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Two couples tread on thin ice at the Pyeongchang Winter Games in this captivating duology—but love has Olympic-sized impact on their dreams.

Fighting Their Attraction: Snowboarder Brady Thompson landed in Seoul favored to win elusive gold. But instead of fresh powder, he finds that a past he can't escape is twisting his half-pipe into knots. Figure skater Arielle Baldwin is determined to win a medal so she can walk away from her coach mom's stranglehold on her life. Can a good girl and a bad boy reaching for their dreams make for a dynamic duo?

Man of Ice: How can the Games go so wrong for friendly, upbeat Maybelle Li? Her ex-skating partner is raining on her parade with memories of the past, and her current partner, Bohdan Dovzhenko, is the hottest thing to hit the ice this decade—and the coldest companion. He's all work and no conversation beyond grunts and commands. But as their medal hopes rise, so does Bohdan's word count. He's not made of stone, and being locked outside of Belle's sunshine is simply no fun. Now their growing closeness may be too hot to dismiss—but will it burn down their chance to forge a new future as well?

Sensuality Level: Sensual

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Rachel Gilbey says

I love the Olympics, I love the Winter Olympics, I love romance books, sports romances, and books set in foreign countries.

So when I came across Medal Up, a duo of romance set to the back drop of this years 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics in South Korea I couldn't resist purchasing and taking a look.

These are two separate novellas that interlink, from different point of views, written by two different authors. Each of them focuses on a different partnership. Between the two books we are introduced to snowboarder Brady, ice-skater Arielle both of who are determined to win gold in their events, and then Bohdan and Maybell who are a ice skating partnership, but are they more.

I loved the descriptions of the Olympic village and even for non sports fans, the level of sport in the books is accessible. There aren't too many of the tricks, or twists or jumps named so especially with Brady you don't need to worry about snowboarding language.

There are all sorts of threads weaved into these novellas, and I found that Fighting Their Attraction was the hot and steamy book of the pair, while Man of Ice had quite a bit more depth to the story.

Incredibly enjoyable set of stories that were just what I needed to relax with after a particularly trying day.

Fiona Marsden says

Of course I like it.

I was going to do a review for Nicole Flockton's story, Fighting Their Attraction, but it is so intertwined with the companion novella, I wondered how I could do it.

The two novellas are more like one book about two couples at the Olympics with four points of view. We get to see Brady and Arielle's point of view in the first novella. Then you get Bohdan and Maybelle's point of view in the second novella.

Both couples are experiencing the Olympics at the same time, going to many of the same events, socializing at many of the same places yet have different stories.

I really enjoyed Brady and Arielle's story. They are two distinct characters with their own history and issues. How these are resolved over the course of the story, while they face the heart-racing challenges of competing for gold at the Olympics makes for a fast and exciting read. Not only do we get to watch their romance, we get to have a ringside seat and even closer, seeing them compete against the best in the world.

And of course then you get to read my story about pairs skating couple who are just at the beginning of their partnership, competing against well established couples for a medal place.

I was particularly proud of how well Nicole and I worked together to create stories that blended together. I hope readers enjoy them as much as we enjoyed creating them.

Helen says

With the winter Olympics just around the corner this seemed like a great book to pick up and I must say I thoroughly enjoyed this one, I loved the setting and the characters from both stories, they are fast paced and filled with emotion and all that goes with aiming for a gold medal and the personal feelings that can add a lot more stress.

Fighting Their Attraction

This is the story of Australian snowboarder Brady Thompson and Canadian figure skater Arielle Baldwin's and how they got to their HEA and a rocky journey it is, Brady has a lot of issues that need to be sorted out he is known as a bad boy and Arielle is a caring loving woman who seems to be treated like a very young girl at times, but after their first meeting the spark and sensual pull cannot be denied and Arielle decides that the bad boy Brady is who she wants. This story will have you turning the pages and smiling when Arielle gets her guy.

Man of Ice

Is Russian figure skater Bohdan Dovzhenko a man of ice or is that his way of keeping feelings under tight control? Bohdan has been through a lot in his life and is a champion figure skater and is now paired up with beautiful caring and friendly Australian Maybelle Li and they are out to win a medal but he must keep his distance emotionally from her. For Maybelle her ex- partner Brady is also there and she is trying so hard to help him, but what about herself as she feels her feelings growing for Bohdan can she get him to open up, is there a future for them as a couple not just as a team.

I do recommend this book to all lovers of winter sports, these stories have ticked the boxes for beautiful romances that will pull the reader in and open up the world of the Olympics, the characters are real and very likeable in their journeys to bliss, they are sensual, heart-warming and emotional and are sure to leave you smiling.

Lauren loves llamas says

[Homophobia (in the past), death of sibling, school shooting (in the past) (hide spoiler)]

Verity W says

****Copy from NetGalley in return for an honest review****

I picked this out because I really fancied some Winter Olympics romance action before the games. I love winter sports - particularly figure skating and I love finding out about who is dating who off the rink, so I

thought it would be perfect for me. And the romances here are nice - three dimensional characters with actual backstories and issues that aren't just about their sports careers. However, possibly because of all the figure skating I watch, I kept getting drawn away from the romances by the technical details (large and small). So not as perfect for the Winter Olympics fan as I had hoped - but for the casual viewer, this might be spot on.

Lena says

I was given an ARC copy in NetGalley in exchange for an honest review

I really like both stories and how they interweave with each other. Brady and Arielle are wonderful, and their chemistry seems real and believable. There is always a component of make-believe and insta-love in Olympic romances, but I feel the author did a great job tackling on those issues and writing a believable romance. I also loved that Brady went back to skating but not to compete but to have something very close, personal and intimate to share with Arielle.

Belle and Bohdan are just delightful: from her warm personanility to his poor attempts *not* to fall for her, I love the journey they traveled to fall for one another. Belle wanting to understand from Brady about how to navigate these was such a lovely scene... I loved the ending!

Kari Lemor says

This duology has two great stories that take place during the recent Winter Olympics. While both stories are very different in writing styles they are both excellent and I enjoyed them. The first by Nicole Flockton gives us two great characters who meet at the games and connect right away with each other. They both have things in their past they have to deal with but they support each other which is nice. The second story by Fiona Marsden has a skating couple who have known each other for a while yet are just beginning to be able to open up and understand their feelings about the other. I do love stories where the characters have known each other for a while because there is more ease between them. I liked that both stories had characters that were mature adults and not the young adult trend that is out there. I would recommend these stories to those who enjoy the thrill of the Olympics and like a little steam with a great plot!

Cariadne says

In the grand scheme of things, this wasn't very good. I didn't feel the romances leap and twirl off the page. Instead, the characters felt very wooden and 1-dimensional. It wasn't terrible, but I was so bored reading it that I had to go get another book to read -- thankfully a *good*> figure skating romance by Tamsen Parker -- before getting back to reluctantly finish this one. As for the excerpt from Nicole Flockton's next story at the end of the NetGalley e-read, I didn't even bother to give it a try because I am so ready to get back to good reads.

Love figure skating, love romances. Great time to indulge in both during the Olympics and Valentine's week. Unfortunately, this collection was way out of medal contention.

Dana Busenbark says

We find ourselves reading about athletes in South Korea at the winter games in this duo of books. In this story, we meet Maybelle, Bohdan, Arielle, Brian, and Brady. Who are they? What events do they compete in? How do they know one another? Who is Tina? What happens and what almost happens is quiet entertaining in the first book of this duology called *Fighting Their Attraction* by Nicole Flockton. Who is it that is attracted? I'm not going to tell. You're going to have to read to find out. In *Man of Ice* by Fiona Marsden, we get a chance to explore these folks more, especially Bohdan. We also meet Danielle in this book. We did not get a chance to meet her in the first book. As we get to know more about Maybelle and Bodhan, we find that they're both survivors and they both feel guilt about things that have happened. What has happened that helps them become who they were meant to be? The things I learned about them just blew me away. It is a must read story!

RECEIVED THIS BOOK AS A GIFT FOR A FAIR/HONEST REVIEW and REVIEWER FOR Bloggin'
With M. Brennan.

Bec_BookMagicReviews says

Medal Up (A Winter Olympics Duology) is two really good novellas in one with *Fighting their Attraction* penned by Nicole Flockton and encompassing a snowboarding hero and a figure skating heroine hoping to win gold while as the title says fighting their attraction; while *Man of Ice* is penned by Fiona Marsden and encompasses a figure skating hero and heroine hoping to medal at the Winter Olympics as partners. Will each of the characters succeed in their endeavour? [Read More](#)

Amy says

These are two well-written novellas that work seamlessly together to tell the story of two friends competing at the Winter Games in Korea. Flockton's story, *Fighting Their Attraction*, tells about Brady--an Australian skater turned snowboarder with a lot of baggage in his past. He has an instant attraction to newcomer Arielle, a Canadian skater, but can he make amends with his former friends and himself enough to let himself love Arielle before it's too late? In Marsden's *Man of Ice*, Belle and Bohdan work well together on the ice, but can they both let go of family pain and guilt enough to have a partnership off the ice? Belle just happens to be one of Brady's former skating friends so the two stories cover the same timeline and the authors did a good job of marrying up the encounters between the two. These were fun, heartwarming stories and I'm especially glad that I read them just in time to watch the Winter Games. I'll be watching some of the skaters and snowboarders and wondering what their stories look like and if any are similar to any of the characters I met in these stories.

I was given a free ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Chasing Away Reality says

I did two separate reviews, since they are standalone novellas. However, each love story happens concurrently, and the stories overlap in some ways. You won't miss out if you only read one and not the other, but why would you do that when you already have both?

Fighting Their Attraction - 4.5 Stars

I was so excited that Nicole Flockton was back with a new Olympic Games love story! She does such a fabulous job packing an emotional punch in her novellas. In these winter-based Games, she gives us Brady, a tormented ex-pairs skater turned snowboarder, and Arielle, a beautiful figure skater, who try and fail to fight the attraction that is so palpable. We get all the soul searching, emotional growth, torment, and love that you'd expect from their journey to happily ever after. I dearly loved these characters and wanted nothing more than for them to find themselves and each other through the pressure of expectations and need to conform.

Man of Ice - 4 Stars

In the second half of this set, we are formally introduced to Maybelle, Brady's old partner, and Bohdan, her new partner. I could tell from the glimpses we were given during the first book that this was going to be fun. These two had a unique relationship. They had the makings of a phenomenal partnership on and off the ice if they could move beyond their pasts. Expectedly, it was only with each other that they could achieve peace within themselves and find love that would show through on the ice. I loved watching Bohdan's walls break down and Maybelle overcome the tragedy that plagued her thoughts. Theirs was a lovely story.

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Readers Copy of this book.

Allison says

This book contains two novellas set at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Korea.

The first story is about Arielle, a figure skater and Brady a snowboarder who used to be a figure skater. I really loved the pacing of this story. It was realistic and moved the story along appropriately. The characters were realistic and interesting, and it really felt to like they belonged together. Finally the sequence of events felt reasonable for athletes at the Olympics.

The second story tells of Maybelle and Bohdan's relationship. They have been pairs figure skating partners for months, but are really no closer to knowing each other than they were the first day.

This story had a faster pace, but I really liked how the story concentrated mainly on the emotion within the relationship. The characters and situations were again realistic and these were also heart warming as the characters got to know each other and found they had more things in common than they thought.

One of the best parts of this duology is how well the two stories work together. The first story introduces all the characters and the friendship problem/situation that needs resolution carries through both stories seamlessly, almost as though one author had written both. Flockton and Marsden have done a fabulous job providing readers with realistic entertaining Olympic stories.

R.C. Matthews says

Medal Up is a cute sports romance duology set at the Winter Olympics, featuring two couples fighting their

attraction while going for the gold. I enjoyed both novellas, especially the HEAs that both couples found. This was a lot of fun to read while watching the Olympics on television.
