having one of the most amazing contemporary romance heroines, the first half of this book was INCREDIBLE!!!! I laughed so hard at times - I truly had the best time reading this novel. I was actually sending screen shots of the Tesla scene to my friend, telling her she had to read it since she has driven a Tesla before and could totally relate.

Honestly, it's usually the guy that I fall for, but Heidi was the epitome of how a heroine should be. She was bossy outside of bed, well rounded in all things life might throw at her, and she had this adorable can-do-attitude that was charming and very attractive in a woman. She wasn't afraid to say what she wanted, smart, bright and incredibly likable, she had everyone wrapped around her little finger. All the best scenes belonged to her - and I wish more authors would write women like her. I thought the author really outdid herself with creating Heidi, because she was something special.

Jason, was swoony, protective, possessive and bossy in bed. He really found his match in Heidi and adored her strong and can-do personality. He might have actually been my favorite Bruiser so far. It's irresistible to me if a guy can hold his own next to a strong woman.

It was also fun catching up with many old friends and favorite characters. And the Bruisers are still my most favorite fictional sports team yet.

The entire novel was incredibly satisfying. It was a great sports romance that was hella fun, sweet, swoony,

touching, and entertaining. A MUST READ for every sports romance fan.



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## Astrid - The Bookish Sweet Tooth says

READ MY REVIEW ON THE BLOG

In OVERNIGHT SENSATION Sarina Bowen gives us her quirkiest, funniest, feistiest heroine yet. We met Heidi Jo in Brooklynaire as the team's intern. I actually thought she was a little airhead in Nate and Becca's book, but boy was I wrong.

Heidi's still interning but after leaving college to her father's dismay, daddy dearest finds all kinds of unpleasant jobs for Heidi. In return she moves out of her daddy's apartment and into Jason Castro's bachelor pad, even more to Dad's dismay. Because Jason Castro is a player. No, he's a PLAYER. Heidi just wants one night, one night to have wild sex and Jason isn't averse to that notion. However, that can't happen. Daddy's also the NHL commissioner and he declares Heidi Jo as off limits.

**“What would it take to make you serious about a girl again?”**

**“A frontal lobotomy,”** I say immediately.

Jason is a Shakespeare or Dickens reciting, manwhoring riot who gets an itch when relationships are mentioned, but there is so much more depth that isn't obvious at first. He's a dedicated hockey player, loyal to his friends and devoted to his family, ~~and super dirty in bed~~. When his past tragedy comes to light you understand a little why he thinks he's not a relationship kind of guy. He didn't anticipate Heidi though. While we find out how awesome she is, so does he.

**She's like a beam of sunshine. And my cloudy ass could really use some of that.**

Heidi Jo is an avalanche. She is fine with being bossed around in bed. But outside of it? No way, Jose! She fights and stands her ground. Heidi's a resourceful, fearless, smart, idealistic, and a little spoiled young woman who adapts easily with an easy charm. Her quirky, positive personality is adorable. When she got into it with Jason they had an irresistible chemistry, fabulous, laugh-out-loud banter.

**“You only let me boss you around when we're both naked. When you're dressed up in your cute-as-fuck little outfits, I can't tell you anything.”**

OVERNIGHT SENSATION is another winner in this series and I don't mind if Sarina Bowen writes ten more books about hot Brooklyn Bruisers. Next up is Silas who gives us quite a riddle to ponder. I have a theory and I'm hoping to see it confirmed!

**‘ I love you against reason, against promise, against peace, against hope, against happiness, against all discouragement that could be.’**