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Pitching phenom Bruce "Jilly" Gillette has a hard time talking to women. His hulking presence of tattoos and muscles is what makes him an intimidating closer on the mound, yet off the field, he's painfully shy, uncomfortable in his own skin.

Desperate to revamp his loner image, the New York Kings hold a dream date contest, granting the lucky winner a night on the town with their surly reliever, doing whatever it takes to force Jilly out of his comfort zone.

Hailey Halpert enters the contest on a whim, looking for answers as to why her high school relationship with Jilly hit the skids. Now she's a popular romance author writing under a pen name, and her reappearance in Jilly's life is no accident. It turns out that her novels are all about the sexy players on the Kings, and Jilly has no clue that he's about to become her new leading man.

## Game On Details

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# **From Reader Review Game On for online ebook**

## **Charity Foster says**

Was lucky enough to beta read this one and let me tell you, you will LOVE Jilly's story!!

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## **S.M. Harshell says**

**\*\*I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.\*\***

Baseball I am a sucker for it. On television, on the radio, live in person, it truly is one of my favorite sports to watch. I loved the take Ms. West took on a baseball story. Finding out there are other books dealing with the guys from New York Kings. I will definitely be adding them to my TBR! Nothing is better than a sports romance!

The characters are believable with just enough baseball and romance thrown in to make it a great read. The interactions between the main characters, Hailey and Bruce, are hot. Whether they are fighting or wanting to rip the others clothes off the chemistry and passion is there. The plot didn't revolve around the sex scenes which is a nice break from the norm these days.

This is my first book I have read in the series dealing with the Kings and I was able to read as a stand alone.

If you are a baseball fan or fan of sports romance in general you don't want to miss this one.

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## **Ruthie Taylor says**

"I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads."

This is the third in the series, but can be read as a standalone - just watch yourself one click the earlier books as you want to know more ...

Even without reading Game Changer, we soon understand that Bruce Gillette aka Jilly, has been unlucky in love - very publicly so. When things take a turn for the better, he might be right to be skeptical. Misunderstandings abound in this lovely story of two friends reconnecting and reordering what they saw as reality. I loved the author angle, as it gave Hailey a role. Often in sports stories - which I love - the woman's role is not so relevant, but certainly it has a significant impact here.

The writing is tight and flows really well, the plot lines are tight and the chemistry is delicious. Get reading!

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## **Brianna at Renee Entress's Blog says**

4 Stars!

\*\*\*Joint Review with Renee Entress\*\*\*

I loved this book. It pulled me in from the beginning and I devoured it in one sitting. This book had a great storyline and characters that make you fall in love. This story will take you on an emotional roller coaster full heartbreak, pain, and tragedy only to be totally worth it be the end.

This is Hailey and Jilly's story. Hailey and Jilly knew each other when they were younger but lost touch and may years have gone by. They reconnect after Hailey wins a dream date with Jilly. Jilly considers Hailey the one that got away. Can he win her over and finally have the one he wants? Or will a secret being kept destroy a future for these two? Do Jilly and Hailey have a chance at a happy ending?

I really liked both Hailey and Jilly. There are times in the story were you want to smack both of them but that is with any character in any book. Their big issue seemed to be communication. If they could only communicate with each other then their lives would have been easier. It was great how the author shows a more human side to the hero by baring his fears. Kudos!

I recommend this book and author!

Blog Tour---> <http://reneeentress.blogspot.com/2014...>

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## **Ashley says**

Y'all are going to LOVE this when you get to read it! I can't wait to share my review with everyone when the book comes out!!!

UPDATE: From the blog

I love, love, LOVE Jilly's story! When I read Game Changer, I felt so bad for Jilly after he was kinda shot down by Sasha. But reading his back story in Game On, and meeting Hailey, was even better than I could have imagined.

Of course, there were times when I wanted to slap both of them across the face, especially once they figured out at one point that they weren't communicating very well with one another, but I LOVE them! They are so perfect for each other. And that epilogue?!?!?! It's perfect! I love, love, LOVED it! (I know I keep saying that word, but it's the only way I can express my LOVE for this book!)

Their stories may be born of tragedy, pain, and heartache. But those awful things are what brought them together, and it took the bad and made it for good. Those sad things made them who they are, and it made them appreciate all the wonderful things about each other.

I was lucky enough to get to beta read this, but I felt bad...because when I sent my notes, this is the kind of thing that happened...more than once:

whoops...I got so caught up in reading, I didn't realize I missed the chapter endings/leaving notes!

After I had finished the first 11 chapters, I said this:

Ugh, I REALLY need to stop for the night, but I REALLY don't want to!

And about ten minutes later, I said this:

Oh, who am I kidding, I'm still reading!

And the first line I wrote of my review to the author:

I am a terrible, horrible teacher whose lucky that her students have a test to take tomorrow...because I just read GAME ON from start to finish!

In one shot. I finished Game On in a single sitting...because there was no way I was going to put it down until I had devoured every. single. word.

You don't 'have' to read the previous two books to understand what's going on in this story, but I highly recommend it. :)

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## Geok says

I am a guy and generally not much of a romance reader. But this book got me. The plot is undeniably good. No question. It involves sports, something i am interested into and a pitcher which is my favourite position. I like how Collete shows a deeper, romantic aspect of an athlete and the fact that a high school love is involved. I think it's fascinating and well handled. I am very pleased with the book and definitely eager to read more from Collete.

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## ✿kawehi.reviews says

? I was gifted a copy of the book by the author in exchange for an honest review. Thank you hun!! ?

***Game On*** painted a much different picture from what I imagined a pro-athlete's persona to be like. Normally, while they are rich and handsome, they are also cocky and notorious womanizers. That is so the opposite of how Collette West portrays New York Kings' star pitcher, Bruce "Jilly" Gillette, who is a lethal threat on the baseball field, but, an insecure, to himself kind of guy off.

He is as human as any individual can be. He has his flaws, doubts, fears, and even suffers from a failed romance with his childhood love, Hailey Halpert—the girl who got away but always held his heart.

The two eventually lose contact throughout the years, and low and behold, meet up once again after Hailey happens to win a dream date with Jilly. Thus, the plot is set into motion!

Author, Collette West, writes a compelling and engaging read as I was enthralled into the dynamics of the world of Jilly and Hailey: their shaky reunion, sorting through mixed feelings and emotions, Hailey's secret identity, and typical and non-so typical problems that couples face when their partner happens to be a famous baseball player!

**#An over all**, lovely, lovely read that kept me happily enthralled and my head stuck in my kindle for three hours! I'm sure you readers will feel the same!! Thanks so much Collette!! <3

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## **Crystal says**

I loved this book. This is the third book in the series that follows the players of the New York Kings baseball team. It is a great blend of baseball and romance. Game On follows the romance, or should I say attempted romance, of Bruce "Jilly" Gillette and his high school best friend and crush Hailey Halpert.

The couple gets reintroduced when Hailey wins a contest for a "dream date" with Jilly. Jilly doesn't know that she won the contest and they haven't seen each other in four years. He is so excited to see her and knows that she is the only one for him and she knows that her heart has always belonged to him. Of course, the road to love is never easy. There are so many road blocks that get in the way of the couple and keeps them apart. Will they be able to find their happily-ever-after? I couldn't wait to find out.

If you enjoy a fun, sweet, romantic story with a sports theme I think you will love this story.

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## **Ambur says**

### **Original Comments after Beta Read:**

I absolutely LOVED GAME ON!!! :D I feel like Collette's books are just getting better and better, and I love getting to see bits of the past characters!!! I really am a sucker for companion books! ;D haha

I'd definitely recommend this book, and Collette West's previous two books, and I can't wait to share my review with you all closer to the release date!!! :D

### **Review after I reread the finished version:**

I've already read GAME ON twice! The first time I was lucky enough to be contacted by the author of the book, Collette West, to see if I wanted to be a beta reader...and I totally jumped at the chance! I absolutely LOVED the first version, but I was super eager to read the finished one, too...and now that I've read the finished version, and have a lovely Kindle copy of my own, I have to say that I love it even more! The essential story remained the same through the edits, but it became richer, sexier, and both Hailey and Jilly

progressed even further...plus, there are some AMAZING bonus chapters in Game On, too...I felt seriously spoiled while reading it! ;)

Jilly and Hailey were fantastic narrators! I loved getting to read the story from both of their perspectives. It was interesting, and created an intriguing dynamic when it came to unveiling their past history and any hidden secrets between the two of them. ;) I loved getting to see more of Jilly after meeting him in Game Changer, and in Game On, you really get to know him. I especially loved getting to see his gentler side with Hailey! And Hailey...I LOVED HER! I could completely relate to her, and I think most readers can too because she's just like us! She could be anyone, and she also loves to write, so she's probably a reader like us, too. I think that's what I love most about Collette West's heroines, I always feel like I connect to them on some intrinsic level!

The story was wonderful! I'm a sports romance fan in general, but I have truly grown to love Collette West's sports romances! She writes appealing characters, and makes them so natural and likable. I always relate to them and even if I hate their choices, I'm always able to understand why they do things...and when they finally make their move, I'm always there cheering for them and rooting for them to succeed!

The romance was AMAZING!!!! Jilly and Hailey are adorable together! They're that quintessential tiny girl and big guy couple, and they also have the whole unrequited love for each other from their past going on. I absolutely loved that they had a history, and the way that Collette West unveiled it throughout the story was perfect! I really loved seeing them grow together and mature enough that they were able to make their relationship work! Even though they struggled to communicate in their past, by the end of Game On, they were like a super couple, and the adorable and sexy levels were off the charts! I must also state that this is definitely Collette West's sexiest book yet...and I LOVED IT!

Overall, I loved GAME ON! The romance, characters, and story were amazing and extremely well written! I laughed, cried, smiled, and just had a fantastic time reading Game On. I would recommend it to sports romance fans, but I also think that Collette West writes her sports romances so well that they really make you enjoy the game, and you don't need any kind of past experience (or even past enjoyment) with sports to love them, too. Game On is a wonderful story with some amazing main characters who have a fantastic story to tell (and Collette West's previous books Night Games and Game Changer are, too). I also love that Collette West included some bonus material in this one...it was the perfect tease to make me desperate for her next book! And I totally love that she compares Jilly to a highlander at one point...it was awesome! ;D

\* I initially beta read Game On, but also purchased a finished copy of the book. All opinions are my own.

\* This review also appears on my blog, Burning Impossibly Bright, and on other social media sites.

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## **Jennifer McNeill says**

This was the first book I've read of Collette West. A sports romance that you will not want to put down. Although I didn't read in order, this book totally blew me away. This story of "Jilly" and Hailey had me on the edge of my seat the whole time. I loved their story of being from the same home town and the struggle they had to get together. It's about sharing real, longtime feelings and leading from the heart. They both are very complex and very stubborn at times. Ugh, made me want to reach in the book to snap them both out of there own ways. It had enough "steam" to kick up the romantic and love they feel for each other. Definitely a

new fan and can't wait to read all by Collette West. A must read.

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### **Lisa Filipe says**

As a certified Sports Romance Fan, I have to say, Collette West pens a very sexy, very fun romance with GAME ON.

I really liked the past relationship/friendship/second chance romance aspect and the "Secret" that Hailey is hiding...well...that was a fun twist in the plot. A little first hand experience for research never hurt anyone, especially if the research is a Sexy Baseball player! Jilly and Hailey have quite a bumpy ride, but I think you will be happy with the end...I know I was!

I would have enjoyed it a bit better if I would have read the first two, only because I am a series whore and I like to be in "the know" about past characters relationships, and it seems that Jilly was a pretty major character in GAME CHANGER, so I might suggest reading NIGHT GAMES and GAME CHANGER, before GAME ON, but I had no problem getting into the story from the first page, intrigued by this gentle giant, Jilly!

Fans of Rachel Gibson and Jennifer Season's will definitely enjoy the New York Kings Series!

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### **George K says**

Absolutely loved it. Collette's writing and first person perspective of the book are what caught me. You can easily find yourself relating to the characters and also see the other side of stereotypical figures, like baseball athletes, who seem lethal and aggressive but deeply are vulnerable and insecure. Overall a great read. Highly recommended.

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### **Icet208 says**

I normally don't read romance novels, but this one I really enjoyed it. I liked the fact that it has a lot of twist and is not predictable. Jilly is a character who would definitely catch your attention reading Game Changer. He is a baseball player; big and shy man, who meets her ex-girlfriend. After that the "hard road to Love" begins.

Definitely a "must read" book

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### **Must-have says**

I love romance novels, but lately had not come across any that could satisfy my appetite. I had been yearning to read a romance that was going to bring out all the emotions that came along with L.o.v.e. I wanted something unpredictable and non-typical. "Game On," nailed it for me!!!! I was so pleased with this book. :-) It's definitely one of my favorites now. The plot is undeniable good, and kept me hooked. I loved it! I also



loved Hailey and Jilly's characters...everything about them is so real! Their chemistry, relationship, problems, etc. were all perfectly written, and totally relatable.

I'm telling you there is nothing like finding, then reading that one book you have been searching for! Thanks Collette West for an awesome book!

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### **Twinkle says**

I love romances and coincidences leading to romances. The book is about the story of Jilly, a famous baseball player, who on an attempt, by his team, to revamp his image by setting up a contest offering a date with him to a fan, he meets Hailey. The winner of that contest who happens to be his high school love. A love that he never expressed. And he now given a second chance to do so. Both characters have great chemistry and it makes you wonder why they never expressed their feelings to each other and also make you impatient for the moment they actually do.

I loved the book. I couldn't stop reading. I highly recommend it to anyone who likes a good romance!

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