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If all they see are her scars - they aren't looking hard enough.

It was my home run ball that shattered her face.
Right along with her modeling career.

Now it's my mission to help her rebuild her life.
And get her to love the game that she hates.
The game that dictates my life both on and off the field.

But when the lines of our friendship become blurred, I worry she'll just be another casualty of my three-strikes rule. The rule I have to protect my money, my future, my heart.
No girl has ever broken it.
I've never wanted one to.
Until now.

The question is ... will I let her?

Catching Caden is a standalone romance. It is Book One in The Perfect Game Series.
Books two and three coming soon.

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Three Chicks says

4.5 Stars!

Review by Lisa Kane

Oh, I do love a sports romance! Caden Kessler plays for the New York Nighthawks. He's talented, gorgeous and rich. That combo puts him on the radar of just about every obsessed cleat groupie. He had a close call once and that has made him gun shy ever since.

When he hits the crack of his bat, he just knows he's hit another home run. That's number twenty-six for the season. But when he sees commotion in the stands where the ball flew, he knows somebody may have gotten hit with that ball. He finds out that the fan was Murphy Cavanaugh and the injury was severe enough to an ambulance to make a run to the hospital. He gets together some baseball swag and goes for a visit.

Murphy has just landed her first big modeling job. Her boyfriend and her roommate insisted on going to a game to celebrate. She's immune to sports and so the irony of her getting smacked right in the face with a ball going 100 miles per hour is not lost on her. But it seems that, according to the doctor's reports, her facial bones were shattered, she needs surgery and her recovery is going to put a pre-emptive strike on this job. But things are about to get worse...

Caden can't believe that the old man he assumed he was coming to see is the woman lying in the hospital bed. With her face so swollen it's hard to see what she normally looks like, but her body is smokin' hot. He feels a ton of guilt. He also found out some info by accident and that also adds to his guilt. He's determined to help Murphy any way he can. The more he gets to know her, the more he likes her. Just as friends you understand. He doesn't do relationships. He has a three-date rule. Kinda like three strikes and they're out.

Catching Caden was a fun read. I love a dual POV and Caden is a keeper. What you see is what you get with this guy. He's not a player off the field and he is loyal to a fault. Of course, he's a guy and he's going to screw up. Big time. But what kind of story would this be if he didn't have to do some groveling? There's a couple of secondary characters who are going to get their own stories. I think I'm going to have to buy some peanuts and a big foam finger and get ready for the games to begin!

Anne OK says

HOMERUN! Holy Moly - I absolutely LOVED this story and the characters!!

FULL REVIEW NOW POSTED. (12/20/17)

You just never know when or where true love might strike!

Samantha Christy has written an extraordinary sports-related romance between two equally strong

characters. This baseball sports-romance was a hoot-n-hollerin' good time – a sure-fired grand slam! The cover alone earns big kudos without a doubt! This one takes its place of honor on my list of top-five favorites in the sports-related category this year.

An emotionally driven story with an amazing all-star performances by major league baseball superstar Caden Kessler and Murphy Cavanaugh, a model new to the fashion scene in New York City. They're suited up with help from a team of additional players who throw some curveballs into the mix, and hit this one out of the ballpark.

That 26th homerun hit of the year by the catcher for the NY Nighthawks has lasting effects -- some not so easy to accept and another that might last forever. A slow burn romance with a well-done build-up makes them one a dream to read. Such terrific characters in the lead roles, too. This author is certainly a hit with the characterizations. Both carry some angsty baggage, but it's not over-the-top. The smart and witty banter between Caden and Murphy is some of the best -- and their interaction can only be referred to as sparkling! What can I say, this one was an all-star game in my opinion.

Catching Caden is hilariously sexy and so much fun-to-read, too. It strikes every imaginable feeling and, all the while as a reader, you will never be bored. Caden and Murphy fit together like a ball and glove. Their chemistry is magical and their relationship zany and witty. No way to escape without a smile on your face!

Every single minute reading this latest release by Samantha Christy is sheer joy. All kinds of amazing, romantic and sexy. Hits the reading sweet spot on every level!

Nicole says

2.5

Amanda Adams Steward says

This book. I loved. At first I wasn't too keen on the heroine she was very dingy. Maybe she finally grew on me I don't know but the hero total swoon. If you love a good sports romance especially baseball then this book is for you!! I can't wait to be able to read the rest of this series and some of her other books because they tie in together. This is the first book I've read by this author.

Alex ? says

[The romance itself was safe, despite the H went on many dates with OWs, because... he needed to socialize. I asked myself why to date OWs? It

Susan says

This was such a wonderful read. Samantha Christy knows how to write guys that are super swoon-worthy!

Caden Kessler falls into that category for sure!!

Caden is the starting catcher for the NY Nighthawks. In the middle of a game, he hits a homerun that ends up hitting a fan in the stadium. Feeling guilty, he tracks this person down and visits her at the hospital. They start off as friends, but their chemistry is undeniable, and leads to more.

The writing was done well, and the pace was perfect. But I think what I loved the most were the characters in this book. Caden was a dream, and Murphy was down to Earth, despite thinking that she wouldn't be. I also loved catching up with characters from Samantha Christy's other books.

This new series is certainly off to a good start! And I can't wait to get more from Brady!

Sandra De Gouveia says

* SPOILER ALERT *

The Begging of Our Forever....

When Samantha decided to tease us with little snippets of this book... I tried really hard not to read them however I did and I was hooked. I couldn't wait to read the rest and although I purchased a copy of my own, I was picked as an ARC.... O my days..... What an Honor!

Murphy moved to New York City after losing her best friend Kelly, in the hopes of becoming a model... Her dream come true... She finally lands the perfect job and is dragged to a baseball game by her boyfriend Tony and a roommate. What better place to celebrate your modelling career? Little did she know that her world was about to change, drastically....

Caden is up to bat... Will he get a home run? Crack.... Hell yes!!! But rounding second base, fear strikes as there is silence beyond left field where he always hits his home runs. Why are they gathering? Did his ball hit a kid?

Murphy feels only pain. What happened? She wakes up in hospital where her worst fears are met. She needs surgery. Her career is ruined. Why did this happen to her? What will she do now with having scars on her face? She didn't want to go in the first place but there is no going back and no one to blame.

#FreakAccidents happen!

Caden finds out that his ball injured someone bad enough to land them up in hospital. He make his way there expecting to see an old man because with the name "Murphy" what else could he think? He couldn't have anticipated what and who he saw instead. Long sculptured tanned legs... this has to be a mistake. She is beautiful. Stitches, bruises and all.

Murphy is expecting to see Tony when she wakes however it's not Tony that is there, it's a strange man. Who is he? She has no idea that this man is the man who hit the home run. Why would she know who he is? She doesn't watch baseball.

Caden introduces himself and is stunned to realise that she has no idea who he is. It's... refreshing? Caden has been burnt in the past and he trusts no woman but for some reason he is drawn to her.

Will she become his reason for trusting and loving? Will he become her reason for what she needs most?

This story had me hooked from the beginning. I actually learnt a lot about baseball myself so thanks for that Samantha. ;)

I laughed uncontrollably and I am not ashamed to admit that I came very close to almost wetting myself. I must say it's no fun chocking on coffee several times. After the first time that happened, you would think I learnt from my mistakes? Note to self... "No drinking while reading Samantha Christy's books" I couldn't get enough of the witty nicknames, the passion, the dramatics and above all the binding love. Their love was meant to be.

Samantha... what do I say that I haven't already said in my other reviews? My words fail me yet again. Your books are amazing. I LOVE that you have a dual P.O.V. You write with so much hope, love, dedication and humour. I am never bored and I know I will never be left hanging. I wish I had half of your talent. You are truly gifted! Thank you once again for picking me as one of your ARC's. It was a huge Honor!

P.S: Will there be other books on Brady and Sawyer? Would love to read about their stories and how love kicks their asses ?

Bev says

Just when I think I'm going to jack in KU because I've stumbled across some real doofers, a book like this one comes along. I loved it. It was just what I needed whilst in the mother of all book funks and had no idea what I wanted to read.

Catching Caden wasn't heavy on the angst (which is what I usually need in a read), it wasn't heavy on the drama, it was a fab friends to lovers story with not a smidge of insta anything thank god and best of all not a freaking virgin in sight. I am soooooo over those damn tropes, I want my couple to WORK for it, with or without the drama. And when the V word comes out - see that banshee running for the hills??? That's me ?

Loved both Caden and Murphy, they are genuine, honest, thoughtful.... just real people you know? With him being a major league baseball player there was bound to be the prerequisite skank or two, but they were few and far between and all they did was show just how adult both Caden and Murphy are. Oh, and there's none of that "I'm not good enough" shit either. That's another trope that's been worked to death.

Thank you Samantha Christy, you never let me down ?

4.5 stars

Dora Koutsoukou says

4 ?????s

Sweet and safe

Joelle Yates says

Catching Caden is the first book in Samantha Christy's new series, The Perfect Game. Caden and Murphy will make you laugh, cry, feel their love for baseball (you'll never watch baseball the same again), and believe that love can conquer all! I love how you get alternating POV's, feel Caden and Murphy's happiness and struggles through the pages, and reunite with past characters in true Samantha Christy fashion. This is a feel good love story that will have you smiling while you read and say, "What the hell woman" the next. So Good! So Good! So Good!

Blue says

DNF

There's a special place in hell for me because I actually thought it was kinda funny that these two got together because Caden batted a home run ball which hits aspiring model, Murphy, in her money-making face. Soznotsoz.

Other than that this book seems to be pretty tragic and I'm jumping ship before all the dramallama that seems to be ahead. I'm bored from reading **Murphy's bland ass character** with her being all goody-goody. MEH. I just find it hard to believe Murphy doesn't blame Caden at all for damaging her face and subsequently losing a modelling gig. She's too much of a plain Jane. But hey, **Caden seems to have gotten hit in the head one too many times by a baseball himself** going by the crap he spews about never trusting a woman to take care of birth control so he always "double wraps"...

HAHAHA I kid you not. I'm so done.

In any case, I really hope the author debunked that myth in the book somewhere if not... bloody hell.

Jaime says

I'm stopping at 43%. I guess I COULD finish it, but I am just SO BORED. NOTHING is happening. It seems like the consensus with a lot of the lower star ratings is that it is great in the beginning, slow in the middle, and then okay at the end. I'm in the middle and having a hard time finishing it.

I agree that the beginning was good. It was entertaining and I liked the friendship that Caden and Murphy were building. The problem is they're denying their attraction and acting like they don't even know it's there. Not only that, but I find Caden's "dating" to be pretty juvenile. He says he's doing it so he can have a social life, but I'm fairly confident you can have a social life without "dating" people. Murphy is boring, too. At 43% through she's lacking depth and development. We know nothing of substance about her or her

personality.

Everything in this book is just so cheesy and so very predictable. Everything falls into place perfectly. Murphy needs a job? Surprise! Caden just HAPPENS to know people that are hiring. Murphy doesn't have a shirt at the game? Surprise! One just happens to show up for her. Murphy wants to move out of her apartment? Surprise! Trick just happens to have a room available. Enough is enough. Let her have SOME sort of trouble that doesn't immediately fix itself.

This book is just bleh. I'm not sure why it has so many 4 and 5 star reviews, so clearly I am in the minority. I don't recommend this book unless you're into cheesy, perfect romances.

Raine says

Found a new author!!!

I love finding new authors to read. Lately it's been like finding a needle in a haystack. But I really enjoyed this book. It had a really good storyline and wasn't all about sex, though I do especially love to read those books. This did have sexy scenes in it, but I love it didn't detract from the story, but enhanced it. It was about two people who meet, become friends and then fall in love. I liked that he didn't even know what she looked like because of the injury to her face and yet he was still helping her out. I don't usually like slow-burn romances, but this one was awesome!

Nance says

4.5 star rating

Well spring training starts in February, so this was the perfect book to read right now! I love baseball, and this was a great read from author, Samantha Christy! Full of romance and baseball lingo as the two main characters meet in an unique way. Baseball is everything to Caden Kessler, but he's concerned when a fan is injured when he hits one of his homeruns. Loaded down with his team's fan merchandise, he goes to the hospital to apologize. What he wasn't expecting, however, was the fan to be a woman. Their relationship, through time, goes from friendship to romance. Murphy is scared, though, to take a chance on Caden as he has been a commitment phobe because of his trust in woman who like his limelight and sports celebrityism too much. Murphy is different, however. She's independent. Confident. And, oh, so compassionate about life. Will these two last during the test of life's ups and downs when a devious ex tries to tear them apart? Such a great story with amazing supporting characters that hopefully will get their own stories too. Great friends, awesome family members and a romantic love story that you will be swooning over as each page is read! A wonderful beginning to this baseball romance series - going, going, gone - it's out of here...

Jacqueline's Reads says

4 Stars

Samantha Christy is becoming one of my go-to authors. Catching Caden is a standalone and is part of The

Perfect Game Series.

I'm not a huge light-chick sports fan reader, but lately this has been my jam. One of the reasons why I love Samantha Christy books lately is because she writes heavily dialogue based books. I can't express to you how this is my preferred type of reading. I'm not into overly descriptive books and I like that this book is majority written with dialogue.

Caden is a superstar baseball player that doesn't date past three dates. He's super famous and maybe the author embellished a bit on how recognizable a baseball player can be, but it is romance book.

Murphy was a model until Caden hit a ball and it hit her face during a game.

I really liked the premise of this book. I felt like it was really different and entirely cute that Caden hit the girl in the face! It was an accident and he spends the beginning of the book trying to make it up to her and I love reading it.

This book was a 100% SLOW BURN read, I would even call it a light chick-lit book. I don't really like slow burn books especially when there's a half-naked man on the cover (it's like false advertising), but the low angst storyline kept me interested.

The best part of the book was just reading the relationship between Caden and Murphy. I liked the little friendship they formed, I liked the little nicknames and I liked the little fun adventures they did. Towards the end it did get kind of dragged out and Murphy made me go crazy (hence the 4 stars), but overall it was a good read.

I can't wait for the next book.
