

Off Sides

I'm Leo Orting, the goofy center and team captain for the Chicago Blackhawks who no one ever takes seriously. I'm used to being the player. I'm cool with it. Being the star front-man of the team, I'm involved in every play. My lifestyle, much like any professional athlete, has its perks, and mostly between the legs of countless puck bunnies. One girl, my favorite regular, Callie Pratt, has been on my mind for a while. It wasn't like I was in love with her, but I did think of her a lot. That's a lie. I thought about her all the time and found every excuse I could to call her, send an inappropriate text, or be around her in some way. She kept me on my toes and never played into the crap I spewed, but part of me wanted her to see what I was really about under the joking exterior and player mentality. Trying to assuage my mild obsession over her, I took her home on New Years Eve to satisfy that urge. After our one night together, we now found ourselves offsides, trying to avoid a penalty, hoping that what we have can withstand even the most challenging of opponents. And now for those who could never take me seriously, I've found myself needing the most important girl in my life to put her trust that I will finish this game, I have to finish this game...if she'll just give me the chance.

Should owners and coaches allow players who perform on the field to abuse women, drugs and alcohol off the field? Where are the role models in professional football today? Why do officials miss calls? What calls do they miss most? Is instant replay the answer? Are the TV announcers always right? Why should the public pay to build stadiums for profit-minded owners? Are the NFL officials as experienced as they should be? Fred Wyant, who spent 19 of his 27 years as an official in the National Football League as a referee, answers these and other questions in *Offsides!* Author Rene A. Henry interviewed Mike Ditka, Don Shula, Sam Huff, Lou Holtz, Peter Ueberroth, Johnny Unitas, Bart Starr, the late Tom Landry, Chuck Noll, Marv Levy, Kellen Winslow, owners Michael Brown and Dan Rooney and referees Jim Tunney and Red Cashion, and many other players, coaches and officials. Their comments reinforce what Wyant has to say. Wyant also was the only referee in the NFL to also play quarterback in the league. The cover photograph of Vince Lombardi screaming at Wyant was taken by Wally McNamee and was picked as the "Best of the Year" by the White House News Press Photographers Association. The book is filled with humorous anecdotes and also details the responsibility of each of the seven officials and how each member of the crew is challenged with more than 1,500 decisions in a game. It also is G-rated with no profanity.

Tom Gray, a Mohawk Indian and star soccer player, moves to a new high school and refuses to play for the Warriors with their insulting mascot.

Learn to: Get a handle on soccer rules and regulations Grasp the basic moves and plays Improve dribbling, passing, and other skills Appreciate this popular pastime Learn the basics, improve your game knowledge, and reach your soccer playing goals Do you get a kick out of soccer? Whether you're a youth league player, a soccer parent, or a World Cup fan, here at last is the book you've been waiting for. Now updated with the latest history, stats, and rules of this popular sport, *Soccer For Dummies* is the ultimate guide to the greatest and most popular sport on the planet. Kick off — get a beginner's history of soccer, from its early days in China to the modern game that's showcased in

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stadiums and played on soccer fields all across the globe Get to the nitty-gritty — discover the rules of the game, what each player on the field is expected to do, the tactics they employ, and the skills they need to play The biggest sport in the world — explore everything about the professional game of soccer, from the biggest show on earth — the FIFA World Cup — to other international tournaments such as the European Championships, Copa America, and the CONCACAF Gold Cup For fans — find out what you can expect at a professional soccer game, as well as the lowdown on where you can find soccer on television, online, in newspapers, magazines, books, movies, and on DVDs Open the book and find: How soccer is played (and scored) Tips on coaching, how to keep fit, and how to play "the beautiful game" An in-depth look at women's soccer How club soccer is organized across the world Important international and club teams Fun soccer facts and interesting tidbits A look at the game's most fascinating players

Enjoy this sweet young adult romance from bestselling author Michelle MacQueen. He's the popular hockey star, and she's the stubborn figure skater ignoring him. Charlotte Morrison has a secret, one that stays within the confines of the skating rink her parents run. She loves hockey. It's not logical for the cold-as-ice skating princess her classmates call a robot. Especially since the school's hockey team can't win a single game. When the antics of golden boy, Jesse Carrigan, land her in the principal's office, she realizes she's been set up. Because Jesse wants her help and he's willing to do anything to get it. Forced to help the team practice skating without falling flat on their faces, Charlotte realizes there's more to Jesse than charm and good looks. But if she trades her figure skates for hockey pads, will the coach let her play? He is her dad, after all. The Offsides Dilemma is book one in the Gulf City High series, featuring charming hockey players and a battle of wills they weren't prepared for. This is a sweet, young adult contemporary romance and can be read as a standalone. Download it now to see why readers are swooning. ... KEYWORDS: Small Town romance, sweet romance, clean and wholesome romance, enemies to lovers, family, sibling relationships, florida, friendships, young adult romance, ya romance, free young adult, free sweet romance, free romance, free books Similar Authors: Maggie Dallen, Kasie West, Kelsie Stelting, Anne-Marie Meyer, Jordan Ford, Judy Corry, Michelle Pennington, Victorine Lieske, Jillian Dodd, Alex Light, Sarah Sutton

My husband ran off with his wife. My ex-husband coached hockey with Hayden and our sons played hockey together, but now my ex is in paradise with Hayden's ex-wife. Since the fallout, I've successfully avoided Hayden and hockey since. But my son plays and Hayden wants him on the team. I want a quiet life with no more drama, but I also want my son to go back to the sport he loves. Being around Hayden reminds me of our old friendship, and how easy it is to talk to him. Until one minute we're talking and the next minute...we're so far into each other that I can't think straight. The only problem is neither of us wants a repeat of when our exes got busted together, and our sons haven't gotten over our divorces. Why does hockey season have to be so long? Offsides is a standalone sports romance novella in the Playing Hard series by an award-winning author who has been known to skate in the local ladies hockey league but hasn't learned to stop yet.

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How did a decade that dawned with the Age of Aquarius end in Altamont and the Manson Family bloodbath? The 1960s were a time of revolution - political, social, psychedelic, sexual. But there was another revolution that many historians forget: the rise of a powerful current that permeated pop culture and has been a central influence on it ever since. It was a magical revolution - a revival of the occult. Previously rejected and ridiculed beliefs took centre stage, reaching the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, saturating the hippies and flower power, hitting the big screen with *Rosemary's Baby* and the bookshelves with *Lord of the Rings*, *The Tarot*, *I Ching*, astrology, Kabbala, yogis, witchcraft, UFOs, Aleister Crowley, *Yin Yang* and the *Tibetan Book of the Dead* now became the common currency they are today. But the vibes went bad, the auras darkened. Did that darker undercurrent win out? Gary Lachman here charts this explosion, its rise and fall, and its enduring legacy --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

When Danny Harte finds out there's been an anonymous foreign buy-out of his favourite club, City, he's furious - the fans were about to buy it themselves. The club is being secretive and Danny is determined to find out what's going on - until he's caught staking out the club by the police and cautioned. His parents are furious, and his friends too. No one is talking to him. But when Danny discovers Adam, a kid from Ghana, dumped by his agent who'd promised him a place as a junior at City, and lost in a foreign country he knows nothing about, Danny realizes there are worse ways of being alone. He decides to take Adam's story to the press - with terrifying consequences for them both . . .

Face-Off's McKendrick brothers return in the explosive sequel *Offsides*. Twin hockey stars T.J. and Brad have finally resolved their differences and forged a friendship on and off the ice. Now high school seniors, they focus on landing a commitment to a D1 school. What should have been the best year ever takes a nasty hit when the boys' parents announce their divorce, and Brad makes a mistake that could impact his game eligibility. Meanwhile, T.J. faces off against their father, who opposes his decision to delay college and pursue junior hockey. Adding to the tension are a rebellious kid brother, girlfriend trouble, and recruiting pressure. The turmoil threatens to drive the twins apart just when they need to work together the most. With a championship title and their futures at stake, T.J. and Brad must fight to keep from going offsides. *Face-Off* has appeared on many reading lists including *Best Books for Young Teen Readers Grades 7-10* and a list produced by the Hockey Hall of Fame's Junior Education Program. When cheerleader Layla unknowingly sends Tyler, a football player, a confrontational text meant for someone else, they end up texting each other without knowing who the other really is. But as days and weeks pass, things take a turn for the serious between them, and suddenly, their texts mean more. Can reality live up to the fantasy, or will Layla and Tyler be forever offsides?

From the award-winning author of *Waiting* and *War Trash*: an urgent, timely novel that follows an aspiring author, an outrageous book idea, and a lone journalist's dogged quest for truth in

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the Internet age. New York, 2005. Chinese expatriate Feng Danlin is a fiercely principled reporter at a small news agency that produces a website read by the Chinese diaspora around the world. Danlin's explosive exposés have made him legendary among readers--and feared by Communist officials. But his newest assignment may be his undoing: investigating his ex-wife, Yan Haili, an unscrupulous novelist who has willingly become a pawn of the Chinese government in order to realize her dreams of literary stardom. Haili's scheme infuriates Danlin both morally and personally--he will do whatever it takes to expose her as a fraud. But in outing Haili, he is also provoking her powerful political allies, and he will need to draw on all of his journalistic cunning to emerge from this investigation with his career--and his life--still intact. A brilliant, darkly funny story of corruption, integrity, and the power of the pen, *The Boat Rocker* is a tour de force of modern fiction.

This is the story of how one perfect couple becomes three. Austin and Riley have been together since high school. They've always loved each other and know they'll spend the rest of their lives together. But when they start playing soccer in college, they meet a sexy blond named Luke who, as far as they know, is the stereotypical conservative rich kid with the perfect GPA, who might also be their answer to a question they never asked. For Luke, college life means keeping his head down and working hard, denying his own needs until he graduates and can get out from under his father's thumb. It works, until he meets Austin and Riley, smart, gorgeous, and in desperate need of someone to look after them. Luke longs to be that someone, but is he willing to give up his future to have an amazing now?

He's the beast, and she's the beauty of his past. After twelve years in the league, all Zach Murphy wants is a Championship ring. His focus has been on hard hits--not smooth manners; about breaking quarterbacks--not making small talk at cocktail parties. After dumping a tray of drinks on the team owner's daughter and accidentally feeling up the governor's wife, his tenure with his team looks perilously short. Kelsie Carrington-Richmond knows what it's like to fall from grace. A onetime beauty pageant star and former high-school mean girl, she's now destitute and one step from living out of her car. With few real job skills, she focuses on starting her new business, Charm School for Real Men. She's thrilled to land her first clients, the Seattle Steelheads, who have hired her to polish their roughest player. Except...it's Zach. The same guy whose broken heart she left in her wake when she was still a mean girl. He's just the beast she remembers--but she's nothing like the beauty queen she once was. Can they get beyond their pasts? Or will they both find themselves offside? Keywords: football romance, beauty pageant star, mean girl, second chance romance, sports romance Previously published as *Down by Contact* in 2013. This version has been updated, re-written, and re-edited.

The Great Gatsby (1925) is a novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Published at the height of Fitzgerald's career as a leading writer of American fiction, *The Great Gatsby* was reviewed poorly by contemporary critics, but has since been recognized as a groundbreaking work for its vision of American decadence and decay. Adapted into several influential films and adored by generations of readers and writers, *The Great Gatsby* is not only Fitzgerald's crowning achievement, but one of the finest novels ever written. Nick Carraway is a young veteran and Yale graduate who moves to New York in search of work. He rents a bungalow on Long Island next door to the extravagant mansion of Jay Gatsby, a magnanimous millionaire with a mysterious past. There, he reconnects with his distant cousin Daisy and her husband Tom Buchanan, a flagrant philanderer who brings Nick to the city in order to spend time with Myrtle, his impoverished mistress. Soon, he receives an invitation to a party at the Gatsby mansion, where he gets terribly drunk and meets his neighbor, who swears they served together in the Great War. As time goes by, the two begin a tenuous friendship bolstered by stories of the war and a mutual fondness for alcohol. When Nick discovers that Gatsby and Daisy have a complicated history with one another, he starts to question not only the nature of his

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neighbor's kindness, but his own desire to make it big in New York. The Great Gatsby is a tragic tale of ambition and romance set in the Roaring Twenties, a decade born from war and lost to economic disaster. With a beautifully designed cover and professionally typeset manuscript, this new edition of F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* is a classic work of American literature reimagined for modern readers.

"I'm not sure what possessed me to do it. Maybe it was the impossible expectations I faced, maybe it was my own self-loathing. But I just knew I needed something different to happen. I needed someone...something...to derail me from my current path. Otherwise, I would become lost...a hollowed out shell of a man. So I did it. I approached her, then I pursued her, then I made her mine. And my life was saved..." Ryan Burnham is the privileged son of a U.S. Congressman and captain of his university's hockey team. While he is on the verge of fulfilling his dreams to play in the NHL, his parents want him on a different course. One he is expected to accept for the sake of his family's public image. Forced to abandon her music career after the heart breaking death of her parents, Danny Cross exists on the opposite side of the tracks from Ryan. She is struggling to make her own way, working two jobs, attending college part time and volunteering in a homeless shelter. She is on a mission to build her own success. With a chance meeting, their vastly different worlds collide, causing each to evaluate whether they are truly on the correct path to self-fulfillment and happiness. Can their relationship survive? Particularly when others are against them every step of the way. A lot can happen in just ten short days... **Note From Sawyer Bennett: This book is part of the Off Series but it can be read as a stand alone book. Nothing in the prior or subsequent books will diminish your understanding of this novel. This is a New Adult, Contemporary Romance. Off Sides – Book #1 Off Limits – Book #2 Off The Record – Book #3 Off Course – Book #4 Off Chance – Book #5 Based on the co-author's taped memories, a personal account of decades on tour with Bob Dylan is presented by his former tour manager and the co-author's son and includes accounts of such topics as Dylan's motorcycle crash, interactions with fellow artists and numerous affairs.

Mysterious incidents are happening at a big soccer tournament in Scotland. The Cortez family is faced with an international criminal that can't be seen! The Spy Kids must track down who or what is causing some haunting situations.

Two years ago, Emily Burnham, had an epiphany about the shallowness of her life. And she made it her mission to become a different person...a better woman. Out from under the controlling thumb of her mother, Emily is tasting the real world for the first time. And she likes it. Nixon Caldwell has served his time in the Marine Corps, surviving two brutal tours in Afghanistan. He is back home, surrounded by what he likes best...isolation. It's certainly the easiest way to avoid confrontation of the consuming guilt that is weighing him down. When an accident brings Emily and Nix together, he soon learns he is not the master of his own fate. Struggling with his own pain, Nix tries to guard himself against Emily's charms. He wants her in his bed, but he doesn't want her in his heart. Having grabbed life by the horns, Emily wants it all. But is she willing to accept just the small part of himself that Nix is offering? Or can she reach the part of his soul that he has deemed to be Off Limits?

Selected as a New York Times Notable Book of the Year, *Off to the Side* is the tale of one of America's most beloved writers. Jim Harrison traces his upbringing in Michigan amid the austerities of the Depression and the Second World War, and the seemingly greater austerities of his starchy Swedish forebears. He chronicles his coming-of-age, from a boy drunk with books to a young man making his way among fellow writers he deeply admires—including Peter Matthiessen, Robert Lowell, W.H. Auden, Truman Capote, Tennessee Williams, and Allen Ginsberg. Harrison discusses forthrightly the life-changing experience of becoming a father, and the minor cognitive dissonance that ensued when this boy from the heartland somehow ended up a highly paid Hollywood screenwriter. He gives free rein to his seven

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obsessions—alcohol, food, stripping, hunting and fishing (and the dogs who have accompanied him in both), religion, the road, and our place in the natural world—which he elucidates with earthy wisdom and an elegant sense of connectedness. *Off to the Side* is a work of great beauty and importance, a triumphant achievement that captures the writing life and brings all of us clues for living.

To Coach Dempsey, the Warriors teams and their Indian mascot symbolize the honor and glory of the Southwind High School athletic tradition. But soccer star Tom Gray sees little more than a denigrating cultural stereotype in the team's mascot and the stern, war-painted Indian-head profile. As a Mohawk, Tom knows only too well the hardships Native Americans face in their struggle for respect. So when his father's tragic death forces him and his mother to move to Southwind, Tom must make the decision of a lifetime: betray his family and heritage, or boycott Dempsey's team and abandon the sport he loves. Exciting play-by-plays pepper this tale, vividly capturing soccer strategy and action in a novel exploring the nature of honor and the courage required to stand up for your beliefs.

Gia Jilani had rules. They kept her safe and her head in the game. As the NFL's first female general manager, there were risks to be weighed and taken. Like Kai Pukui, the linebacker helping her team dominate on the field. The same quiet, beautiful man who stares too long at her and reminds her of how decadent, and risky living life can be. But when Gia discovers why Kai seems so familiar and why she feels so drawn to him, things like risks and love become secondary to loss and pain. Gia will have to decide what's more important - a life worth risking or a love worth losing. SAINTS AND SINNERS READING ORDER Last Love of Luka Hale Roughing the Kicker Offsides

Whether planning a quick dinner after work or a holiday meal for a crowd, you will never be stumped for a side dish again. Side dishes make the meal. Think about it: What's a burger without fries, turkey without stuffing, or barbecue without coleslaw, baked beans, or macaroni and cheese—or all three? The *Big Book of Sides* contains more than 450 delicious recipes to complement any dish. Award-winning cooking teacher and author Rick Rodgers has carefully compiled a variety of wonderful options, from traditional to inspired, Americana to ethnic, Southern fare to California cuisine. Sections include "Eat Your Vegetables," "From the Root Cellar," "A Hill of Beans," "Righteous Rice and Great Grains," and "Pasta and Friends." The *Big Book of Sides* shares • more than 100 information-packed entries on vegetables alone, from artichokes to zucchini, including root vegetables and grains • tutorials on the cooking techniques you need to know, such as grilling and deep-frying • at-a-glance charts for a variety of perfectly roasted vegetables and freshly cooked beans • carefree menu planning, with a complete list of special-occasion meals and suggested side dishes Home cooks of all levels will delight in preparing Roasted Summer Squash with Pepitas and Cilantro; Chard Puttanesca; Parsnip, Apple, and Bacon Hash; Smoked Gouda Mashed Potatoes; Quinoa with Carrot and Mint; Farro, Cherry, and Feta Salad; and Butternut Squash and Potato Gratin. Rodgers also shares recipes for relishes, chutneys, pickles, baked goods (from biscuits to foccacia), and even sauces. With helpful tips on how to stock your pantry, easy-to-follow cooking techniques, gorgeous color photos, and main dish pairing suggestions, The Big

Book of Sides is sure to become a trusted staple in your kitchen. A bioethicist's eloquent and riveting memoir of opioid dependence and withdrawal—a harrowing personal reckoning and clarion call for change not only for government but medicine itself, revealing the lack of crucial resources and structures to handle this insidious nationwide epidemic. Travis Rieder's terrifying journey down the rabbit hole of opioid dependence began with a motorcycle accident in 2015. Enduring half a dozen surgeries, the drugs he received were both miraculous and essential to his recovery. But his most profound suffering came several months later when he went into acute opioid withdrawal while following his physician's orders. Over the course of four excruciating weeks, Rieder learned what it means to be "dope sick"—the physical and mental agony caused by opioid dependence. Clueless how to manage his opioid taper, Travis's doctors suggested he go back on the drugs and try again later. Yet returning to pills out of fear of withdrawal is one route to full-blown addiction. Instead, Rieder continued the painful process of weaning himself. Rieder's experience exposes a dark secret of American pain management: a healthcare system so conflicted about opioids, and so inept at managing them, that the crisis currently facing us is both unsurprising and inevitable. As he recounts his story, Rieder provides a fascinating look at the history of these drugs first invented in the 1800s, changing attitudes about pain management over the following decades, and the implementation of the pain scale at the beginning of the twenty-first century. He explores both the science of addiction and the systemic and cultural barriers we must overcome if we are to address the problem effectively in the contemporary American healthcare system. In Pain is not only a gripping personal account of dependence, but a groundbreaking exploration of the intractable causes of America's opioid problem and their implications for resolving the crisis. Rieder makes clear that the opioid crisis exists against a backdrop of real, debilitating pain—and that anyone can fall victim to this epidemic.

Barcelona's new soccer star is receiving death threats and Pepe Carvalho, gourmet gumshoe and former political prisoner under Franco, is hired to find out who's behind it. Pepe Carvalho is set to retire. Content to live out the rest of his days enjoying the best food and wine Catalonia has to offer, his plans are put on hold when an executive from Barcelona's world-famous soccer team pays him a visit. "The center forward will be killed at dusk," reads the note the executive gives to Carvalho. With that, the detective, former communist, and one-time employee of the CIA, must find out where this note is from. Is the threat real? Is it the work of one person? Or is it one of the real estate moguls tearing Barcelona apart in their battle over the most important properties of Catalonia? Here Montalbán does for the game of soccer what he has done for food. In an exquisite portrait of Spain's most beloved sport, soccer and politics mix in a gripping mystery about the reckless excesses—and limits—of power.

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