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In one moment Christian Keller's life was changed. Now as he picks up the pieces he wonders if he can possibly recoup what he lost. Victoria Lincoln had a promising future with Christian until an accident took the life of her sister and left her as guardian to her two small children. Their lives have gone in different directions, but Christian and Victoria's paths will cross again. It will take a lot of change to pick up where they left off-if either of them can

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## Lesli says

Bernadette Marie just keeps us coming back for more. We have watched Christian Keller grow up from the first time we met him in Executive Decision. He was the baseball jock, it was his career. He had his life figured out, he was going to marry Victoria Lincoln the girl of his dreams. Then a car accident took it all away, his best friend, her sister, it changed their lives forever. Now a year later at his brothers wedding they find themselves together for the first time. Can they put the past behind them and move forward or will they lose what they have always wanted. Can they become a family to his god children and her niece and nephew? Will the Keller family be able to help them see that blood is not what makes a family but love is?

We have watched all of the Keller kids grow up. I am so glad she continued writing this series. It is one of my favorites and I am happy to say I read it again and again.

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## Kooky says

Christian Keller found the love of his life, Victoria Lincoln, in the previous book so why does he need a story to himself? Well, tragedy has struck. They are no longer engaged, his baseball career is over and Victoria is struggling to look after her family. He's been in a funk, a 2 year pity party, thinking of no one but himself. Christian and Victoria are forced to see each other by being at a family wedding and Christian realises he's needs to man up and take responsibility if he doesn't want to lose Victoria for good.

Victoria is a brave woman, she's strong and shows great fortitude in carrying on her life despite injury and new responsibilities. Christian is wallowing, his family are worried about him but also disappointed that he left Victoria when she needed him most. When they are together there is definite chemistry.

This book is set 20 years after the previous book Center Stage and is about the next generation of the Keller Family. I was concerned that this was not a good move and was just an attempt to prolong a series of books which had come to a timely end. I was wrong, this book is equally as good as the rest of the series.

I found this series after searching for authors similar to Melody Anne. The main similarities to I can see is that the series focuses on a family and each member has a book dedicated to their love story. There is an individual plot in each book but also there's characters and a plot as an undercurrent through several books. I enjoyed reading the book. The characters are believable, genuine and there's just enough plot to show the development of each character and their relationship. It makes a change to have a contemporary romance without detailed sex scenes, which I'm not opposed to, but they just aren't needed here and gives a certain class to the stories (there's none of the pants straining, groin twinging etc every other paragraph). I ended the book with a smile on my face looking forward to the next in the series.

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## Elaine says

3.5 stars for me.

This one did not flow as well as the previous books. I just wanted to shake Chris for the majority of the book and tell him to man up ....

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### **Your Favorite Book Corner Blog says**

An amazing read I couldn't put down! Once again, Bernadette Marie had me spellbound in the story of Victoria and Christian. A love that once was, was taken away, was it enough to be once more? A well written story of love and loss, and what could be. I will admit, I cried in some places, but it was well worth it. I would suggest this book to anyone! Simply perfect!

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### **Amanda (Hootie) Clark says**

Christian Keller has been an enigma to me since I first met him in book 2 of the series, A Second Chance. His little family had been going through a lot with his mother battling breast cancer and his father about to remarry. As a young boy he was quiet and reserved. I knew when everyone was shaving their heads in solidarity for his mother and he refused that he was going to present a challenge in character growth. Christian has had his share of wonderful life moments along the way. A promising baseball career and a loving girlfriend turned fiancée, Victoria, and the Keller's seem to be happier than ever. Going into this I had known about Chris and Vicky for the past few books. I didn't know much about her as a person or them as a couple and for some reason I didn't think their relationship was long term. Even when they got engaged. I guess because most of the other characters had found their significant others by chance and weren't established like Chris and Victoria, I just assumed he would be paired with someone else. I was happy to discover this book was about them but sad to find it was about their struggle to overcome a tragedy.

Christian may have been a quiet boy but when he got into pro ball he opened up and became a little bit more easy going and cocky. He was a teensy bit of a ladies man until he met Victoria. I wasn't sure how they had met from previous books but apparently they were introduced on a blind date by Victoria's sister who was married to Christian's best friend and the two hit it off from there. When Home Run opens it's to a picture of despair you know won't be easy after a drunk driver crashes into the car they are all in. A wreck that resulted in the loss of Victoria's sister and Chris' best friend leaving Chris with a career ending knee injury and Victoria with two small children to raise. Christian wasn't ready to be a "Just add water" dad and in a cowardly move breaks up with Victoria leaving her not only injured but alone with her sister's kids to raise.

I was very surprised by Christian's behavior in this book. I knew he had his selfish moments but leaving a woman he loved enough to want to marry her was harsh. I understood how he felt with the weight of losing his dream to play pro ball but his actions were so UN-Keller like it stunned me. They're the kind of family that runs to a problem, not from. It's not just losing his career that stings but losing his best friend and knowing he couldn't do anything to save him. My heart broke into tiny pieces for this broken man. Even though I was mad at him I still loved him and wanted to see him overcome his demons. He's always gotten what he wants whether it be women or his career so he wasn't used to losing. I found him to be very self centered and looking back it was apparent that he's always sort of been that way. He doesn't know how to handle difficult problems because he's made a habit of running from them. Starting with his mother's cancer battle and the head shaving incident. Christian had to do a lot of growing within this book so I was really stoked to be able to witness that.

Victoria was another surprise for me because I found myself falling in love with her character Little by little. She's been dealt the blow of all blows after losing her sister but she handled her situation with poise and a grace only a strong woman can. She could have laid down and let her grief of losing her sister and the love of her life all at once overtake her but she kept struggling to survive. She worked, she took care of her niece and nephew and she did it all with a smile on her face. She didn't even have time to grieve the losses of her loved ones but she still managed to keep it together. After being away from Chris for almost eight months she's ready to move on and start dating again. There were moments that I didn't agree with her actions especially when it came to Christian but matters of the heart are never easy. She made bonehead mistakes that caused some pain but I liked that she human and flawed.

At the wedding of his brother Eduardo and sister in law Darcy, Christian drinks a little too much and ropes Victoria into a night of passion that ends up making their lives a little more interesting. Normally I'd put on my morality vest, hat and whistle then bitch and moan about the cheating aspect but in certain circumstances I get it. If I want one couple to be together and they are with other people I always root for them. I don't approve of stringing the other people along when they obviously want to be together but it's just a matter of how I'm connected to the characters. In the case of Chris and Victoria I wanted them together badly. I was invested in them by the time they slipped up and slept together even though I felt bad for Scott, the guy she was seeing. In her defense though she wasn't serious with Scott and they had yet to take it to a more intimate level so it wasn't as bad. You just can't get between a couple that has so much history. Sure the circumstances were a little convoluted but it is what it is ya know?

The Keller family has grown TREMENDOUSLY throughout the series and each addition has been great so naturally I loved seeing them all rally around Victoria when she needed people to help. Even though she wasn't with Christian anymore they still treated her like family and did whatever they could to make her burden lighter to carry. I think one of the main reasons why I enjoy this series so much is because my family is broken and not very lovable so the fact that this group is so in tune with each other and so loving it makes me feel like I am a part of it. I really get a sense of what it would be like to have a big diverse family that love each other and cared enough to be there and help. There's no back biting, they don't lord their affection and help over each others heads and they do everything from their hearts with no complaints. Of course they are still written to be human and make mistakes but the love they have is bigger than their strife and that makes these books so real and enjoyable.

I've read every book in this series and have loved each one on a different level and for different reasons. My favorite has changed with each new book but I really think Home Run has taken the top spot so far. I say so far because there is still Tyler's book to come and something about him intrigues me. His parents were the darlings of the series being the first couple so I think I have a bias for him. Either way you can't do wrong with any of the books in the series. Marie draws you into her gigantic and ever growing family and makes you a part of their lives with every chapter. Christian and Victoria were amazing together and seeing them finally happy after all they lost and suffered through was very rewarding. This one left me a little more misty eyed than the rest of the books because out of them all I think this one got a little bit more dramatic. Everyone has had to face hard times but this couple had a lions share and I really loved the way Christian stepped up. I could ramble all day about my love for this series, this author and her characters but I encourage you to find out just how wonderful they are for yourselves.

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**Polly says**

Once again the Keller family has made me laugh, cry, be angry and relieved. What a wonderful story and family and cannot wait for Tyler's story. Thank you Bernadette for writing such great characters.

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### **Margaret Appel says**

Batter Up for Love

Book 7 in the Keller Family series follows Christian Keller who is still recovering from a tragic car accident the year before. Can he pull himself together, reunite with his fiancée that he walked out on, and make a new beginning? I love this series with its emphasis on family and have enjoyed every one of the books in the series so far.

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### **Beth Santucci says**

4 fangs

I received this book from Paranormal Romance and Authors that rock and Bernadette Marie for an honest review.

Christen was living the dream. He was a major league baseball player, had the women of his dreams and the big house. Then one day he injured his shoulder and was told he might not be able to play again. He began his pity party and really didn't know what to do with his life after the injury. He was offered a coaching job, but was that really what he wanted? Well he lost the chance one night after one of his sister and her husband's concerts. He was in the back seat of his best friend and wife's car talking to his fiancée about how amazing the concert and his sister's hair. They didn't see it coming. The drunk drive came out of nowhere and smashed the car. The accident killed his best friend and his wife and injured him and his fiancée Victoria pretty bad. The worst of it was his niece and nephew lost their parents and his fiancé gained custody of them since they were the legal guardians. But he wasn't ready to be a dad. He just lost his best friend and also had to deal with his own injuries. He pushed Victoria away and let her deal with two toddlers and her injuries by herself. For a year he did the pity party and secluded himself from life and everyone. Until one day he saw Victoria and realized he needed her and wanted to be that man. Unfortunately it might have been too late. His one chance to show her he meant it was at his brother wedding. Did he win her back? Did she move on? Read it to find out.

I loved this story! It really made me think about how life can change in the blink of an eye and what changes can be made for better or worse. Tori made me smile because she was the responsible one who loved her god children and knew no matter how much pain she was in they were her priority because she was all they had. I love the fight scene between Scott and Chris. It all came together right then.

Definitely 18+ for sex scene, True romance, and great for sports fans.

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### **Georgina Polanco Cadena says**

i love the Keller family...i love mine...but i wish i can find a Keller man...

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**Alie says**

So many emotions!!! Really love Christian & Tori's story!

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**Kathleen Johnstone says**

It was brilliant

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**jennifer kaminski says**

**Omg tears**

Another great story from Bernadette Marie. The love that tori and Christian had was super and through the loss of loved ones he pulled away. A wedding had them reconnecting. The both had some growing to do and forgiving. I had stayed up late reading this. It's another great book from this author. Tori and Christians journey was amazing and sad.

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**Karen \*constant listener\* yes a blind book listener, just love accessibility functions  
Glaze says**

So excited for next book, may is sooooo far away

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**Lu Bielefeld \*read.laugh.love\* says**

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