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The NHL's most charming player is ready to score a hat trick on and off the ice...

As the star forward for the Boston Blades, I've earned a reputation for no-strings attached hookups and a mean slapshot that has all the ladies purring -- but it's never been the one woman I want to see all fired up and ready to score.

Boston's own Ice Queen Gwen James has had my emotions all tangled up for years. I've played the games. I've sat on the sidelines.

No matter her reasons, I'm done being benched.

When she approaches me for a second chance, I accept on one condition: she's got to prove she's all in.

No kissing. No sex.

It just might kill me to keep my hands to myself, but it's time Gwen knows what it's like to beg.

At the end of the day, I play to win, and I want what no other man has ever had...her heart.

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Michelle says

3 Stars

Another book that started off really good but fell flat for me.

Amy Fudge says

Marshall has been interested in Gwen ever since he sat behind her in Accounting 201 back in college, long before his career with the Blades, his fame and well - deserved Playboy reputation. But he has finally reached his limit, and he is done playing her games.

Gwen is known as the Ice Queen of Boston, a reputation she knows she has, and works hard to maintain. She knows it's largely due to her mother's constant brainwashing: all men are cheaters, all women will steal your men, etc. Because of this, Gwen has closed her heart off. But now she is starting to see that her mom has it all wrong, and she doesn't know how to fix it. But she wants to try, and she decides that she will start with Marshall, finally agreeing to go out with him. But, to her surprise and dismay, he says No!

Once her friends make her realize she is the only person to blame for her current situation, she decides to do something about it. But will Marshall agree to go out with her?

Their story is such a good one! You will laugh, you might cry, you might want to slap or strangle someone, but regardless, you will be entrenched in their story, and how it all plays out, you much that you won't be able to put it down for long, if at all, until you've read all the way to the end.

I definitely recommend this amazing, five star read. You won't be disappointed!

Brittany Hively says

My first Maria Luis book and I am in love!

I may be a little bias because this story vaguely reminds me of how my husband and I started off. He was the chaser and I was the runner... what happened next? Well, I can't give away the good stuff, can I? ;)

I love how different this story was from most romances. Though different, it fits the romance troupe that we all know and love. Luis just managed to switch some things up to keep us on our toes. Don't worry, she made sure to keep all the sexiness you love in there!

The characters have so much personality and characteristics that you can't but to love them. You will want to

go in the pages and hug them You hate them at times and love them at times. They give you all the feels.

I literally read this book in one sitting. I opened it and never stopped. I couldn't. I had to know how things would play out. I had to learn more about the Burberry pie! (haha)

It was hard to put down because not only was the story good, but the writing was pretty awesome. Often we see books that the writing makes us cringe or it just wasn't up to a standard we believe it should be at times. Not all writers are masters at making the words flow in a perfect synchronization, but can still write a fantastic story. Luis has a little more advantage because she seems to have the talent to do both. Rare find, but glad I have discovered her stories and look forward to reading more in the future!

Amanda says

3.5 Short review. Third book in the series but the first book that I have read. Marshall is a very well written book boyfriend, he wants a relationship with Gwen and has been pursuing her for six years. He finally decides after being rejected by her again that he's done pursuing her and plans on moving on with his life this jolts Gwen into realizing that she has been taking Marshall for granted all this time.

*mini spoiler*My favorite part was when Gwen asks Marshall out and he rejects her after years of being rejected it would have been wrong if Marshall had said yes. I liked that Marshall made Gwen prove that she wanted a relationship with him and didn't just want him because he was done chasing her. *end of spoiler*

I felt the ending was rushed and would have liked if it was fleshed out a little bit more.

Crystal says

Gwen was someone I'd originally hated in the first book in this series, but she's redeemed herself nicely and I loved her in her own story. Marshall was perfect for her and their story was great!

Sara Koelsch says

I forgot to mention in my reviews of Power Play and Sin Bin that I am loving these covers! I love the way they all have some similarities, it's easy to tell that they are an interconnected series. I feel like I should also start this review with a standing ovation, applause, applause, queue insane clapping... OK, so that was all for the ability to make me like Gwen!! I know, if you've read only book one you probably won't believe it's possible. If you've read book 2, you're thinking eh, probably not, but there's this nagging possibility in the back of your mind. Here we are at book 3 though, and I like Gwen. Now, that doesn't mean she wasn't always on my good side, she wasn't. But this ability right here just shows the talent this author has! You'll find yourself understanding and you'll see another side to her. One that you might struggle with a bit just out

of habit but you'll find yourself rooting for her.

So here we are with Hat Trick, book 3, another fantastic read with wonderful characters that have you feeling a wide range of emotions. This book was a slow burn and really everything unfolded so slowly and it just fell in place. Marshall and Gwen still had a fun and witty-type of relationship. Hat Trick felt a little more serious to me than the other two books. It was definitely a bit more emotional for me. I felt my heart break a bit, and OK, I was a mess near the end. But Luis didn't leave me that way long!

I received an ARC of this book with the hope that I will leave an Unbiased Opinion. I was not required to leave a review, positive or otherwise, and my opinions are just that... my opinions.

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BookAddict says

Marshall Hunt has been pursuing Gwen James for years, from all the way back in college and into his NHL career with the Blades, seeing past her cold, hard exterior to the real Gwen beneath. But it's not until he finally gives up and tells Gwen he's done that Gwen shows interest in him. She's made great strides in becoming a "new and improved" Gwen and has cultivated a couple of terrific female friendships, but it's relationships with men that are still an issue. And really, it's no wonder, with her mother's brainwashing that women are out to steal your man and your man will always leave. Gwen doesn't have a problem with men, per se, because she's had lots of surface relationships (the Ice Queen could just as easily earn the title of One Night Stand Queen) yet she's never let a man anywhere near her heart. But Hunt won't settle for anything less. Yes, he wants Gwen, but what he wants above all else is her heart.

After reading the other books in the Blades series, I was tickled to read Hunt and Gwen's story. We saw a good bit of Gwen in the previous books and, well, she wasn't the nicest person. Okay, truthfully, she was a cold-hearted witch with a capital B. A heroine in need of redemption is a rare thing in romance novels, but Gwen has to be the worst in need of redeeming that I've ever seen. Her desire to change and become a better person was refreshing, and she gets her redemption in spectacular fashion, gorging on crow along the way. Ms. Luis flips the romance stereotype on its head with the heroine doing the pursuing and wooing after the hero finally gives up. This, of course, makes for some poignant but hilarious reading!

It was clear that Gwen and Hunt had a history and there was a lot of tension just below the surface, especially at the beginning of this story. And the middle of the story. And up until the end of the story. Yeah, so there's all kinds of tension between these two and at times I felt sorry for one or the other, then I wanted to shake somebody, then I was laughing out loud, then my heart would feel a tug, and the cycle repeated. The push and pull of their relationship was delicious fun and their story was an exquisite treat to read. I completely adored these characters and was all in, desperate to see their relationship finally work out. Ms. Luis granted my wish, giving Gwen and Hunt their happily ever after, and it was glorious! With just the right amounts of humor, angst and smexy, Ms. Luis scored her own literary hat trick with this book! Gwen and Hunt's story is a phenomenal read, so run to the 1-Click Button without delay.

Pelusa Rivera says

Received an ARC at no cost to author.. Maria did something I did not think was possible, she had me not only like Gwen, but root for her and have my sympathy. When we first met Gwen in the first book (and if you haven't read, what?!?) Stop what you are doing and begin with power play, okay back to my rambling, hen we fist met Gwen we hated her, yes at the end she assisted but she was til bitch the we have Sin bin, more redemption but still not my favorite. But after reading this book, you feel for her and you understand her and more importantly you see how she want to be different and her inner struggle with regrets. And then we have Marshall who I truly always liked, and hearing about his childhood broke my heart. The one thing I was about to go thru book an knock him out was the bet thing, I thought has going to act like it was no big thing, but I should know Maria better and she wouldn't do that!Anyhoo when it comes out grab a copy and Enjoy!!!

The Book Junkie Reads . . . says

I found a reason to connect with Gwen. The book was not he first time we hear about Gwen or Marshall. They both have had less than stellar reputations that have proceeded their introduction as main characters. I personally recommend that if you have not, you stop and go back read the previous books in this series to see how much growth there has been in the characters, Gwen in particular. You get to see a different aspect of her life and her as a person. Or you could just jump right in and enjoy a budding romance that will show you there are possibilities sometimes we just have to explore.

Maria Luis have found a way to balance the angst of life, sports, pain, and romance. She gives a story that makes you want to step back and visit with the other characters that you see glimpses of in this read. I enjoyed her writing, her story, her characters, and the way she put it all together.

Tina says

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Loved this sort of frenemies to lovers story. Gwen and Marshall have amazing chemistry. Another great story by Maria Luis.

She is definitely one of my one click authors. ?

Ana says

A few months ago I read the story of Gwen and Marshall included in Mistletoe Kisses anthology... Or rather I thought I had read their story. How wrong I was. Hat Trick v2.0 is not the book I read, this is a much longer book (I love long stories) and better, and it gives us a deeper and more emotional view of Gwen and Marshall.

The story is told in alternating POV, this is great because we know what goes through the head of Gwen and Marshall, their fears, longings and feelings. As usual in Maria Luis's books, the story is well developed, with the right amount of humor, anguish, despair, sexy moments. Oh, and let's not forget the attractive hockey

players. Her characters are very well written, each of them has its own personality. When I read Marshall's POV, I do not have the impression of being in Duke's head, for example.

Hat Trick can be read as standalone, but you have to keep in mind that this is the third book in the Blades Hockey series. We know Gwen and Marshal in Power Play, the first book in the series. Gwen is not one of those linear characters, she has evolved a lot. The first impression that Gwen left on us in Power Play was not good and Maria Luis has managed to make us see beyond that first impression and appreciate Gwen.

I voluntarily chose to review an advance ready copy of this book.

Ann Marie says

When I put in Hat Trick here on Goodreads there sure were a lot of books with this title, I don't have to read the oth books because they Can Not be better than this book.

I was delighted to receive an arc of this book for a fair and honest review. I love this author's work. I love every minute of her NOLA series that I spend reading and now I'm delighted to read this spin off of Sin Bin and the Blades hockey team. After years of stalking Gwen for a date, Marshall finally realizes he's done trying to start something up with the stand-offish Gwen. Gwen is shocked and sadly disappointed. On the advice of her two best friends, Gwen decides Marshall Hunts needs to be wooed. I believe it was chapter three that began with Bah Dum Bah Dum Bah Dum...I read it and was torn between the opening notes of The Mexican Hat Dance or The Theme from Jaws. Getting Marshall to agree to a date with Gwen isn't as simple as when thought declines her first offer, thus the wooing commences however Marshall seems to have is own "mangenda", When it comes to Gwen. Then follows the sometimes demonic relationship of Hunt and Gwen. Gwen's mother is a combination of Joan Crawford and Sarah Bernhardt. She loves when she gets a man by hook or crook then hates when he leaves her. This is a repetitive cycle and it has turned Gwen off of love and for a time girlfriends. I honestly have been charmed out of my monkey onesie, (embarrassingly enough I DO have a monkey onesie) Hunt (Marshall) was so darn charming, honest and most especially vulnerable. We had an inside peek at what went on in his head which is something This Author does brilliantly. There is nothing worse than reading a book that reads like a book. Ms. Luis has the ability to write dialogue that flows so smoothly and realistically that you can hear the conversations in your head. I received an arc happily but went ahead and purchased the book.

Samantha I Love HEA Romance Book Blog says

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Maria, the Word Wizard has done it again! Wowza, wowza, wowza! This story gives you all the feels! I loved reading this novel, I really enjoyed it. Hat Trick is the third book in the Blades Hockey series by Maria. Although I myself have not read the first two yet, this book can be read as a Complete stand alone.

Gwen is such a witty and funny character. I really loved her. Her mother however is not my favourite person right now! Gwen doesn't like to show her true self, she doesn't let her guard down. Hunt is a little cocky, which is ok because it is actually hot! He is so caring and sweet and talk about swoon! I swooned hard for Hunt! Loved picturing him in his faded jeans, Blades hoodie, with his hat on backwards. I loved the connection I could feel between Gwen and Hunt, they were so sweet together and their love scenes burned

hot! I really loved the anticipation you could feel leading up to their first kiss, their first touch, their first encounter! And let me just say I felt sorry for the Blueberry pie casualty, poor poor blueberry pie.

Now, I don't normally despise a character in a book, but Dave really took the D-bag award for that one. His character is just so nasty! Gwen's mother comes a close second! This book is absolutely hilarious! I laughed out loud more than a few times. Come on, frozen lady parts? Hilarious! It gave me all the feels. Here I am laughing away, smiling, when all of a sudden tears threaten to fall and I'm just sitting there thinking 'OMG, this is so sad!'! Love a book with feelings! I also love when a book teaches me new stuff as well, like hockey terminology! I didn't know what a Hat Trick was until I read this story. I love learning something new. I can not wait until Maria releases the next book in this series! I can not wait until she releases ANY book for that matter. If you have not read a book by Maria yet, what are you doing? Run, go read her work now, don't miss out on her incredible words! I recommend this book to everyone!

Debra says

Hat Trick is the 3rd in the Blades Hockey series. I read for a honest review. I just finished this book last night, Wow, I wanted to know what was going to happen with these two characters Gwen & Marshall. Ms. Luis writes just the right amount of angst in this storyline to keep you intrigued to find out what's going to happen next. I highly recommend this book, can be read as a standalone, even if you haven't read books 1 & 2. I highly recommend this book to my friends.

Siobhan says

Maria Luis is an author I have been meaning to read for quite some time. Many of my friends with similar reading tastes have enjoyed her work, along with a number of my favourite authors, so it was a given that I needed to grab one of her books at some point. As to which book I picked up... well, all appealed. The Blades Hockey series, the NOLA Heart series, and Breathless have all appealed to me. In fact, it made it very hard to decide which one I wanted to read first. In the end, the choice was made for me when the chance came about to read Hat Trick.

Although Hat Trick is the third book in the Blades Hockey series, it works perfectly fine as a standalone novel. The story has a start and end, one you can understand without any prior knowledge of the series. There are side characters whose love story is unknown, those told in the prior books, but this does not lessen your enjoyment. You can enjoy Hat Trick for the wonderful story it is, and be left with the desire to read Power Play and Sin Bin because you're curious about the other character and not because of blank spots in your knowledge. You can trust me on that, as I plan to go and read the two prior books soon – I need more of Maria Luis, and I know reading the Blades Hockey series is just the start of me working through all her work.

From the very first page of Hat Trick, I was sucked into the story. I loved the characters as individuals, and their chemistry was fabulous. I loved their interactions, the banter between them, and the way views slowly changed to become so much more. There is such history between the characters, and I enjoyed watching as details slowly came to life. Things that came out towards the end of the story really got me, leaving my emotions all kinds of messed up. I was sucked in, and I couldn't help but be lost to the story – once I started reading the world around me disappeared until I was finished.

With great characters, wonderful chemistry, and an amazing storyline, you'll be lost to Hat Trick from the

moment you open the book. Although I would have liked to read the series in order (not out of necessity, merely because I'm trying to break my bad habit of reading series out of order), I cannot help but view this as a perfect introduction to Maria Luis work. This book demonstrated how the author is capable of providing all I want in a romance – characters, chemistry, storyline, emotion, and some humour.

If you have yet to pick up a Maria Luis book, I would suggest you change that now. If you're already a fan of Maria Luis and have yet to pick up Hat Trick, I would suggest you change that now. This book is more than worth reading.
