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Illegal Contact (The Barons)



Synopsis

The rules of the game don't apply off the field in this first Barons novel. A New York Barons tight end Gavin Brawley is suspended from the team and on house arrest after a video of him brawling goes viral. Gavin already has a reputation as a jerk with a temper on and off the field which doesn't help him once he finds himself on the wrong side of the law. And while he's been successful professionally, he's never been lucky when it comes to love. A Noah Monroe is a recent college grad looking for a job any job to pay off his mounting student debt. Working as Gavin's personal assistant/babysitter seems like easy money. But Noah isn't prepared for the electrifying tension between him and the football player. He's not sure if he'd rather argue with Gavin or tackle him to the floor. But both men know the score, and neither is sure what will happen once Gavin's timeout is over.

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Customer Reviews

Great beginning to a new M/M series! In the past, the few books I have read in this genre have been great. Maybe because I love the authors' other books or I was already invested in the characters getting together. Regardless of the reason, *Illegal Contact* must be included in my list of M/M favorites. Why? Well, the characters are memorable. The writing is wicked and the romance is hot! Gavin Brawley is the tight-end for the Barons, a New York's football team. He was suspended and is under house arrest for six months after he was caught on tape fighting. Gavin has a reputation for losing his cool easily but he doesn't seem to care about any of that except playing football. Completely different from his two friends, Simeon and Marcus, who are the golden kids of the team. Joe, Gavin's manager, knows Gavin needs a personal assistant at home to help him out. Gavin isn't crazy about the idea but in the end, he knows it is unavoidable. Noah Monroe has a mountain of student loans. He's looking for a job to help pay the bills and to help his father, who's currently unemployed. Noah has no idea about football. He couldn't care less about it and it shows in his first interview with Gavin and Joe. He's surprised when he actually gets the position. Noah knows he's going to butt heads with Gavin but he won't back down without a fight. What neither was counting on was in those pesky sparks igniting. Gavin and Noah were completely different people. Noah was the geeky cute guy, while Gavin was the strong athlete. It was interesting seeing how this two realized they did have a common ground after all. Gavin was able to show his softer side, while Noah learned that not every jock is dumb. The one negative I have is that Gavin hooked up with someone else while interested in Noah. Yes, call me naive but I like my MC's to be faithful. For any M/M lover, this one is a must read. 4/5 Fangs

I will review this book when I've mulled it over in my head some more, but the stars are correct and if I could give more I would. This book was a love story with meaning, I felt for Gavin who grown up without family and didn't know how to trust and interact with others so he got all defensive instead. When he's forced to hire a assistant when he is put in house arrest for assault he meets a man that's not willing with putting up with his behaviour. Noa is a man that has experienced others betrayal and is not going to get trapped again but will he manage to resist his boss? The writing style is easygoing and filled with emotions as always from this author. Lots of dialogues and no unnecessary descriptions of surroundings makes this a perfect book for me. The feelings developing between Noa and Gavin is described in a way that makes you feel like you're a fly on the wall following them. When I get invested in the characters the author has in my opinion created a book that is in the 5+ category, and boy am I invested..... I laughed, cried and sighed through the book. Excellent m/m sport romance.

GOODNESS!! This was so good. Not as gritty as the Five Borough series but still captured the real NYC. Every time I read a Santino book, I revel in his brief bio where it says "....heavily influenced by the gritty, urban landscape of New York City..." Queens girl in the house! I love books that show the world outside of Manhattan - the crowded apartments of Queens, the craziness of trying to get to the Hamptons on the LIRR. SO many authors muff up the NYC vibe. They wax eloquently on the beauty of Central Park but forget the seedy underbelly that live in the park. Santino keeps it real. That combined with uber sexy Gavin and nerdy out loud Queens boy and social justice warrior, Noah - whew - this book blew my doors off. Terrific writing. I think I read that segment when Gavin and Noah first get it on about 300 times! Felt like I was right there - sweaty, humid, stuff all over the floor. Just so evocative. Unbelievable secondary characters in Simeon and Marcus. So, um when is Down by Contact released??

4.5 Stars!Yea! So good! Yea! Gavin and Noah are awesome and watching them fall in love is a joy.This is a great sports romance with so much couple time. We get a "cabin"romance with two detailed and complex heroes.Everything about this book shines. The writing is excellent as is the cast and the romance is swoony.Gavin works hard and is admirable and watching his character develop is pure pleasure. Noah is really great and his internal conflicts are realistic and compelling.They are a wonderful couple. I really like how Hassell gives us a bisexual hero and full build contemporary world.If you like Marina Zapata's The Wall of Winnipeg and me, you will love this book.

I really enjoyed this sports MM romance. I loved the dynamic between Gavin and Noah. They were so different, yet they had a great connection. The way their relationship grew and strengthened was really beautiful. I adored the flirting and banter they exchanged, even the push and pull between these two was fun to read. I really liked the supporting characters as well. I think this series is going to be on my radar and a must read.

Illegal Contact was a fantastic read! I loved falling into this new world Hassell has created. Gavin and Noah were both great characters, and I loved sharing time with them (as well as the secondary characters, too). This was fun, hot and heart warming. I would absolutely recommend to m/m romance fans. Can't wait for the next one!

This has to be one of my favorite stories from Santino Hassell. It may be an all-time favorite. The story and chemistry between Gavin and Noah was white hot from the beginning. I was so caught up in their story that I couldn't do a thing until I finished the book! This is a great beginning of the series and I can't wait for more!

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