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WHO'D BEEN SLEEPING IN KASON RHODES'S BED? The left fielder for the Richmond Rogues had returned from six weeks of spring training in Florida to find someone had moved into his mobile home. That person was presently in his shower. And no matter how sexy the squatter might be, Kason wanted her out. He had his trusty dobie, Cimarron; he didn't need anyone else in his life. Not even a stubborn tomboy who roused all kinds of wild reactions in him, then soothed his soul with peace offerings of home-cooked meals and kindness. The bad boy of baseball was ready to play hardball if need be, but with Dayne Sheridan firmly planted between his sheets, he found himself. . .SLIDING HOME

## Sliding Home Details

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## From Reader Review Sliding Home for online ebook

### Just - The romance reader says

Just read this for the second time (first reading was April 1st, 2010) I enjoyed it both times!

Goodness! You either need a fan handy when reading this book, or a cold shower when you're done. Sliding Home is a smoking hot story about sullen, bad boy baseball player Kason Rhodes and his tomboy tenant Dayne Sheridan. From day one their relationship is filled with conflict and heat.

Not much is better than a romance where the guy is a super sexy jock, except when the story introduces you to his teammates as well. This is the first Kate Angell novel I've read, and I definitely look forward to reading more of her stories. Angell knows how to write a passion filled story that keeps your attention the whole time, but also has a great ending.

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### Jane Stewart says

Wonderful depth of relationship development – down-on-her luck woman inhabits mobile home of baseball star.

#### STORY BRIEF:

Kason is a major league baseball player for the Richmond Rogues. He is a loner, anti-social, rarely speaks and lives with his dog in a mobile home in a secluded wooded area. When he returns from six weeks of spring training, he finds Dayne living in his home. She thought his trailer had been abandoned and is claiming squatter's rights. She had been dumped by her fiancé who took their joint money and changed the locks on their home. She also lost her job doing promotion for his radio talk show. She is now looking for a job while working part-time at Frank's Food Warehouse. Using her employee discount, she stocks the mobile home with family size quantities of mac and cheese, hamburger, kool-aid, pudding, etc. She doesn't know who Kason is, and he lets her assume he is low on money and between jobs. She offers him some of her food and stays in the guest bed. His dog loves her. Kason wants her gone as soon as possible.

#### REVIEWER'S OPINION:

A quote on the book's cover says "Kate Angell is to baseball as Susan Elizabeth Phillips is to football." I would not say exactly the same, but they are similar. There is wonderful depth of relationship development. The events, conversations, main story, and secondary story are all good, some parts excellent. I didn't want to stop reading. This is my first Angell book. I did not find as much humor in this book as I've found in some of Phillips' books, but it was thoroughly enjoyable. There were a few chuckles and some heart softening moments. There was one funny line that I kept thinking about and chuckling over after reading the book. Page 261, Coach Dyson asks a question, and Psycho gives a funny answer. In general, neat characters, good story, entertaining.

#### DATA:

Story length: 277 pages. Swearing language: moderate. Sexual language: moderate. Number of sex scenes: 3. Total number of sex scene pages: 7. Setting: current day Richmond, Virginia and Louisville, Kentucky. Copyright: 2009. Genre: contemporary sports romance, baseball.

## OTHER BOOKS:

I've reviewed the following Kate Angell books. Dates are copyright dates.

Boys of Summer (Richmond Rogues baseball team):

4 stars. Squeeze Play (Book 1) 2006

4 stars. Curveball (Book 2) 2007

3 stars. Strike Zone (Book 3) 2008

5 stars. Sliding Home (Book 4) 2009

3 stars. Ho, Humbug, Ho (in anthology Santa, Honey) 2009

2 1/2 stars. Sweet Spot (Book 5) 2012

Other:

1 star. Calder's Rose 2003

2 stars. Crazy For You 2005

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## Elizabeth says

Kason is used to being the lone-wolf in his team he is considered anti-social at best and rude at worst. he also tends to keep his life private so when he discovers that someone has invaded his home he wants to know who dared intrude his private haven when he discovers that it's not a who but a tom-boy of a women who Kason feels drawn to. Will Kason learn to open up and let someone in his life or will he ruin the best thing that ever happen to him and let Cimarron go. Kason isn't the only one that has problems Cimarron also has to face her demons and learn to trust men and stop blaming all men for what her ex-fiancee did. Both characters find themselves questioning if being alone is what they really want and they learn that finding the person that fits you will make you change your mind.

I love this story there want much conflict but I love that both characters had to learn to trust each other and the best part was that both characters seem to fit each other well. They both have similarities and differences which made the book more believable and more likable. I think the biggest problem I had with the book was that there was a second plot within Kasons story and I didn't like that those characters weren't develop more.

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## Ronica says

Kason Rhodes the newest member of the Richmond Rogues has just returned home from six weeks of Spring Training, to find this is double wide has been hijacked by the world's sexiest tomboy Dayne Sheridan.

Dayne Sheridan is nursing a broken heart and a bruised ego after being dumped over the radio she seeks solitude to heal, when she comes upon the double wide in the wilderness of Virginia she is elated that is until Kason Rhodes the rightful owner returns and demands her out.

I loved this book, I fall in love with all the characters. This was a 2 for 1 romance featuring Rhaden Dunn one of Kason's teammates and Revelle Sullivan who is the niece of the owner and she also runs Game's On

which manages the teams promotional campaigns.

I read this series out of the order and will be hitting out the other books, I hope this Ms. Angell will continue to delight us this wonderful Rogues.

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### **Cherise says**

I love Kate Angell books. The men she has created for the Richmond Rogues baseball team are fabulous and the women she chooses to pair them with are quirky and fun. Each character is uniquely charming. You don't have to be a baseball fan to start rooting for this team. This is one of my favorite series, I can't wait for the next one.

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### **?Karlyn P? says**

Such a great romantic story. I never read the first three in the series, and you don't need to. It's a great stand alone. For a quick, light romance read it had a surprising amount of depth (and heat!). One of my favorite scenes was near the end, so I can't share that with you. But it was all good, I can see why so many have raved about it. I'll need to get the rest of the books in this series.

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### **Kelly says**

I went into this book looking for something light and fun. I am pleased to say that I was given exactly that. Although I'm not a huge fan of either contemporary romance or story lines involving sports, I liked Kason's surly attitude and his no holds barred approach to doing what he loved. Plus, his teammates were a freaking hoot!

So... Kason. Crappy childhood, pretty darn antisocial, totally focused on getting what he wants. Dayne's unexpected appearance in his house throws him for a loop. As much as he wants to get rid of her, he keeps stalling and finding ways to extend her stay. And, man, does he love her butterscotch pudding. That's not a euphemism. He loves butterscotch pudding. She makes it for him.

Speaking of Dayne, part of me liked that she was so determined to stay in Kason's "abandoned" mobile home and part of me kept shaking my head in disbelief. In the end, her stubbornness put her in the path of what she needed but it took a while for me to warm up to that part of her.

I really liked all of Kason's teammates. I liked Rhaden and Revelle's romance (especially their interlude with the poison ivy) and Psycho and Kason's animosity. It was fun watching all the interactions and the sly digs as the Rogues worked to come together as a team after some mid-season replacements.

All in all, it was fun. Even if it was a contemporary, sports-driven romance without a whiff of the paranormal. \*thumbs up\*

-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

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### **J says**

2.5 stars rounded up to 3 stars. This was an okay baseball story if you can overlook some multi-millionaire outfielder who likes to be alone just accommodating some poor girl first while she just breaks in to his empty double-wide trailer (he's away for spring training) and sets up residence. Does he call the cops? No, he just tells her she needs to move on and the next thing he knows she shows up with a very small Airstream trailer she hooks up right by his double wide (he is building a custom house and is using the double wide until his house is designed and built). So now he calls the cops and has her thrown in jail? No way, this is a romance novel. They fall in love (with a few bumps along the way) and she redesigns his custom built home and they live happily every after. Kind of silly, even for this committed romance reader.

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### **Laura says**

The continuing saga of the Richmond Rogues. This is the fourth of the series following Squeeze Play, Curveball, and Strike Zone Richmond Rogues 3.

Kason Rhodes joined the team in the last book, Strike Zone. He was on arch-rival team the St. Louis Colonels until a trade brought him to Richmond. He's a loner and not well liked on the team--he isn't buddies with any of them and likes it that way. He lives on a thousand acres on his own and it makes him happy.

Dayne Sheridan is down on her luck. She's been dumped--publically, left penniless, and unemployed. She finds an "abandoned" trailer in the middle of nowhere and makes it her home. Too bad it is already Kason's home. She refuses to leave and he doesn't have the heart to kick her out.

In the secondary romance, first baseman, Rhaden Dunn, has a crush on the team's publicity manager, Revelle Sullivan. There is a no fraternization rule for the team, but Revelle is willing to break it only for Rhaden. He's been a playboy, but since he laid eyes on her, he only wants to settle down with her.

Like all the other books in the series, I really enjoyed this book. The book is a little humorous and a lot fun. The characters are likable and have great chemistry. My only complaint is that I always want more of the secondary couple. If you like the other books in the series, you will like this one, too.

I started this book late in the afternoon and stayed up until midnight to finish it the same day--I liked it that much.

I can't wait to get started on Santa, Honey which includes another Richmond Rogue story about rookie center Alex Boxer.

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### **Amanda says**

This was the fourth book in the series that I have read. Even though I fell hard for Zen and Psycho in the first two books and I really loved Brek's story to; and Psycho still remains one of my favorites, right up there with Zen nobody can seem to compare to Kason. He was strong, brooding, a loner. I loved that this story gave

him time to truly know Dayne. That he fell in love with her and you believed it. This is a fast paced book that went right along with previous ones in the series. I loved the facts given about the baseball games being in there too and that it wasn't just all about the romance. I have once again found myself itching to actually watch a game. This book will remain on my shelf for many a reread to come. I also want to comment on how much I really liked the fact that all the characters were there and that Psycho was such a large role in this book. I also have to say I loved the side story of Rhaden and Revelle too; they were just great. I won't go into it because I don't want to give anything away but god I think I laughed for the rest of the book. Now here is my only issue, I know that the next story is about Alex Boxer and I don't know if I can bring myself to like him or not. Wish me luck that in his story and that the kid has grown up.

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### **Jules2016 says**

I didn't know if I was reading a romance novel or watching a segment of ESPN sports! There was way too much play-by-play description given about each of the games and not enough description about the developing romance between the hero and heroine.

Also there was a secondary romance written into the book that diluted the story of the main characters. While I love the concept the book was poorly executed. I was not invested in the characters and did a whole lot of skimming to be honest.

Other than having sex a couple of times nothing really transpired between the hero and heroine that made me think that a true relationship and romance had developed. It felt forced on me at the end of the book and not believable.

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### **Zoe says**

In addition to giving us lots of little tidbits about the life of a baseball player (community service hours, promotional contracts, training) Angell once again balances a main romance as well as a strong secondary romance plot. Her hero, stoic and unlikable in the beginning, rides a full character arc to the end.

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### **Jillian (NetGalley Addict) says**

Dayne has had a rough time, her ex publicly humiliated her and now she just wants to be left alone. Kason is the bad boy of baseball and he doesn't get involved with anybody. Kason comes back and finds Dayne in his trailer that she thought was abandoned. They eventually work something out and when Kason helps get Dayne a job, then they have to do a commercial together, things start to get really hot. Dayne is a self sufficient jaded woman who has no interest in getting involved with someone in the public eye again. Kason is good at baseball, he is hot, but he is really bad with people. These two worked out well together, but I just couldn't get into their story. There was plenty of humor and the sex scenes were good. We get to see some of the characters that were in previous books in this series again. I don't know what it was, but Sliding Home just wasn't as good as the other books something was missing. While I love Kate Angell this book in the series was just ok.

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### **Nefise says**

DNF...

I tried to read this book two times and I confess, I couldn't keep my eyes open to read some pages... I couldn't say writing style is bad or plot is poorly, but somehow I couldn't keep my interest in the story, I kept wandering somewhere else. So, I gave up and I think, it's about me because I read very good things about the book. Because of this fact I tried two times, yet here I'm and writing this things. :(

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### **Auntee says**

I loved this book--and I'm not entirely sure why!:) There was nothing particularly new or exciting about the plot, no great suspense, no epic love scenes...but I just *fell in love* with the characters. Something about them just spoke to me--it just shows how important it is to have really, really likable characters for the reader to care about. I loved the hero and heroine, and I even loved their dogs, who were important characters in their own right! You don't have to be a baseball fan (or even a sports fan) to enjoy this book either--it's not overloaded with sports scenes. But baseball fans should certainly enjoy it--I didn't find anything objectionable about Kate Angell's depiction of MLB or the players, nothing that raised my eyebrows and made me think WTH?--so kudos to her for getting the whole atmosphere right.

The plot is pretty straightforward--Kason Rhodes, millionaire loner outfielder for the (fictional) MLB Richmond Rogues, returns home after six weeks of spring training to his double wide trailer (on 1,000 acres) out in no-man's land, only to find that a sexy, tomboyish squatter has taken up residence. And she refuses to leave.

Dayne Sheridan's getting over a bad, humiliating break-up with her DJ snake of a fiancee (who unceremoniously dumped her on-air) and looking to hide out far away from Baltimore in order to lick her wounds and 'move on'. She stumbles upon what she thinks is an abandoned trailer, and sets up housekeeping, stocking the trailer with tons of bulk foods that she bought from her new job at a warehouse store. The trailer in the middle of nowhere is the perfect place for Dayne to collect her thoughts, heal, and figure out her future. Her life may have hit another bumpy patch, but she's not ready to give up. Her mantra is: breathe in; breath out; move on.

While taking a shower in the trailer, she's surprised by an intimidating looking stranger--a trespasser! Dayne's not going to let this hulk of a man who claims *she's* the one who's trespassing, get the better of her. She refuses to leave unless he can show her the deed to the trailer or some kind of proof that he lives here. This puts the gruff, sexy stranger (Kason) in a bind. Clearly the little tomboy doesn't recognize him, and he'd like to keep it that way. Kason is one anti-social man, and he doesn't want *anyone* to know where he spends his off hours. So they come to a sort of uneasy truce, and Kason lets Dayne stay just one more day, and then one more day...Eventually Dayne finds out just who Kason really is, and she's shocked and embarrassed that he would let her think that he was some down on his luck, jobless guy. She's ready to move on, she can't deal with a relationship with another 'public' person no matter how much she's attracted to him, but Kason convinces her to stay with the presentation of three little gifts...and then things really heat up.

Oh my, Kason was such a hard, wary, closed off man with a sad, sad childhood, and my heart went out to him. He had a nicely detailed backstory, complete with examples of the abuse he suffered from his unfeeling stepfather...no little boy should have to go through that. Because of his past, he became an island, relying only on himself, and letting no one inside. No woman, no teammate...no one but his Doberman named Cimarron. But when stubborn Dayne stepped into his life and refused to leave, gradually working her way into his heart...(\*sigh\*)it was a beautiful thing to see. This guy badly needed someone to care about him--and Dayne, with her bulk foods and butterscotch pudding, found a way to get through to him.

I loved Dayne as well. She was just so darn quirky and likable, and she didn't have an easy childhood either. I admired her self sufficiency, thought she was *perfect* for Kason, and did not want to see her get hurt again. She got a raw deal from her ex, and I was just hoping that Kason would not let me down and realize what a jewel she was.

The book was filled with some wonderful descriptions and dialogue, which made the characters jump off the pages. Everybody seemed so real, from Kason's colorful teammates on the Richmond Rogues, right down to the two dogs who played an important part in the story.

While Kason and Dayne had an adversarial relationship at first, with Kason trying to figure out how he could get Dayne to leave, gradually you could see their friendship develop, and you could see that they were becoming more and more attracted to each other and even needed each other. Their sexual tension certainly steamed up the pages! Things didn't actually get consummated until about 2/3 into the book, but it hardly mattered--the story was so compelling and the slow build up of sexual tension actually worked. Kason and Dayne needed to develop a friendship and trust before them hitting the sheets could go anywhere. And when it did...awesome. Very steamy. There was a few moments of doubt in my mind if being just friends and lovers was all Kason had to give, but c'mon, this is a romance with a HEA, so no worries there! It turns out that Kason knew a good thing when he saw it, and there was a nice big, romantic scene where Kason seals the deal (which made me tear up for both of them)...nice romantic moment.

I almost forgot--this story has another little romantic subplot, between one of Kason's teammates and a woman who works for the Rogues, which was equally steamy and at times *almost* upstaged the romance between Kason and Dayne. Very nicely done, with some humorous moments (involving some poison ivy) as well.

This was one of the most entertaining and satisfying contemporaries I've read all year. It was filled with great, lovable leads and colorful supporting characters (with unique names such as Psycho, Risk, Zen, and Rhaden), some behind the scenes baseball stuff, lots of funny and racy dialogue, and some steamy scenes and romantic moments that will melt your heart. It may even have you wishing to live in your own little trailer in the middle of nowhere, as long as you're living with a quiet, lone-wolf hunk-with-a-heart like Kason Rhodes! Now I need to go backwards and read the rest of this series and meet Kason's teammates...5 stars.

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