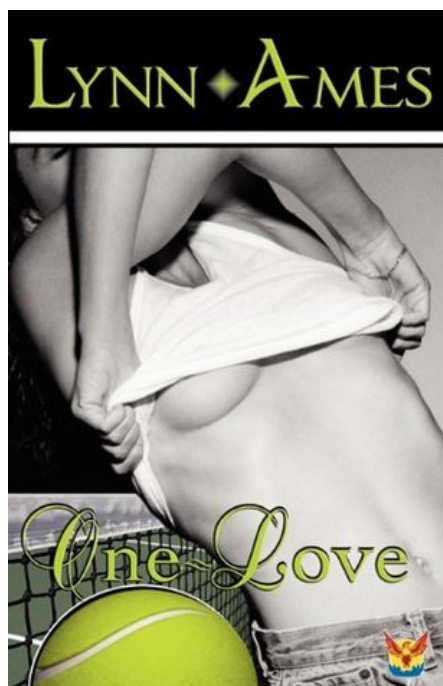




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One ~ Love (formerly The Flip Side of Desire)

Trystan Lightfoot allowed herself to love once in her life; the experience broke her heart and strengthened her resolve never to fall in love again. At forty, however, she still longs for the comfort of a woman's arms. She finds temporary solace in meaningless, albeit adventuresome encounters, burying her pain and her emotions deep inside where no one can reach. No one, that is, until she meets C.J. Winslow.

C.J. Winslow is the model-pretty-but-aging professional tennis star the Women's Tennis Federation is counting on to dispel the image that all great female tennis players are lesbians. And her lesbianism isn't the only secret she's hiding. A traumatic event from her childhood is taking its toll both on and off the court.

Together Trystan and C.J. must find a way beyond their pasts to discover lasting love.

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Diane says

Terrific love story that has depth, emotions and rawness of the feelings of the characters that shines beautifully on these pages..well written and recommend to all (paperback!)

Tara says

Trystan is very difficult to like at first. She's a total player, entirely closed off with an angry edge to her. I almost stopped reading near the beginning because I disliked her so much, and I'm glad I didn't. Yes, she's angry and afraid to even consider romantic love, but she's not actually as cold as I thought and has lovely close relationships with her mother, her best friend Becca, and eventually C.J..

C.J. is so focused on her career that she doesn't have relationships of any kind except with her coach, and she doesn't even seem to know that she's a lesbian. Everything about her connection with Trystan is a new experience for her, and each woman has to learn and grow to make space for the other in her life. I also liked that C.J.'s emotional growth happened alongside learning a new approach to playing tennis. She has a lot of upheaval to navigate in her life, especially given how homophobic her environment is, and she does it gracefully, coming out the other side as a better person.

Full review: <http://www.thelesbianreview.com/one-l...>

Charlie Avocado says

Probably 3.5? Honestly it was really good, except just so implausible timeline wise. May be triggering for some readers as it deals with rape trauma.

Lex Kent says

3 1/2 Stars. I have found myself really enjoying Lynn Ames books, and this was another to add to the list. I just thought I'd mention, the book I actually read was The Flip Side of Desire, which was re-released as One-Love. You can tell this is one of Ames, earlier books, a little less polished than she is now, nothing bad, but I can't speak on if any changes were made to One-Love.

While I am not a big Tennis fan in real life, I enjoy it as a LesFic subject. I thought this had the right amount of Tennis to get into the excitement of the sport, but not enough to bore you.

I enjoyed the romance and felt the obvious chemistry between the two characters. The only negative is I found the characters jumped to the "I love yous" a bit quick. And while I liked both characters, I did find C.J. to be a tad immature at times. Though she did seem to grow as the book progressed.

This book does deal with PTSD from a rape. The rape happened before the book took place, so you don't actually read it, but there is some flashbacks as the character tries to deal with the aftermath. I found some of the techniques she tried to use to deal with the PTSD, quite different and interesting.

I look forward to reading more of Ames' books in the future.

susan says

Winning match...

Lynn Ames did a very good job. I fell in love with CJ at the beginning of this story. The characters were believable and so was the storyline. Will Definitely will let my friends know about this one.

Ilona says

Trigger Warning for anyone thinking of reading this book. It contains descriptions of sexual assault and rape as a major part of a characters past and there is a moderate level of detail given.

Lynn Ames is a very good writer and this story was no exception. I liked the idea, the characters and the set up. The side characters were fun and I wanted to see everything work out. Many aspects of this book were really well done and I did/do enjoy reading it.

However there are parts where the characters don't seem to be acting like themselves, as though their sudden issues are not quite right. Sometimes what's happening just doesn't quite gel properly with the character I have been seeing and told about, and how they are thinking or behaving. So while on the first read through it's fine when I re read it I just skipped over whole sections of the book because they just didn't seem necessary or I didn't care. Some of the conflict seemed to come right out of no where, and almost felt like it slowed the momentum, some parts could easily have been cut out.

Do I recommend this book, yes; the writing is good and some scenes and exchanges I really loved reading and did make me smile and feel happy for the characters. Just other parts made me go "eh, whatevs"

Agirlcandream says

Enjoyable read thanks in part to the author's knowledge of tennis and the competitive world of professional sports. I liked both Trystan and CJ and the issues they needed to face and overcome to find true love. The secondary characters are solid and add much to this well written novel.

This book was first published in 2006. Ten years later, public reaction has changed dramatically towards lesbians and gays in professional sports. The battle for acceptance continues. It is important to remember the past to appreciate the present and hope for more understanding in the future.

Kexx says

Well I'm a sucker for this kind of stuff - tennis, emotional recovery and a set of loyal and magnificent friends whose combined talents would be welcome in any "superhero" story. Loved it.

Darlene Vendegna says

Well written lesbian romance. Fairly standard story line but the journey was quite entertaining. Likable characters, interesting and seemingly well researched look into professional tennis. I'd recommend this to any lover of lesbian romances.

Halah says

I don't recommend reading this. Its that bad!

Nolly Sepulveda says

I had been wanting to read this story for a while and it did not dissappoint. The characters C J and Trystan were loving wonderful women who deserved a chance on love.
