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*He unwisely keeps her in the dark...*

Brett has been ogling Zia for days. The sketch in her lap provides the perfect opening. When it's immediately obvious she has no idea he's a major league baseball player, he relishes the opportunity to take a gorgeous woman out on a normal date.

*Will she give him a second chance? What about a third?*

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Welcome to the Spring Training series by best-selling author Becca Jameson. Spring Training follows the lives of several major league baseball players as they deal with the fame and reality of life and love. **This first book in the series, *Catching Zia*, features the second baseman and his desire to meet a woman who isn't after him for his money or his celebrity status.**

*\*\*This is a full-length novel with 63,000 words, a happily ever after, no cliffhanger, no cheating, and super hot sex scenes.\*\**

## Catching Zia Details

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## **From Reader Review Catching Zia for online ebook**

### **Riet De Bruin-Strijker says**

I loved this book, *Catching Zia*. The battle and love between Brett and Zia has been passionately written and it makes you ponder and wonder about the past that always plays a part in your life. Brett is anxious about his experiences with women who want him for his fame and money and Zia has a past with a lying mother, who almost destroyed her self-esteem. I am going to enjoy the next books in this series as I really am an admiring fan of Becca Jameson.

I think *Catching Zia* is a wonderful introduction to the Spring Training series by best-selling author Becca Jameson. Spring Training follows the lives of several major league baseball players as they deal with the fame and reality of life and love. This first book in the series, *Catching Zia*, features the second baseman and his desire to meet a woman who isn't after him for his money or his celebrity status. Zia's main passion in life is art. And she'd gladly spend days on end sketching the hunky man who stops to admire her work while jogging through the park one sunny afternoon. Brett has been ogling Zia for days. The sketch in her lap provides the perfect opening. When it's immediately obvious she has no idea he's a major league baseball player, he relishes the opportunity to take a gorgeous woman out on a normal date. But what Brett doesn't know is that Zia grew up with a compulsive liar, and his omission is more than she can tolerate. Second chances are rare in this life, and somehow Brett manages to squander that one also. He's got an uphill battle if he wants to fight for this strong-willed woman.

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### **Marcy says**

Well written story, great chemistry between Zia and Brett. There were a few too many sex scenes for my taste; I would have preferred more to the story. The characters were very likeable though, so I would probably read more from this author.

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### **Ayekah says**

Cover to cover a fantastic story and how about the cover on this book??!! It's been far too long since I have seen such a healthy looking cover and I don't even like blondes. If you're like me, this book will change your mind in a hurry.

Zia spends a lot of her time in the park sketching, it's comfortable and relaxed for her. She's in her zone in the park. That's where she meets Brett. Brett's a pro ball player and tired of being looked at as a bank account by the women he does date, which aren't many. He's been watching Zia and wants to meet her, so he fakes a little run into her. She doesn't know who he is, this is the best thing ever for him. He wants a woman to want him for him. He likes to watch her sketch and asks her to speak to his sister who is expecting because she wants a wall mural painted. She hesitates, but agrees.

He makes his sister promise not to tell her who he is. He swears he'll tell her in his own time

Zia grew up with the worst mother on the planet. The woman is just a flipping sleeze and when we finally meet this hag I wanted to drop kick her clean out of the book. Zia grew up with lies and hates liars. Being lied to is a hard line for her. So as it always happens, she finds out and disappears.

Brett is heading off to spring training in Jupiter and he has to leave town, his head isn't in the game and when

his sister needs a nanny for her new baby she agrees but only because the sister is angry with Brett too, and promises he won't be around.

Since her old nanny position is over and she really needs the job she agrees and loves the job. It frees up his sister also. When Brett comes home to surprise her and see his new niece and sees Zia there he blows a nut. And ferks things up in a serious way leaving Zia fleeing and him in knots. His words were rough.

So Brett, in all his glory gets the girl back sort of, and although she has major trust issues, rightfully so, something happens and she overhears Brett talking to another woman who came banging on his door much to early in the morning first night they spend together.

Zia decides to take got to Jupiter to surprise him and tell him how she really feels about him after realizing some things. She has the car, her bag and walking around the corner sees Brett hugging another woman and the appear to be engaged in an intimate conversation. Zia flees. Tosses his car keys on his seat. He knows she's coming. Her bag is there. Zia has disappeared. By the time he figures out what happened he's furious with Leslie, who is a friend you can read about in the book, it's a must read and heads back south hoping to catch her. When he ends up at his sisters house all the women are there. I was pretty ticked at Brett too.

Strike two for Brett!! Nice works buddy!

So as the rest of this little vignette unfolds, what happens between Zia and Brett.

This is a great story and great start to a series. I look forward to future books. The characters were great, the story itself was perfect and Brett and Zia were just so great together. I don't say that about many couples. These two I loved.

**\*\*arc from NetGalley and publisher in exchange for an honest review\*\***

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### **Tina Louise says**

This was a very engaging read. Once I picked it up, I couldn't put it down. I loved the easy camaraderie between Zia and Brett and their fiery passion was off the charts.

Great read Becca!

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### **B. says**

a sketching in the park where he is jogging. He's immediately attracted to her, especially because she clearly doesn't know who he is and he likes getting to know a woman without his fame and money being a distraction. Within about one evening, sweet, shy, wary Zia is falling into bed and some heavy sex with him.

They become a couple; she gets hurt as we knew would happen when she finds out who he is; Then they get back together and she still has problems trusting him. He is sweet and keeps persuading her to stay with him and they they have some more erotic sex. He seems like a very sweet, sexy guy. If you can buy that such a guy would fall for a woman just because she's different from the groupies hanging around the ballpark within a few days together, then you will enjoy this start of a new sports romance series.

I was given a free ARC of this book from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review

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## **belle ?? (mybookcastle) says**

[i liked that the third party isn't really a third party. leslie was there for monica not brett, i wasn't expecting that at all (hide spoiler)]

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## **Sissy's Romance Book Review says**

Catching Zia by Becca Jameson is the First book in the "Spring Training" series. This is the story of Brett and Zia. Brett is a well known baseball player who is tired of being eyed by women for why he is famous and his bank account. When he sees Zia in the park painting he is attracted to her and works to 'accidentally' run into her. Brett doesn't let her know just who he is and is enjoying just being a regular person. Zia is all about the truth after the way she grew up and doesn't like lies...of any kind. Both have a lot to work through and get past but overall a very enjoyable story!

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## **Terry says**

Zia has grown up with a liar her entire life ... her mother. Zia has distanced herself from her and will no longer put up with liars. One day while sketching in the park, a hunky guys admires her drawing and asks her if she's paint a mural on his baby niece's bedroom wall. When Zia doesn't recognize Brett as the second baseman for the Maimi baseball team, he wants to have 1 date where he's not going to be sized up for his wealth or celebrity status. But when Zia finds out he has lied (by omission) to her, she runs because she wants nothing to do with a guy who lies.

I liked how Brett was a truly nice guy who just wanted a regular relationship ... he just seemed so down to earth for a sports star. In my opinion Zia judged him too quickly and didn't even give him a chance to explain. The chemistry between them was hot and Ms. Jameson sure knows how to write intimate scenes ... OK, HOT sex scenes ... WOW! I can't wait for the next book in the series.

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## **Taz Lozada says**

Zia meets a hot accountant at the park and he wants her to make a mural for his sister. Brett loves the fact that Zia is a regular person is unaware of his MLB player status. He likes dating a normal person and going on normal dates.

Brett and Zia were a cute couple that had to learn about communication to make a successful relationship. I am a sucker for stories where the girl wants the guy for himself, not for what he can give her in fame and fortune.

I can't wait for the next in this series.

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### **Tracey says**

I received a copy of this book via the author and am voluntarily leaving a review.

A great sports romance. ????

Zia hasn't had a very easy life. She was saddled with a mother who grew increasingly jealous of her own daughter's youth and looks so she convinced Zia that she was dull and not attractive and that no one would want her. She did such a good job that it took years of counseling for her to even begin to think of herself as even being cute. Zia didn't even think she had any talent and yet her drawings and paintings are amazing. She's been a nanny to survive and enjoys her job but knows that it's time to make a change since the girls are now old enough to go on without her now. This is when she meets Brett. Brett is everything she isn't, a major league baseball player (which he doesn't tell her since she doesn't recognize him.) with a side business as an accountant and a family that actually loves him and encourages him. ?????

It's a very well-written story but it will make you laugh and cry as Brett attempts to convince Zia that he really does care for her. ???

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### **Fleur says**

I just loved how there were highs and lows through out the book, you cannot help but love Zia and Brett. The way the characters are so well developed you can't help but fall in love with them and hope it all works out well despite the hurdles they have. Zia is so appealing due to her down to earth way, as well as Brett for the career he has and how he feels. I also loved Monica and really hope to read more about her as well as the other team mates/partners you are briefly introduced to. There are some great twists that you don't see coming that keep you addicted to reading. This is definitely the beginning of a great HEA sport series and can't wait to read more!

I voluntarily read an advanced reader copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Arlena says**

Title: Catching Zia

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Reviewed By: Arlena Dean

Rating: Five

Review:

"Catching Zia" by Becca Jameson

My Thoughts....

This was indeed a good love story featuring Brett and Zia. Now I will say that these two had issues that will keep you turning the pages to see what was coming next. Zia definitely had the strength of endurance especially having such a horrible mother and for Brett well all I am left to say is wow what a guy. However, I did find some of their reasoning was a bit off for me. It seems like they did not want to share things when they should have. Will they ever learn that communication with each other was so very important for them? How will a second chance enter into this story and why did Zia detest compulsive liars? Well, you will just have to pick up "Catching Zia" to see what this story is all about. The storyline was a good one with supporting characters [Monica, Carmen, Lily & Leslie] to name a few that really brought in the drama adding depth to this read. Will this artist and baseball player be able to find their HEA after all is said and done?

Be ready for not only a good read with twists but a 'hot steamy sex' that this author brings out so well in 'Catching Zia.' This is a wonderful beginning of the 'Spring Training Book Series' that will only leave you wanting more!

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### **Toni L says**

I love an alpha hero who still gets nervous & flustered, makes mistakes & second guesses himself. It's a good thing that I got all of that from Brett in this story. It was really enjoyable & I loved the interaction between Brett & Zia. First book in a series & it does introduce other characters that will no doubt continue into other stories but thankfully doesn't overload you with too much unnecessary details. Not being American, I didn't really understand the baseball side (not that there was a whole lot), but can still appreciate men running around with the friends in tight shorts throwing a ball around.

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### **Sheila'S Book Corner says**

Catching Zia, the first book in the Spring Training Series, was my first book by Becca Jameson and I really loved it!! It definitely won't be my last!

Zia is a struggling artist, working as a nanny, relying on herself and her strength to put herself through school and rise above her upbringing. Her mother's constant compulsive lying and belittling of her has left Zia a bit distrustful and somewhat timid. She doesn't realize or value enough her own gifts.

"You both know how I feel about lying. One strike. That's it."

Baseball players usually get three strikes," Lily teased.

Zia rolled her eyes. "Not this one."

Brett is an awesome 'book boyfriend' (except when he isn't!!) He is humble and sweet, (but a great alpha dirty talker in the bedroom!) He is looking for a true human connection without his celebrity getting in the way. Brett loves that Zia doesn't know WHO he is, but keeps too many secrets from her and for too long!

"That was nothing. One date. No biggie."

"You're sure?"

"Positive." Positively lying...He was still in knots over her, and knew she was affecting his game. No woman had ever gotten in his head and affected his game. Hell, no woman had ever gotten in his head period."

I loved the writing and was drawn into the story right from the start. Lots of heart with a touch of humor. At times I may have wanted to slap a little sense into Brett, but in the end I was left swooning for my new favorite second baseman!

"I needed a nanny. She needed a job. You needed a lobotomy. We cut you out of the equation and struck a deal."

5 Stars

-Diane-

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### **Sharon Redfern says**

Pro baseball player Brett has noticed Zia sitting in the park and drawing and finally makes his move and introduces himself. Zia has no idea who Brett is and he likes that so he doesn't clue her in. Unfortunately for him, Zia has grown up with a mother who is a habitual liar and she has no tolerance for lying or evasions. Zia can't understand why a hunky guy like Brett would be interested in her and she is waiting for something to go wrong. When Brett's true occupation comes out, Zia drops him and cuts him off completely. Seeing as she is working for his sister, things are awkward.

This was an interesting couple. I thought Zia overreacted to Brett's omission, but given her insecurities, it was somewhat understandable. Brett seemed to be basically a good guy who finds himself caught in a tough situation. When it happens again, both of them handle it badly leading to more conflict. I loved them as a couple but they both need to learn to communicate better. The story has plenty of spice with great chemistry between Zia and Brett.

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