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When it comes to relationships, talk show host Grace Fisher won't stand for cheating—especially not from her fiancé, star hockey goalie Zack Hoolihan. Her weekly knitting group backs her up when she calls it off, but it doesn't entirely ease the sting of betrayal. She won't listen to Zack's indignant explanations of innocence—she just wants to tie up loose ends and move on. Until he winds up injured, that is, and she finds herself playing nursemaid ...

Zack doesn't know *how* that woman got into his hotel room, but he *does* know losing Grace has put him so far off his game, he ended up with a busted knee *and* a broken heart. If things aren't mended fast, he'll miss the playoffs, miss his girl, and lose everything. But if Grace is willing to push him into physical therapy, maybe he can pull her back into his arms—before their truce unravels. This time, he'll do everything it takes to knit their relationship back together...

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Shawna says

5 stars – Contemporary Romance

Zack “Hot Legs” Hoolihan might be the star goalie for the Cleveland Rockets, but he’s been in a bit of a funk ever since his fiancée dumped him after a big misunderstanding that involved finding a puck-bunny in his hotel room. Grace refused to listen to or believe Zack’s explanation and innocence, and he was a bit apprehensive about pushing harder for reconciliation after she went all ‘Angela Bassett “Waiting to Exhale” woman scorned’ on him, by damaging his shiny red Hummer, throwing his prized hockey trophy through a wall, trashing his clothes, and stealing his beloved St. Bernard Bruiser.

Months later, Grace has moved on but Zack still misses her like crazy, and to make things worse, it’s affecting his performance on the ice. As if things aren’t bad enough, a bad collision leaves Zack with a busted knee and possibly a future without hockey...or Grace. Now he’s lonely, depressed, missing his dog, hooked on junk food, eating too many cheese doodles, and addicted to soap operas. His best pals Dylan and Gage can’t get through to him, so they guilt Grace into playing nursemaid. Zack and Grace are both determined to keep things platonic, but the more time they spend together, the harder it becomes to resist old times and their past attraction, lust, and feelings.

I really enjoyed this, and it’s a total laugh out loud riot! I loved sweet, sexy Zack, and his internal thoughts, especially when Grace first played nurse, and he and Grace’s battle over Bruiser/Muffin had me falling off the couch with laughter! There were also a few romantic, tender moments when Zack revealed some significant things to Grace that brought a few tears to my eyes. I highly recommend this to anyone who loves contemporary romance with hot jocks, reunited lovers theme, and lots of humor! 5 stars!

Knock Me for a Loop is the third book in the *Chicks with Sticks* trilogy, and there is some back story on Zack and Grace in the previous book, *Loves Me, Loves Me Knot*, but I think enough is recapped in this for it to work okay as a stand-alone read. Although, I really enjoyed and recommend *Loves Me, Loves Me Knot*, too!

Here are some funny Zack-isms/lines that I loved:

*****Possible laughs/spoilers*****

“It made him feel like less of a man. And given how much less of a man he’d felt the past several weeks, that was really saying something. He was surprised someone from the Man Club hadn’t come by to revoke his dick and balls.”

“Bad enough that getting turned on when he had nothing more than a bath towel to hide it would make the condition kind of hard to miss, but getting turned on in front of his ex-fiancee was akin to smearing honey on his junk and walking into grizzly territory.”

“The Howard Hughes thing hadn’t actually sounded like such a bad deal until about...oh, eight thirty-five this morning. Something about having his ex carry him to the bathroom and help him wash his balls just took all the fun out of becoming an eccentric recluse.”

“Then he’d met Grace. No, not just met her, fallen balls over brains in love with her.”

(I guess Zack really likes to say "balls", LOL!)

Lye says

Did not finish. Awful book. Got a quarter in and really tried to keep reading, because I rarely never not finish a book, but just couldn't. I could not relate to the heroine of the book, she was just awful. Usually the author provides background context of someone acting so poorly, but Grace just seemed like your stereotypical attractive bitch. She seemed a little bit selfish by always thinking of herself in a "poor me" way and very self-centered. What kind of person, jumps to conclusions, gets super aggressive, trashes their ex boyfriend's stuff, steals their dog and bad mouths them in front of media? It's just horrible. I just could not relate to her. If anyone else does manage to get to the end of the book, I sure hope there's some serious grovelling on her part. And also side note, knitting to get back an ex-girlfriend who has psychotic tendencies just seemed too cheesy and cringe worthy.

Lisa says

Enjoyable conclusion to trilogy but not as good as the first two.

After Grace visits her hockey finace, Zack, at a hotel and finds a naked women in his bed she dumps him and trashes his home, his Hummer and takes his Saint Bernard. She is very stubborn and won't listen to the numerous calls, texts, cards, etc from Zack saying he would never cheat on her and he has no clue how the puck bunny got in his room. This is just a tad hard to believe because you can see how devoted Zach is to Grace and you would think she would know he would never do that to her. I mean, would he have opened the hotel door to begin with?

Months go by and Zach gets badly injured in a game and starts to mope around the house and not attend physical therapy and goes into a deep funk. His friends get to the point where they don't even want to be around him. This leads to them subtly urging Grace to check on him and whip him back into shape. She does....she just happens to still have a key and walks back in with the dog and proceeds to promise to severely hurt him where it would hurt if he doesn't do what she says. Again, just a bit unreal but ok.

The sparks still are there and thankfully Grace finally gets over being so darn stubborn about the hotel room situation. This book is not as steamy as the first two b/c it is more of a rekindling story. No big action until close to the end of the book. Overall though, still a good story, just not as great as the first two. You do get to see Ronnie and Jenna (from the previous two books) often too and get some closure on them as well which was great. I am looking forward to more books from Heidi Betts though, she did become and autobuy for me with this series.

Ceren Ünlü says

Heidi Betts'in yazd??? 'Bir Yumak A?k' okundu, bitti. Bir ç?rp?da soluksuz okunan, s?cac?k bir a?k hikayesiydi.

Yazar'ın kalemini be?eniyorum. okurken bir çok yer de k?k?r k?k?r güldüm. Özellikle Muffin yada bekarl?k ad?yla Bruiser'li k?s?mlarda. :-) Belki benim de bir köpe?im oldu?undan... Fakat Grace'in yetmi? kiloluk - erkek- bir köpe?e yapt?klar? gülünmeyecek gibi de?ildi. Pembe k?yafetlerden olu?an bir gardolap düzenleyip, patilerini yumu?amas? için kremlmesi gibi... Hala k?s k?s gülüyorum. Zavall? Zack, Grace'in kaç?rd??? köpe?ini o halde gördükten sonra ya?ad??? ?ok okunmaya bedeldi. :-)

Kitab? sevdim. Kurgusunu be?endim. Bir kaç devrik cümleye rastlad?m, dü?ündü?ümün aksine bunlar beni pek etkilemedi. Fakat yumak yerine sürekli yün çilesi/çile kelimeleri kullan?lm???. Tuhaf?ma gitti. Yazar'ın dilinden ve/veya çevirisinden kaynakl?... Her neyse bence olmam??. O kelimeler kullan?lmamal?yd? çünkü ilk iki kitapta yumak kelimesi kullan?lm??t? ve kitab?n ad? da Bir -Yumak- A?k yani...

Yine de okurken zevk ald???m bir kitap oldu.

Konusuna gelecek olursak; serinin ikinci kitab? olan Seviyor Sevmiyor'dan hat?rlars?n?z : Grace, Zack'i otel odas?nda bir kad?nla basm??t? ve ard?ndan da Zack'in k?ç?na tekme basm??t? elbette. :-) Bir Yumak A?k'ta ise Zack maçlar?ndan birinde sakatlan?yor. ?yile?meye odaklanmak yerine örgü örmeye ve pembe dizilere merak sal?yor. Grace ise onun ihaneti yüzünden ac? çekse de Zack'e bak?c?l?k yapmaya ba?l?yor. ?imdi durum ?u :

- 1- Grace, Zack'i öldürmek isterken ve her an öldürebilecekken iyile?mesi için çabalamaktad?r.
- 2- Zack ihanet etmemi?tir. ?hanet etmedim demektedir. Tek sorun; Grace'e bunu inand?rmak zorundad?r. ?imdi... Kitapta neler oldu dersiniz. Okuyun görün derim. :-) :-)

Not: A?k her zaman kazan?r.

Dilara Kol says

erkese merhaba ????????????

Serinin üçüncü kitabını da bitirmi? bulunmaktay?m. Fakat di?er iki kitaba nazaran maalesef bu kitab? hakk?nda çokta iyi ?eyler söylemeyece?im.???

Di?er iki kitapta ald???m tad? bu kitapta alamad?m. S?radan monoton heyecan?n olmad??? bir kitap olmu?. Paragraflar uzun,diyaloglar?n uzun oldu?u bir kitap olmu?.

Daha önce bu seriyi okuyanlar bilir;daha önceki serinin ikinci kitab?nda biliyorsunuz Ronnie ile Gage' in at??malar?ni. Ben ayn? o ?ekilde bir tad ararken maalesef s?radanl?k olmu?. Neyse..... Gelelim kitaba; Zack, Grace'e körü körüne a??kt?r fakat Grace burundan k?l ald?rmayan,dedi?im de?k biridir. Zack, oynad??? bir maçtan sonra dinlenmek için odas?na ç?kar fakat odada onu kötü bir supriz beklemektedir. Bu arada Grace ise Zack supriz yapmak için kald??? otelle gider ve bu kötü süprizle kar??la??r. Zack bu durumu anlatmak için oyuna geldi?ini anlatmak için Grace anlatmaya çal???r. Fakat maalesef Grace inanmam??t?r. Tabii bu olay? ö?renen ortak arkada?lar? duruma müdahale etmeye çalisirlar. Grace ise inat oldu?u için Zack'i affetmesi pekte kolay olmuyor.

Bütün hikaye bu kadar. Ba?ka hiç bir ?ey yok. Heyecan sıfır.Dedi?im gibi serinin ilk iki kitabını gözüm kapal? tavsiye ederim fakat son kitab? için ayn? ?eyi söylemeyece?im. Üzgünüm....

Katie(babs) says

I had high hopes for Knock Me for a Loop, the final book in this trilogy by Heidi Betts and three women who love to knit. Much beloved talk show host Grace Fisher and her former fiancé, star hockey goalie for the

Cleveland Rockets, Zack "Hot Legs" Hoolihan made quite the impression on the last book, Loves Me, Loves Me Knot mainly because the way Grace reacted when she found a hockey groupie in Zack's hotel room. She went ballistic, thinking he cheating on her, even though Zack denied it to the skies. I was very interested in seeing if these two would work things out and get back together, but in Knock Me For a Loop, I found Grace and Zack to have no chemistry and their interactions were beyond dull. Zack has a major Pete Pan complex and is a slob, while Grace is the total opposite. Unfortunately these two don't have enough of an interesting attraction to one another, and by the middle of the book I was close to giving this the good old label of DNF (do not finish).

Grace as a woman scorned was exactly what I enjoyed about her character. She refuses to be walked all over even though Zack has begged and pleaded with her that he is innocent. And when Zack has a very bad accident on the ice and hurts his leg, he feels his life is over. He misses Grace desperately and soon eats and drinks his sorrows away. He doesn't even have his trusted dog, Bruiser for support, who Grace stole, renamed Muffin and dresses in pink sweaters and booties she has knitted. While Zack spends his days watching soap operas, eating junk food and secretly knitting, his two best guy friends are sick of seeing him this way. Grace does still care for Zack and against her better judgment, tries to help him get back on his feet again. She even moves in with him, which Zack thinks is a great sign for their future. But Grace still feels she can't trust Zack. These two begin to talk, and become friends again. Zack wants to take their friendship to next level and have her back as his lover and fiancé. But Zack needs to grow up and come clean with her and show that he isn't a cheater and does respect Grace, so much so that he may even let her in on his new knitting hobby.

Knock Me for a Loop should have been a sexy and fun read about former lovers reuniting, but because the action and interactions between Zack and Grace were very low key and again no convincing displays of attraction between the two, I found myself very bored. I am not a big one for flashbacks, but in this case, I would have liked to see a few of these scenes of when Grace and Zack first met, their courtship and eventual engagement. We are told that these two really heated up the sheets when they were a couple, but there was no inclination to this fact, even when Grace decides to give into her sexual frustrations and have that one night to remember with Zack. Why just one night? Grace is still convinced that Zack was a low down dirty dog and slept with a hockey bunny. Only when Zack does something drastic, and perhaps if he had done this action from the beginning, then there would no drama and upheaval in both their lives, does Grace change her mind. But then we wouldn't have a story and this very profound moment is supposed to fit because isn't until the very end, giving out lovers their happily ever after.

This was a major miss for me and I was wishing for a bit more. Lack of passion and the mundane personalities of Zack and Grace left much to be desired.

Nihann~ says

3,5

Çeviri okunmayacak kadar kötü de?il ama kesinlikle daha iyi olabilirdi.

Ke?ke daha önce meraktan orjinalden ba??n?-ortas?n?- sonunu (azc?k ama) okumasaym???m.

Ayr?ca ?u aralar Historcal mode:ON, Contemporary mode:OFF olmayayd?m iyiydi.

Total olarak seri ise bence:3,75 olur hani..

Esra Cevahir says

Serinin son kitabın? da bitirmi? bulunmaktay?m. 5 y?ld?z? sonuna kadar hekediyor kesinlikle. ?lk iki kitaptan -özellikle 2. kitaptan- daha ak?c?, daha e?lenceli ve doyurucuydu. Gül gül öldü?üm yerler oldu.

Zavall? Zack Grace'i inand?rmak için ne yeminler etti de bir türlü inand?ramad? ?u inatç? kad?n?.

'Tanr? veya Allah ad?na , Yehova ya da Buda veya buz hokeyi tanr?s? ad?na, yemin ederim ki odamda oldu?undan haberim yoktu.Du? almak için banyoya girdi?imde orada de?ildi.Bende seninle ayn? anda gördüm orada oldu?unu.Seni aldatmad???ma inanman için daha ne yapmam gerekiyor Tanr? a?k?na?'

?imdi bu adama inan?lmaz m? ey kad?n? Hiç mi ac?man yok yahu. Ama neyse ki sonunda Muhte?em bacaklar -bu lakab? çok seviyorum- Grace'e kendini affettirdi... Bir dakika Grace kendini Muhte?em bacaklara affettirdi mi demeliydim yoksa? Her neyse sonuç olarak mutlu bir sonla bitti.

Vee Dylan ve Ronnie'de evleniyorlar. San?r?m bu seride benim favori çiftim olarak kalacaklar.

????ηı?ı says

Güzel bir ?eyler bekliyordum özellikle 2. kitaptaki olaylardan sonra iyice merak?mda depre?mi?ti ama bu kadar?n? da bekleliyordum bir solukta okundu bitti kitap ve be?endim tabiiki:))

Zack'e bu kitapta ayr? bay?ld?m o iç ses dü?ünceleri yok mu hele süperdi Grace'e a?k? da çok ho?tu Grace'in yerinde olmak isterdim. Grace de iyice bir paralar süründürür diyordum asl?nda Zack'i ama olmad? yan?ltt? beni farkl? bi yere gitti hikaye ama böyleside daha güzeldi yaln?z sonlara do?ru Zack'in babas?n?n evine gittikten sonra Zackin aç?klamas? ard?ndan Grace'e acayip k?zd?m daha ne istiyorsun k?z?m o laflar?n üstüne demedim de?il ama neyse son anda telafi etti bi daha üzmesin çocu?u el üstünde tutsun!!

Charlotte'de kendine 70inden sonra e? arayaca??na bir kaç ki?iye daha ç?kr???ndan yün ç?kars?nda bizde okumaya devam edelim böyle güzel kitaplar?

Dina says

This book is miss for me. It seems outdated somehow: references to Slim Fast, not funny and unnecessary “manly” gay jokes, not using GPS to find hotel – all of that places the time of this book in the late nineties, not in the 2010.

The whole bit with stilling the dog I find quite distasteful and cruel.. The author probably doesn't have a dog and cannot understand that you cannot take a dog without a fight from the owner. Zack did not do anything to get his dog back and that I don't believe for a minute.

There are funny one liners through the book , but they are lost in the sea of misery (Zack), angst (Zack), rage (Grace), and boredom (reader).

Kayla says

Ruhuma hicran!

Resmen içim ?i?ti yahuu. ?leti?im özürlü bir çift! Kendileriyle konu?maktan kar??s?ndakiyle konu?maya vakitleri kalm?yor.

Sevimli H?rs?z says

3.5

Hiç bekledi?im gibi bir kitap de?ildi.Ba?tan sona bombo? geçti. Grace'in tutars?z davran??lar? , Zack'in sakatl???n?n bitmez tükenmez uzamas? , s?kt? da s?kt?. Daha dolu dolu -hatta didi?me yüklü- bir kitap bekliyordum ben. Çevirisi deseniz di?er iki kitab?na göre çok kötüydü.Okunmaz de?il ama di?er kitaplara oranla kötüydü.Kitapta konu ?u denecek bir ?ey de yok.Yani Zack ve Grace için yazar resmen hayalk?r?kl??? yaratt?. Beklenti yüksek olunca konuya de?il resmen yasadigim hayalk?r?kl???na puan verdim. Seride ki favorim ise Seviyor Sevmiyor.

Canan ^^ says

ahh Charlotte..yine yapt?n yapaca??n? :D ne diyeyim ben sana...
Neyse efendim..Seride en çok merak etti?im çiftti Grace ve Zack.
Merak?ma da de?di.Asl?nda ben hikayeyi daha farklı bekliyordum
ama yazar beni ?a??rtsa da konuyu sevdim ben..
Zack ve Grace talihsiz bir ?ekilde ayr?lm??t? malum..
Hikayemiz bu olay? Zack'in dilinden anlatarak ba?l?yor..
Grace'in huyunu suyunu az çok biliyorduk ama Zack'i tan?mak çok ba?kayd?.
O kas y???n? , dev adam?n kalbinin ne kadar sevgi dolu oldu?unu okumak..
Grace'e olan a?k?n?, ve bu alanda çabalay???n?..
Konu aç?lm??ken bu konuda Grace'e çok k?zd?m..Tamam inanm?yorsun, seni
aldatt???n? dü?ünüyorsun ama bac?m insan hiç mi dü?ünmez "ya ben yan?l?yorsam" diye..
sonuçta sen evlenmeyi kabul etmi?sin, insan evelenece?i adama az?c?k güvenmez mi..
Ehh burda da devreye ya?anm??l?klar giriyor san?r?m..
Çiftimiz sa?olsun okurken hop oturup hop kalkt?m ama de?di..
Onlar mutlu olduya..hele o son sahne..Zack'in umut etmeye bile korkmas?..
Güzeldi..Ben sevdim..Seri böylece bitti i?te..
yazar?n tarz?n? sevdim ben,kitab?n kapaklar?ysa ayr? güzeldi..
Burdan yay?nevine duyurulur..Yazar?n di?er kitaplar?n?da okumak isteriz..

Precious Mae says

Knock Me For a Loop is the first book that I read from the trilogy Chicks with Sticks. But it still and will definitely work as a stand alone novel.

The storyline was promising but I think that it has some really boring parts that all I did was just skimmed it to get to the good one.

Grace and Zach were engaged but not long after Grace caught a girl in Zach's bed in one of the road games of Zach's hockey team. She stormed out of the room and called their relationship quits before Zach got the chance to explain - he had no idea how the chick in the bed got there, and he didn't not even know her, and most especially he didn't do her.

Months after, Zach is still in the moping stage and it affected his game leading him to have a really serious injury in his knee that made Grace go back in his life, only to take care of him and get him back to his feet. They may be all civil with each other after what happened but they can't deny the attraction is still there and Zach knows there is much more, too.

Even though I definitely like the emotional scenes in here most especially Zach's, I think it wasn't enough to make me love this one. I just hoped that there was something more that would make me swept me off my feet.

What I like:

- * Zach's emotional speech
- * Muffin, err.. Bruiser the dog
- * the secondary characters

"You're going to have to decide for yourself what kind of man you think I am."

FlibBityFLoob says

4.5/5. Very enjoyable to me. I was definitely rooting for the hero and heroine to get together. Yay!
