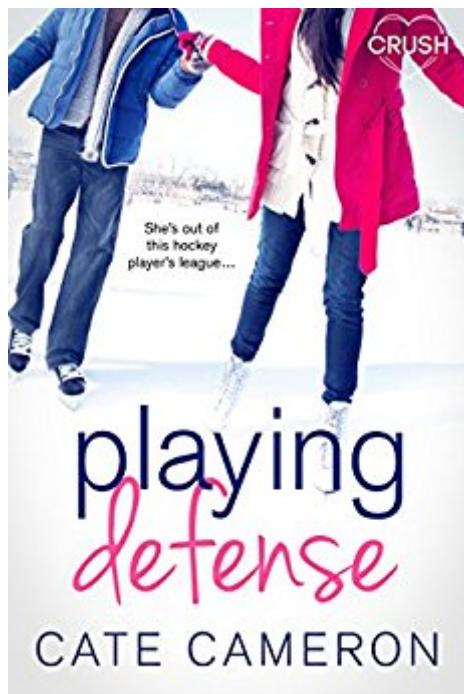


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# Playing Defense (Corrigan Falls Raiders)



## **Synopsis**

Disclaimer: This Entangled Teen Crush book contains adult language, swoon-worthy kisses, and sexy hockey players. It may cause you to watch a hockey game...or ten. Sixteen-year-old Claudia Waring has never kissed a boy. Never been popular. Never been to a hockey game. All that's about to change. Assigned to tutor Chris Winslow, a prank-loving, gorgeous hockey player, Claudia's perfectly planned life immediately veers off course. And she kind of likes it. But as fun as Chris is, she knows she'll never fit in his world. After his latest prank lands him in hot water, Chris has to get serious about school or lose hockey. Not an easy thing for someone as carefree as the defenseman. The biggest problem, though, is how much he wants to help his cute, buttoned-up tutor loosen up a little. But while confidence has never been a problem for him, around Claudia, Chris is all nerves. Why would a girl as smart as her ever fall for a jock like him?

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## **Customer Reviews**

Playing Defense is such a cute story! I was expecting sweet and I got it. I love romances like this one. Both characters were likable and relatable. There was no major angst or betrayal. Chris

Winslow is part of the high school hockey team. He plays well and gets along with people. He does enjoy mischief but nothing that could hurt anyone. When he needs help with chemistry and math he agrees to a tutor to avoid getting in trouble with his coach. Claudia Waring only cares about her grades opening doors to endless possibilities. She is determined to do her best. She knows being a tutor will look good on her applications. She is not crazy about the guy she is going to be tutoring. She believes him to be nothing but a jock. What I like about the story is that they learned to do things outside their comfort zone without endangering themselves. Claudia tried to make Chris realize his missed potential at school and at playing hockey. She knew he could perform better at both. Chris helped Claudia learn there was more to life than studying. Chris helped her trust more people and create new friendships. Also, he helped her confront her fear of public speaking. Chris was sweet and understanding. The perfect book boyfriend. I was not crazy about Claudia's mom. She gave Chris no chance to prove himself. She labeled him and decided he was not worth it. I'm glad Claudia was more open-minded because Chris was super worth it. I'm super happy I picked this YA romance to read it. Cliffhanger: No 4/5 Fangs

This is good YA. Chris is a well-developed live-in-the-now guy & Claudia is a well-developed focus-on-the-future gal. The point-of-view jumps between the two, but their voices are different enough that it is clear who is narrating. I kinda wish there was more to the story. I wanted resolution, or something, with her mom, and I'm curious what will happen at the end of the year, or even after New Years, but it is a satisfying read. (I think there is room for a "part 2" for Claudia & Chris) Bonus points for the lead being a woman of color, and more than 1 gay secondary characters who weren't dating each other (there weren't 2 gays just so they could pair up). I am curious about her friend Annabelle. If she's a lit gal or a writer gal, but she's so stuck in fantasy she doesn't really have a connection to her feelings...what would force her head out of her books & get her interested in living humans? The series could follow her story could be next maybe once she gets in a writing program in college and her writing lacks depth/honesty

Playing Defense is a young adult romance. It's sweet, innocent and lots of fun. Sixteen year old Claudia was a teen who only had her eyes on her future, until she met one of the most popular guys in school. Hockey player Chris, he was gorgeous, kind, a prankster and interested in her. When Claudia was given the duty of being Chris's tutor, their quick friendship came out of nowhere. For once in Claudia's life she was not just

looking forward to her future school, she was looking forward on her day and seeing Chris again. The connection happened fast and Chris gave Claudia her first real kiss. It was sweet, it was intense. I loved it. Innocent Claudia wanted more with Chris, but does Chris feel the same? I really enjoyed this young love for what it is. The sweetness of the story is something I always go gaga over. Chris had my heart, with his funny personality and Claudia with her strong take it charge kinda girl. If you are looking for a sweet and short read this is it.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It was funny, sweet and witty. I read it in an evening, I couldn't put it down!

Really like the story line of these characters. Good writing style that appeals to young adults and not so young adults.

I'm a speed reader and don't write good reviews unless a book resonates with me

Really interesting AND A GOOD READ.

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