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From #1 New York Times Bestselling Author Rachel Van Dyken comes a story about losing everything only to find it again...

I was the golden boy.  
America's Quarterback.  
I was everything to everyone. Always available. Solid.  
I can remember how something felt wrong that day.  
And I haven't been able to get that feeling to go away.  
Not when I buried my child.  
Not when my fiancé looked at me like I'd been the reason for it all.  
Not when I look in the mirror and scream at the top of my lungs.

Football kept me sane.  
But I've lost everything.  
And then I got a phone call.  
She was in an accident.  
She remembered nothing.  
A gentleman wouldn't fight for her, wouldn't remind her of the pain.  
So, I let her go.  
I let her live her happily ever after and I took all the darkness,  
all the pain, all the anger.  
Only, the universe had a sick sense of humor.  
She bumped into me.  
She pursued me.  
The beautiful woman I used to call mine.  
She said she wanted to make me smile.  
She didn't know she's the reason I stopped.

## MVP Details

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# From Reader Review MVP for online ebook

## Stacey Mcnee says

MVP is everything you would want for a second chance love ? so glad that they both got their HEA

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## Judy Lewis says

SHORT BUT POWERFUL READ!!!

Title: MVP

Author: Rachel Van Dyken

Designation: Standalone, Novella, No Cliffhanger #contemporary #sportsromance #secondchance

My Rating: Five Emotionally Gripping Stars\*\*\*\*\*

Wow, another fabulous read from Rachel Van Dyken! I read this story originally when it was released in bi-weekly chapters to Van Dyken's newsletter subscribers and fell head over heels for the male protagonist, 34-year-old Jax Romonov. \*sigh\* Jax was the superstar quarterback for the Bellevue Bucks and the golden boy of American football with two championship rings in only two years, voted People's Nicest Athlete, and adored by millions. He appeared to have the ideal life, but looks can be deceiving. Jax was heartbroken and struggling to maintain the facade of his perfect existence. He'd lost everything that truly mattered in his life and, usually, there's no way to rewind time and make things right. But, sometimes, if you're truly blessed, you can build from the ashes, and that's essentially what this story is about. I fell in love with Jax and his former fiancé Harley. My heart actually ached for them. Jax and Harley were complex characters, trying to deal with the pain of loss, and Van Dyken did an exceptional job of revealing their painful past. It was evident from the beginning of the story, these two lost souls had a sexually charged attraction, but more importantly, they also had a powerful connection, one that refused to be denied, despite the fact Harley was missing the memories of their time together. Every single encounter was emotionally charged. It just broke my heart. No spoilers from me but I will say this... Handsome, caring, and devoted star quarterback determined to sacrifice his own happiness to save the woman he loved-check! Beautiful, sweet yoga instructor suffering from memory loss-check! Painful secrets, heartbreaking loss, gutwrenching angst-check! Undeniable attraction, sweet romance, a love that refused to be denied, and an ending that will melt your heart-you bet! That and a whole lot more!

Did I like this story? No, I loved it! In fact, I loved it so much that I purchased it for my library because I wanted to read it again! Would I recommend it? You bet and I am. MVP may be short(approx 90 pages), but it packed a powerful emotional punch and included everything I've come to love and expect from Rachel Van Dyken. I sniffled, sobbed, outright ugly cried, sighed, and giggled through the entire book, but by the end, I was happy, satisfied, and entertained. MVP is a captivating, well crafted, standalone sports romance about the power of true love and second chances. There is some profanity and a couple of love scenes I would rate 2 flames. And finally, was I entertained? Completely! Fabulous entertainment and an awesome read!

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## Jen~KU Book Reviews says

When you're young, you have hopes and dreams about the future. You long to find the love of your life, start a family, and grow old together. Unfortunately, life doesn't always go according to plan, and dreams fall apart.

*M.V.P.* by Rachel Van Dyken is a beautiful, heartbreaking, and emotional story of love, loss, and life along with how far you'd go to protect the ones you love.

This novella is part of the *Players Game* series, but can be read as a standalone. Jax + Harley had it all. An all-consuming love, a secure future, and a child on the way. But fate had other plans and after a devastating loss, everything falls apart.

**“Sometimes... it's easier when you forget. Harder when you're faced with it every day like a battle you eventually lose because you need sleep and you can't fight demons for a living. Just... give him time.”**

This is a story about healing and hope, forgiveness and finding a way to live again. My heart hurt and I cried several times. *M.V.P.* was beautifully written and I absolutely loved Jax + Harley's story.

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### **Crystal says**

Jax. I mean seriously, this book is all Jax. I loved this guy in the other books and my heart broke for him in this one. My heart broke for Harley too, but her guy is the one I was rooting for, and crying over. A beautiful, beautiful story that had a beautiful ending, too.

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### **Riz says**

### **3.5 Stars**

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### **★Penny says**

[★After their baby died she pushed him away and told him that she didn't want to see him again, they had been apart for a month when she lost her memory. They saw each other again a year later and she felt like she knew him but he pushed her away to protect her. ★OW drama: he invited one of his friends for dinner to push the h away, nothing happened with this woman they were just friends. During the year the MCs were apart he went out with her on several occasions to keep up

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### **Becca says**

### **HEA at Last**

Jax and Harley were favorites of mine from the Player Series and so giddy to see them get their own HEA. You can read this as a stand-alone but its best to read *Infraction* first to know their backstory

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## **Kim Carter says**

Really enjoyed this short by RVD, now I want to read the stories of the supporting characters.

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## **Mirjam says**

*“I’d rather have you close and feel your hate, then have you far and not feel anything at all.”*

This was a real tearjerker and I loved it. It was well written, the pain of Jax quite palpable making you feel his desperation.

Jax seemed to have a big heart willing to suffered to immens heartache so Harley could live a happy life. These two really deserve their painful healing and HEA.

Part of the Players Game Series but can be read as a standalone:

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## **Dorothy Mae says**

Jax and Harley had problems which caused them to separate. Then Harley falls off a three story building, and has amnesia and doesn't remember Jax or their baby that had passed away. I gathered all this from the 1st chapter.

Then it feels like the story jumped which it did to 1 year later. I thought with Harley having amnesia would have gotten the two back together. Then I learned while Harley has amnesia and doesn't remember anything, Jax is feeling every bit of it.

\*“I’ll always love you,” I’d whispered into thin air that night at the hospital, when she came out of the coma, when she recognized nobody. When the last year was nothing but black dead space. I’d told everyone I wasn’t going, and like a coward I’d stood in the shadows with tears in my eyes.

The chapters are very short and lack depth. I think if the author put more time into this she could've made this one hell of an emotional read. The story should have been, but it was too short to connect.

It is a short story and starts with the should've, could've and would've, and then the drama. I couldn't connect to the characters and didn't feel their love. The romance was weak, and the chemistry was low.

There were a few kisses, but the whole story felt forced. I don't think it flowed. It felt rushed and forced. If only the author had taken her time with the ideas she came up with, I believe she could've turned this into an emotional romance book that would have flowed naturally, and readers could have escaped into it.

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### **Liz says**

I started MVP as part of Rachel's newsletter story and loved it. This is part of her Player's series world and was a second chance romance that was emotional and touching. I loved Jax and Harley so much and their journey was not an easy one, but sometimes getting your HEA means facing the unexpected and heartbreaking first. A great addition to this series!

Happy reading!

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### **Jill S (Love Affair With Fiction) says**

MVP is a standalone novella in the Players Game series. This book ripped at my heart. It is an angsty second chance romance. When tragedy befalls Jax and Harley their relationship crumbles. Now they need to find the impossible -- a way back to each other. The emotion in this novella tore at me as I watched life rip these two apart. As I watched them bury their pasts. As I watched them come to terms with what happened. And finally my heart was healed.

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### **Resch Reads says**

So I've been reading this book as part of Rachel Van Dyken's newsletter and when she finally announced she finished it and put it up on Amazon, I immediately went to one-click! This book is the story of Jax and Harley from Rachel's Players Game Series (Fraternalize & Infraction) both of which I adored. This book is something completely different from Rachel, as she tackles tough topics and emotionally guts you before putting you back together.

Harley and Jax are torn apart by a handful of unthinkable events. And I kid you not, I definitely cried and teared up more than once during this read. Jax is just filled with so much grief, guilt, and angst that he is bursting at the seams, his pain is palpable and real. When Harley seems to be getting a second chance and a clean slate, they can't deny the chemistry between them. But love has one hell of a challenge when there is so much unspoken history.

Watching these characters trudge through so much hardship was pulling my heartstrings. By the end of the novel, I just wanted to cry happy tears and hug them both. I loved how everything wrapped up and how these characters were able to recover and carve out their normal. Nobody does HEAs like Rachel.

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## Amara says

This was angsty, and would've made a GREAT full-length book. It was so rushed at the end that all that angst you were feeling just abruptly died. But at the beginning, my chest was killlllling me.

“Because it breaks my fucking heart!” he roared. “That's why!” I stumbled back. With tears in his eyes, he whispered. “And I don't have much of it left... so if you could please stop taking what working pieces I still have, I would appreciate it.”

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## NiCoLeTa E. says

**\*\*\*4 "I could do soup!!!" stars\*\*\***

If you have read the *"Players Game"* series, this is a companionship novel.... I think that it will be better to not read it alone, even though you could do it and without reading the rest of the books....

But in my opinion, in *"Infraction"*, the second book of the series, we saw the beginning of Jax and Harley and it would be lovely to witness this period before go into this book....

Well, Jax was an awesome guy and Harley was the perfect match for him... They were so funny together and delightful to be around them and i think, i needed the continuing of their story, even though... they broke my heart!!!!

Jax and Harley weren't as they used to be... Something awful had happened.... Something that managed to broke them and tore them apart....

Jax was heartbroken and alone and then a phone call changed everything....

His dear Harley had an accident and she lost her memory...

His heart broken a little bit more, but he decided that it was better this way...

***"The love of my life didn't know me. And all I could think was -lucky her.***

***Why the hell would I ruin the best thing that's ever happened to her?"***

One year forward and life for Jax is shittier than ever... He is barely functioning with his life and he is struggling on the field... He lost the two most important things in life and he hadn't left any fight inside of him...

And then, Harley is barreling back into his life and his heart is breaking even more than before...



***"Kissing me will make things harder, believe me... I've told it ruins girls..."***

***"Who would tell you that?"***

***"A girl... A very beautiful, cunning, sarcastic girl."***

***"What happened to her?"***

***"She hasn't come back to me yet."***

***"Will she ever?"***

***"For her sake, I hope not."***

Harley doesn't remember anything from the last two years... And then, she is starting to see more of Jax and his friends and even though he is a total asshole toward her, she can't help to not be drawn toward him... And as the incidents with him keep coming, she can't stop this feeling inside of her that is making her feel like when she is around him is like coming home....

***"Me and Jax.***

***The man I couldn't remember, but somehow still loved."***

*So what will happen with those two???*

*Will Jax manage to keep her away of him???*

*What will happen if and when Harley will remember the ugly things???*

*Will they manage to overcome the heartbreak that life got them and be together again???*

***"Our story wasn't beautiful. It was filled with obliterating pain. But the thing with life is this: pain doesn't last forever..."***

Well, i loved this small story as i loved the two books of the series....

RVD knows how to write wonderful stories!!!!

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