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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 8 Up-A companion to *Catching Jordan* (Sourcebooks, 2011), this novel is set in the same Tennessee high school and has similar elements (a smart, athletic girl in a love triangle with hot, athletic boys), this time with baseball and softball at the center instead of football. And the formula works. Parker Shelton considers herself a good Christian girl; she is a talented athlete, a churchgoing virgin, and the valedictorian of her class. But while she should be worry free, the drama has just begun. To start with, Parker's flirtatious ways have resulted in a not-so-favorable reputation. While it isn't entirely based on fact, Parker does start secretly dating both the 23-year-old high-school baseball coach and the captain of the team. Her usual support system—her best friend, her church, her family—has grown distant for a variety of reasons, leaving her to flounder. By the end, though, Parker has recommitted to protecting herself and doing what is right for her, and has reconnected with some of the strongest people in her life. The teen finds herself in tough situations not because she is foolish or a victim but because of complicated interpersonal, familial, social, and religious reasons, inviting readers to empathize with and not judge her and her peers. Kenneally's respect for her characters is clear, making both *Catching Jordan* and *Stealing Parker* positive additions to the teen romance genre.—Jennifer Misce, Longwood University, Farmville, VA
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Parker's life has done a 180 in the past year, ever since her mother left her father for a woman. Parker's quit the softball team to avoid the whole butch softball player who probably likes girls stereotype and fools around with multiple guys to drive home the point: she's not like her mom. But when Parker becomes team manager for the boys' baseball team, she starts to fall for 23-year-old assistant coach Brian Hoffman—exactly 52 days before her 18th birthday. Meanwhile, Parker's brother is getting high, she's not speaking to her Mom, fellow churchgoers have shunned her, and former rival Will is becoming a friend. And that's just for starters. It's an everything-but-the-kitchen-sink problem novel, but Kenneally (*Catching Jordan*, 2011) manages to keep the balls mostly in the air. Parker's notes to God and the role of religion in her life sometimes feel like afterthoughts. Still, this breezy read may speak to sports fans, reluctant readers, and girls who like forbidden love mixed with happy endings. Grades 8-12. --Ann Kelley

Review

"Readers of this teen novel will appreciate its realistic and witty dialogue as they navigate its tightly packed plot." - *Kirkus*

"Kenneally has hit a home run! She uses a deft hand to deal with big issues: a complex sexual dynamic, a volatile family situation and a crisis of faith. Solidly developed and lovable characters, a complex plot and some humor make this a great read. With all the romance-based YA out there, Kenneally definitely stands apart." - *RT Book Reviews*

" *Stealing Parker* in 5 words: Cute with a capital C!" - *Once Upon a Twilight*

"[One] of the season's most highly anticipated titles." - *Los Angeles Times*

"The romance takes a more meandering route to get to its final destination, delighting us with tension while also sometimes cruelly playing with our fragile hearts to keep us coiled tight the entire time we're reading. Ms. Kenneally is quickly becoming a favorite contemporary young adult author, and I am more than eagerly

anticipating what romantic roller coaster she'll take me on next." - ***Supernatural Snark***

"I'm certain you will laugh, and I guarantee you will swoon, *Stealing Parker* is a fantastic companion to *Catching Jordan* with its own set of wonderful characters." - ***Xpresso Reads***

"*Stealing Parker* had me absolutely captured in its spell – I refused to put it down until the very last page. I was sobbing and giggling and fanning myself from the swoon." - ***Hobbities***

"Miranda Kenneally really knows how to hook a reader! . . . Miranda Kenneally tackles some heavy issues, but she does so with ease and charm." - ***YA Love Blog***

"*Stealing Parker* is originally fresh, funny, daring, and touching with totally unforgettable characters." - ***Jean Book Nerd***

"Don't hesitate to pick this book up. It's an incredibly well-written, beautiful story that balances romance, drama and comedy perfectly." - ***Bookish***

"I had high expectations and wondered whether or not the author's sophomore novel would be as good as her first. Would it make my heart skip a thousand beats? The answer to this question is plain and simple. Yes...yes, yes, YES!" - ***Addicted to Novels***

"Kenneally has a knack for writing authentic friendships, down to the stupid nicknames and inside jokes. I just love how real the bonds are between the characters, even the painful ones, like with Laura and Parker. . . . Miranda Kenneally's books are so incredibly enjoyable." - ***Young Adult Books Central***

"*Stealing Parker* is a completely addictive young adult book that had me laughing one minute and crying the next." - ***My Keeper Shelf***

"What football is to *Catching Jordan*, baseball is to *Stealing Jordan*. One of the things I really enjoy about Miranda's books is the way she mixes together sports, with first crushes, those "fabulous" teen high school years, and the message she conveys in her books. . . . This is a fabulous companion to *Catching Jordan*, and much like it's predecessor I think fans will laugh, swoon a few times and find something relatable about it's main character." - ***Mundie Moms***

"Miranda Kenneally is some kind of genius. She perfectly captures the way a teenage girl would feel and accurately depicts the adults around them." - ***Fictionators***

"*Stealing Parker* was a fantastic book with all the elements I enjoy in contemporary YA. I like books with issues, but I enjoy some lighter moments as well, things that lighten up the more serious aspects. And Miranda Kenneally completely delivers!" - ***Candace's Book Blog***

"*Stealing Parker* by Miranda Kenneally was a definite win. I will read anything Miranda Kenneally writes. Her stories just fascinate me. They're the kinds of books I can reread over and over and still laugh and cry with the characters and never get bored." - ***The Book Celler***

"STEALING PARKER is filled with plenty of banter, cute guys, a sweet girl, and -- yay! -- a baseball-field's worth of romance." - ***The Book Swarm***

"Miranda Kenneally is quickly becoming one of my favorite contemporary author; right up there with

Jennifer Echols, Sarah Dessen, and Sarah Ockler . . . *Stealing Parker* is another must-read from Miranda Kenneally." - ***Katie's Book Blog***

"WOW! *Stealing Parker* was really, really great...I really love the authenticity and the honesty in Miranda's writing. I seriously cannot wait to read more from her." - ***Gone with the Words***

"Miranda Kenneally, I LOVE YOU!!" - ***The Story Siren***

"This breezy read may speak to sports fans, reluctant readers, and girls who like forbidden love mixed with happy endings." - ***Booklist***

"Kenneally (*Catching Jordan*) writes with heart, earnestly tackling such challenges as being a teen with a gay parent and being unsure of one's faith. Parker's insecurities, her desire to be loved, and her uncertainty about how far to take her steamy but illegal relationship are realistic. Not only will readers want to see Parker find true love, they'll also hope she learns to love herself." - ***Publishers Weekly***

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Leticia Hodges:

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Trevor Cianciolo:

A lot of people always spent their own free time to vacation as well as go to the outside with them family members or their friend. Do you realize? Many a lot of people spent they will free time just watching TV, as well as playing video games all day long. If you need to try to find a new activity that's look different you can read a book. It is really fun for you personally. If you enjoy the book that you read you can spent the entire day to reading a guide. The book *Stealing Parker* (Hundred Oaks) it is quite good to read. There are a

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