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The second novel in *New York Times* bestselling author Heidi McLaughlin's Boys of Summer baseball series.

Cooper Bailey finally has a shot at being a major league ballplayer, but it will take all his focus and energy during spring training to make it happen. Complicating things is his instantaneous connection with Ainsley Burke. He can't get enough of her, and before he knows it, they're spending every night together. But as happy as he is off the field, his focus on it is suffering, and he isn't willing to risk his lifelong dream over a girl.

But without Ainsley, Cooper's miserable, and his game is still off. No matter what he tries, he can't get her out of his head, and he's starting to realize that maybe he doesn't want to. Baseball is just a game, but Ainsley might be the real thing. Now he just has to convince her of that.

## **Home Run Details**

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## **From Reader Review Home Run for online ebook**

### **Logan Hr says**

Really deep and amazing story.. my heart broke at times reading this amazing book.. I was rooting for the characters since page 1, but the book definitely has twists and turns that you will not see them coming! I can't wait for the next book of the series!

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### **Shayna says**

### **Becca says**

Cooper Bailey has finally been called up to the major league and he's ready for Spring Training. He didn't plan on meeting Ainsley Burke. She immediately gets his attention while the Renegades are at a media day with the Naples Zoo. So when he approaches her and asks if she would like to go out on a date and she says no... Wait she said NO?

Ainsley had looked up Cooper Bailey before seeing him at the zoo that morning. So when she sees him in person across the sea of kids, she's taken by him right away. But she has a rule - never date an athlete. So when Cooper approaches her to ask her a date, she knew what the answer would be right away. Even when she really wanted to do was say yes.

But what Ainsley didn't know was that her best friend chased after Cooper and gave him Ainsley's number - now all Cooper had to do was get her answer her phone.

So when Cooper finally calls, the two start to talk and their is an instant connection between the two. What happens next is a whirl wind affair that takes both of them by surprise.

But Ainsley mother is dying of cancer and Cooper has his career to think of and will only be at Spring Training for another month. Can the two of them make this work? Even with everything stacked against them?

Heidi is one of my go to authors and I love the Boston Renegades! And Cooper and Ainsley - I loved them, but boy did they have a long road to their happily ever after. I loved them together but there were times that I wanted to strangle them both. There are a lot of players - on and off the field in this book, giving you a great backstory and set up to future BoRe books to come. I had a hard time putting this book down, because I just NEEDED to know what was going to happen next. Loved Home Run and can't wait for Travis' story next!

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### **The Romance Book Disciple (Samantha) says**

Link to full review below! Character driven sports romance. Family drama provides the conflict. I liked the hero, but the heroine seemed a bit immature at times. See full review on [The Book Disciple](#)

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## **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

Kitty's review:

4.5 stars

Home Run was just a “triple” for me until things started really picking up and the truth finally came out. I adored Ainsley in the beginning; in the middle I was getting a little perturbed with her; in the end, it all came together and I loved her again. As for Cooper, it may have taken him a bit but he finally figured out what being a team player and having someone to love meant.

Ainsley had her issues. Issues with men. Issues with her home life. Her one constant is her job and she loves where she works. She’s sworn off all athletes and refuses to fall into the rut so many of the woman in town fall into. She will not fall for some baseball player who is going to love her and leave her right after Spring Training. But, there is something about Cooper. He doesn’t come off as a “player”, he seems sincere and caring and ... he’s leaving. When she finally does give him the time of day, her life falls apart and everything that she was afraid of happening, happens.

Cooper has lived his life for baseball since he was a little boy. It was just him and his father growing up and he’s on the brink of living his dreams. One person is standing in his way and it’s up to him to show the bosses who would be the better option. He has a hard road ahead of him ... especially when his father shows up ... especially when he starts falling in love with Ainsley. His one saving grace turns out to be his nemesis. He’ll learn the words “team player”. He’ll learn the word “trust”. He’ll also learn what it’s like to lose the one person who completed him.

Home Run was filled with love, lies and mystery. Heidi McLaughlin brought forth the true feelings of what a Rookie has to be going through to earn his place on the team. She handled love and loss with grace. She added some twists and turns that were unexpected. She gave us complete characters with true emotions and feelings. She wrote a beautiful story that showed us the true meaning of believe, trust and love.

Review copy provided for a voluntary review.

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## **Irene says**

4 stars

I really enjoyed reading Home Run by Heidi McLaughlin. From the first few pages I knew this was going to be my kind of read.

The writing is well done, the storyline held my interest throughout the book and I found myself connecting with both lead characters.

I enjoyed watching the relationship develop between Cooper and Ainsley, they had great chemistry and both

were likable/entertaining characters.

I'm a big fan of sports romances and Home Run turned out to be a great read.  
Looking forward to reading more from this talented author.

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Barnes & Noble - <http://bit.ly/28MMWZv>

Kobo - <http://bit.ly/2hB0P2R>

iBooks - <http://apple.co/28Sqspv>

*\*Thank you to the publisher/author for the advance copy in exchange for my honest thoughts\**

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**Jan says**

**OUT OF THE PARK, LOVED THIS!**

**I'm not a baseball fan, it's not something that's big in my country but it didn't matter, the characters and the plot was what gripped me.**

**Ainsley and Cooper first meet when he is doing a fan tour at the zoo with children, something Ainsley has organised being a worker at the Zoo.**

**Cooper is new to the team, a rookie, his whole life has lead up to playing in the big leagues and with an overbearing father the last thing he needs is a relationship but it's instant attraction for both of them.**

**There's hindrances and opposition along Ainsley and Coopers journey to a hea. Home run is definitely not a smooth hit and run there's plenty of obstacles in the way making this a page turner of a read, I was completely rooting for this couple to find a way, they are great characters, and Cooper is definitely a swoon worthy BBF.**

**I loved the news and blogger parts in between chapters, brilliant idea.**

**Home Run is compelling, steady paced, told in dual pov's and an ideal weekend relax and get immersed kind of read that will have you swooning, anxious and happy throughout the journey to the final home plate. There's also a little bit of hotness thrown in a well balanced read.**

**Looking forward to Travis Kidd's book, that guy has a wicked sense of humour and I can't wait for his story.**

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## Jessica Alcazar says

It's pretty much a given that if you write a sports romance, I'm gonna jump at the opportunity to read it. I love them. They are absolutely my jam. *Home Run* hit all the marks for me. It was funny AND fun to read. It was sexy and heartwarming. And best of all it had all kinds of #feels :) I am highly impressed with my first experience with Heidi McLaughlin and can't wait to go back and read the first in this series, *Third Base*!

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## Christina says

4 Stars - 3 Flames

This is WAAAAAAAY too cute for words. After reading the first in this series, I was a little worried about continuing it. Don't get me wrong. I enjoyed the first one, but I found it predictable which didn't pull me in as much as I hoped for. But this one? It was just right. Was there still some predictability in it? Of course, but it wasn't blatant like the first and I found myself fully engulfed in this one. I mean, I finished it in a day!

Cooper is the new rookie for the Renegades. But he's not the youngest player, nor is he the least experienced. In fact, he finds himself having to fight for a position he thought he already had but finds out that the player he's supposed to replace ISN'T retiring after all. Cooper can't seem to get his head fully in to the game because he's got other things on his mind. Between being completely enamored with the girl from the local zoo, trying to find a "place" on the team and his father all over his performance (or lack thereof), Cooper just can't get his career under control.

Ainsley is a zookeeper. Well, she was until her mom became very sick with cancer. Now she runs the front office and is in charge of the media and field trip day involving the Renegades. Dating athletes isn't anything new to the local girls in town, but Ainsley has sworn off any athlete after a disastrous relationship turned sour. So when Cooper shows up, courts her properly and gets under her armor, the temptation is just too much. But of course that's not the end of the story. Ainsley's mom has always stirred her away from athletes. Why? Good question. It's a major theme in this story and one that adds to the shocking conclusion.

Like I stated before. I was pleasantly surprised by this second book of the series. I felt more engaged with the characters (both main and secondary). I enjoyed the Blog more this time around (probably because it didn't involve a main character). But more importantly, the ending was such a beautiful HEA that it left me feeling good. And I'm actually wondering who's next. Although I'm crossing my fingers for one loud mouth toddler (hint hint).

Is this a stand alone? I would say that you could absolutely skip the first one and read this without missing anything. But in all honesty, you shouldn't. I think you'd actually follow along better if you did read it.

\*I received this book from the Jeep Diva in exchange for my honest opinion.

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## **Laura says**

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I am really disappointed by this book.

I get it, a sports hero needs to be arrogant, they need confidence or they will never get anywhere. But, there is also a fine line for me where the arrogance turns into being a jerk...and when you tell off a 3rd grader for saying he doesn't think you will be in the startingline up...at a charity event, well, that line is crossed for me. In a big way. This wasn't the first thing Cooper said that rubbed me the wrong way, but it was my final straw on this guy.

I can't read a book about a hero I can't stand and want him to get the girl. She deserves better. Maybe he matures...I would think he would have to...but I am not going to hang around to find out.

DNF

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## **Kindle Crack Book Reviews Cheri says**

A rookie baseball player and a beautiful zoo keeper start dating during spring training. The young couple hit a few fouls during their relationship. The newbie center fielder makes a rookie move and forgets to put on a "batting glove" and causes a life-changing play. Whoops. Will these two end up making a perfect team or will outside influences cause them to strike out? I'll never tell. Check out Home Run by Heidi McLaughlin. Home Run is a standalone in the Boys of Summer sports series.

This review appears on [www.kindlecrack.net](http://www.kindlecrack.net), [www.facebook.com/kindlecrack](http://www.facebook.com/kindlecrack), Goodreads, Amazon, Pinterest, Google+ and Twitter. A review copy of this book was kindly provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.

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## **AC Book Blog (Anne Christine) says**

Home Run (The Boys of Summer #2) by Heidi McLaughlin~ 4 Stars

Home Run is the second book of the baseball series. Cooper is a rookie for the Renegades. After putting off baseball to pursue a college degree, he finally got his chance to play in the major leagues. His goal is to focus on the summer training and prove himself to the team. While with the team volunteering at the local zoo he met Ainsley and there is something about her that caught his attention immediately. Ainsley's love is with the animals. Aside from working at the zoo, Ainsley spends her time taking care of her sick mother. Ainsley can't afford any distraction especially a hot athlete that is just here for the summer. But there is something about Cooper's smile that captures her heart too. With the stress looming over Cooper and Ainsley's past, they both need to put each other first in order to find happiness.

I like Ainsley - she is beautiful, loving, and has a big heart. I've got to be honest though, I was a bit

frustrated with Ainsley because she kept pushing him away and did not give Cooper a chance to prove himself. Once Cooper pulled away she then runs after him. I thought their timing was a bit off. I also did not understand why her mother kept a secret that big from her only daughter for so long. I love Cooper though. He is patient, works hard and is a nice guy. Although, I also want to whack in him in the head for letting his father influence his decision too much. I thought the chemistry between Cooper and Ainsley was pretty sexy and sensual - You can feel the attraction sizzling from the beginning. I like how the story developed – how the relationship is slow at first, with Cooper being the perfect gentleman, then turns into something hot and fierce I also love the beautiful ending 20% of the book – Ainsley comes around and Cooper is as sweet as ever as they build a family and a life together.

Overall Home Run was a sweet sport romance, low on drama, just enough baseball talk (I don't understand baseball so that's perfect), hilarious interactions between Cooper's teammates, and of course the explosive sexy romance.

Purchase link ~ <http://amzn.to/2hIrc89>

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## **Sabrina says**

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I have a huge love for Baseball romances, and it's not just because I get to imagine those baseball pants. This book is every reason why I love this genre so much and these characters are exactly what I always look for when I pick up a book.

Cooper wasn't your typical Hero that we get in Sports romances. You know the one, the player that has women throwing themselves at him at ever turn. Instead he was a really down to earth guy and I loved seeing him relate to Ainsley so well. These two had a tough time in life but their pain was lessened when they were together, which was amazing to get to see.

This story actually surprised me with how deep into emotions it got but I loved that it made me feel so strongly for these characters. This is definitely a book I would recommend, not only for sports romance lovers, but for all lovers of a brilliant romance with a swoon worthy Hero.

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## **Cocktails and Books says**

I'm not a huge baseball fan, so when I read a baseball romance I need it to grab me right away. Unfortunately, Aisley and Cooper didn't connect with me.

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## Michelle says

*ARC provided by publisher in exchange for an honest review*

Are you ready to run to one sweet and heartfelt sports romance? If so, batter up and get ready to fall for Heidi McLaughlin's **Home Run**.

Cooper Bailey is on track to living his dream of becoming a professional baseball player. With spring training coming up, Cooper is well aware that this is his one shot and nothing will stop him from fulfilling his dreams and passion. Well, what happens when he meets Ainsley Burke?

When Cooper meets Ainsley, there is an instant attraction. Chemistry that is an indescribable. As Cooper pursues his career, he also finds himself pursuing Ainsley as well. So will Cooper discover hitting a home run in the big league is just as difficult as winning the heart of Ainsley?

**Home Run** is a very sweet, light angst and cute romance. As for heat factor, it was tame but it worked for the story line of Cooper and Ainsley. So are you ready to batter up and discover this sweet catch of a love story?

Heidi McLaughlin

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