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One injury - a freaking broken rib.

That's all it took to send life into a tailspin at the age of sixteen. After getting a heart transplant, I knew that I could never take life or my talents for granted - I was going to be the best of the best. Boxing consumed my life and I was on track for greatness.

Everything was perfect until I woke up one morning, ten years after my surgery with an overwhelming need to meet her - the girl whose father's heart beat in my chest.

Little did I know that she was going to save me all over again.

Low Blow Details

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From Reader Review Low Blow for online ebook

Natalie The Biblioholic says

3.5 "short and sweet" stars!!

This was a sweet story with a tragic undertone. It says it all right there on the cover: "It all started with an end."

Ten years ago, Griffin received a heart transplant. He's now taking a look at his life and feels that he hasn't dug below the surface in anything. He's had trouble with having lasting or meaningful relationships and he's frustrated with the fact that although he's the middle-weight champion of the boxing world, his life really amounts to nothing. Feeling adrift, he's encouraged to seek closure... with the daughter of the man whose heart beats within him.

I liked many things about this story:

- ★ the honesty of its characters
- ★ the instant connection between Griffin and Olive
- ★ the show of support from family and friends
- ★ the crossover of past characters (Karla, Brayden, Myla and Gavin) and the intro to what may be a new story for Jordan and Crosby.

If you're looking for a hot and sweet read that has a guaranteed HEA, one-click LOW BLOW today!

Release Date: April 18, 2017

Genre: Contemporary Romance - Sports romance trope

POV: Dual - 1st person

Steam: 3.5 out of 5

Book Type: Standalone

Tania's Book Blog says

As always this hockey series is always short but pretty good.

Griff got a heart transplant at the age of 16 and ten years later he had the urge to meet the daughter of his donor. Olive is the daughter of the donor and she's a mechanic.

When Griff and Olive meet its instalust and then insta love. Their relationship was built quickly and Griff family and friends immediately welcomed Olive even though his parents aren't the best. Olive only had her gay best friend Shaw and he accepted Griff and company immediately.

It was a emotional but beautiful love story and how can one life lost is the gain of another. I voluntarily read an advanced reader copy of this book.

Tina Morgan says

5 Stars

Oh lord I loved this book!!! Even though I was crying in the first bit of it!! But even though this is a short read this book packs a punch. Once I started reading I couldn't put it down and I really didn't want it to end. I mean I'll tell you right now how much I didn't want it to end, you know those sucky people that take Stars way for stupid reasons like they didn't want it to end (not long enough) yeah if I was one of those people that is how bad I wanted this book to continue with Griff and Liv.... lol ?. And the connection that Griff and Liv have from the very beginning, gahhh I just love it, I just loved all of it. Most of the secondary characters I absolutely loved even the ones I didn't played their purpose. I really can't wait to meet them in their books. I highly recommend this book!!

Diane Lynch says

Kristen Hope Mazzola's LOW BLOW is a heartfelt and inspiring read. It has been ten years since Griffin Hayes had his heart transplant. He feels the need to seek out the daughter of his donor, Olive Cooper. The person that makes him feel whole. This contemporary sports romance is suitable for new adult and adult audiences. It takes place in New York.

LOW BLOW can be read as a stand-alone, but I appreciated it more because I read the three books preceding it. I am not into boxers, but I really enjoyed this story. Griffin is the younger brother of NHL star, Gavin Hayes, from book one, HAT TRICK. I love that the characters from the previous books were part of this story. They provided a network and family for Griffin and Liv. Kristen Hope Mazzola does a nice job of making you feel invested in the characters of the Shots On Goal series.

I like Griffin. He needed a heart transplant when he was sixteen years old. It took courage for him to seek the daughter of his donor out. I appreciated that his actions showed Olive that her Father's donation saved lives and helped her mourn his loss better. I love that they have an instant connection. Liv is a great character. I like her personality and that she is not Griffin's typical taste in women. Her reaction to Griffin's fight is probably exactly how I would have responded.

As discovered in book one, Griffin's parents are a bit to deal with. His mom was in rare form in this story. She really is one of those people that just shouldn't speak. I'm glad that Griffin has his brother and his friends for support, especially Myla. I love that he found his soul mate in Liv. I also like that Shaw and Simon hooked up.

I really enjoyed LOW BLOW. I finished it in one sitting. The plot was genuine. The characters are likeable. It had a well concluded ending. I'm looking forward to the next book in the Shots On Goal series. I voluntarily reviewed an advance reader copy of this book.

FunUndertheCovers says

A very original and unique story and also my first read from Kristen Hope Mazzola. A young boxer, Griffin, needs a heart transplant when he is 16! The donor is the father of 14 year old Olive when he is killed in an accident at work. Fast Forward ten years when Griffin seeks out Olive to thank her and show her how much

her father's sacrifice has meant to him and others. Sparks ignite when these two meet and there is an incredible pull to each other. Tissues are a must!

Maddy's Reading says

Typical of the author, this is a short but heartwarming love story. Griffin had a heart transplant at 16 which allowed him to achieve all that he dreamed of as a boxer. But he's still not content. So to seek closure, he goes to meet the daughter of his donor.

Olivia is a young, sassy, independent girl. When she meets Griffin and hears his truth, she is taken by surprise. But fate or serendipity has something else in store for them. This is an emotional, sexy insta-love story with a adorable epilogue.

~~*ARC generously provided by the author in exchange of an honest review *~*~*

Teresa Lara says

loved Liz and Griffens amazing beautiful love story.Makes me want more of these two.

Casey says

Find this review and more at Ramblings From This Chick

Low Blow is the fourth installment in Kristen Hope Mazzola's Shots on Goal series. Each book is a standalone story, so don't worry about jumping in here if you haven't read any or all of the previous books in this series. While I have liked things about each of these books, I have also had some mixed feelings on them as well. Low Blow was no different, and while I wanted to love this one there were some things that just didn't work for me.

Griff got a heart transplant when he was 16 that saved his life. Years later he knows that something is missing from his life and he knows that he needs to meet the daughter of the man that saved him with his heart. Olive is a mechanic and as soon as they meet, it is clear that they have a connection.

This were pretty instant between these two, but I did really like them together. I felt like they fit well with one another, and the chemistry between Griff and Olive was really strong. I loved the secondary characters and how they were accepting and welcoming, it really just felt right between these two. But I will say that things happened really quickly and at times things did feel rushed. I would have liked to have seen a bit more depth at times.

There were some thoughts and conversations here that were a bit odd for me, and if I am honest took me out of the story a bit. They just kind of had that ick factor that made me stop and ended up distracting me from the story and the connection that these two had. Again I did like the story and the characters, I just wish that a few things had been different because I really think that had it not been for those and the rushed pace at times that I would have loved this one. I think that this is worth reading, and if you are looking for a quick sports romance this is one that you might want to check out.

ARC Provided by L. Woods PR

Carrie says

LOVE Griffin & Liv's story!! This is a 5 star read, except for one little scene that is one of my hard NO's & I felt it was truly unnecessary to have that level of detail in that part of the story. So, unfortunately, I couldn't give it a 5 star rating.

BUT! Other than that one blip, we'll call it, the story was smooth & awesome & hot & fun & witty & I enjoyed everything else about it! Love the side story w/ Shaw's relationship & the other relationship beginning that we got to see. KHM has created an awesome family w/ the Otters & their peeps! :)

Kate's Corner says

Warning I'm most likely overreacting to some things here or being overdramatic.

Life should never be taken for granted.

This is an easy book to read. It's fast paced sometimes too fast paced it is like the author tried to fit everything in a short time span.

Alternating between the past and the present at the beginning we see how Griffin got his second chance at life. After ten years and realising he feels as if something is missing. He's kept the newspaper article and finally decides to look Olive up.

A whirlwind of a romance takes place there is instant attraction and they can't live without one another.

There were also very touching moments. Some were bittersweet, not to take life for granted. For everything I've mentioned above I still enjoyed it and although the author and I aren't a match made in heaven she is a diamond in the rough.

I love books when there is a certain twist to them and this felt right up my alley. I liked Low Blow well at least more than Cross Checked but that isn't hard IMO.

This is where got tricky for me. Where her best friend Shaw put an image in my head of that if he has her Dad's heart and well then is it incest? And that just really icked me out peeps. Probably being an odd bug here.

Some questions I had when reading the book.

Can a professional athlete have had a heart transplant? So I admit I was so intrigued that I did some research and yes it is possible. I don't know why I doubted it but it just kept on niggling at me. And well I should drop it because you know fiction.

Didn't Olive know that her father donated his organs?

It came as a surprise to her that she had someone in front of her who'd received one of her Dad's organs.

Review can also be found @ <http://jerisbookattic-reviewblog.blog...>

(view spoiler)

Kari Hansen says

When Griffin was 16 a harmless punch led to a heart infection and suddenly he needs a heart transplant to live. It is a devastating situation to be in as you hope for a heart and at the same time you know that for you to receive a heart someone else has to die. Ten years later he still hasn't gotten over the guilt, so he decides to meet the donor's adult daughter.

Olive was 14 when her Dad passed away and she still feels a void to this day. She works as a mechanic out of her dad's garage and was beyond shocked to see the recipient of his heart.

From the moment they met they had an instant connection and they both finally feel whole but is it enough to over the pain of the past?

This is an emotional story of appreciating every day and every moment you have with your loved ones.

Alecia ~?~The Staircase Reader~?~ says

Review will be posted tonight...

Sassy Southern says

Oh lord I loved this book!!! Even though I was crying in the first bit of it!! But even though this is a short read this book packs a punch. Once I started reading I couldn't put it down and I really didn't want it to end. I mean I'll tell you right now how much I didn't want it to end, you know those sucky people that take Stars way for stupid reasons like they didn't want it to end (not long enough) yeah if I was one of those people that is how bad I wanted this book to continue with Griff and Liv.... lol ?. And the connection that Griff and Liv have from the very beginning, gahhh I just love it, I just loved all of it. Most of the secondary characters

I absolutely loved even the ones I didn't play their purpose. I really can't wait to meet them in their books. I highly recommend this book!! - By Tina

Cheryl Whitty says

I reviewed this for Book Addict Live,

Low Blow is not the usual sports romance. It was much better, when Griffin meets Olive it was an instant attraction which never wavered only got stronger.

Low Blow has characters from previous books, but it can be read as a standalone. It was unusual way to meet the love of your life. I loved this book, it was a wonderful story and enjoyed it all.

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

Jennifer Ingalls says

Boom! Pow! A serious knockout by Kristin!

Who would have thought that the son who wasn't cut out for the ice would be a winner in the ring. Griffin Hayes is the younger brother of The New York Otters captain Gavin Hayes, who feels as though he lives a little in the shadows. Not just the shadow of his brother's fame or his father's disappointment, but of his own expectations and the feeling that he owes someone to make the most of his life, but he isn't sure how. On this search Griffin meets Olive and his heart beats faster and harder than he has ever experienced and he knows things are just RIGHT. Dive in and see the sparks fly in this fantastic, hard hitting romance.
