

A football romance unfolds on the “frozen tundra” of Lambeau Field — in David Benjamin’s game-changing novel

Trish is torn, between her lifelong moral code and her seething desire for the man she loves — who happens to be happily married.

Or is he?

In the course of David Benjamin’s new novel, *A Sunday Kind of Love* (soon to be released by Event Horizon Press), Trish Truschka is reluctantly convinced by her slightly less scrupulous sidekick, Gary, to give up her secret love for her handsome boss, Allen Andrews. She should love Allen openly, Gary argues, and give him a chance to fall in love with her. But, as she strives to launch her romance, Trish discovers that the only way to Allen’s heart passes through Lambeau Field, home of the Green Bay Packers.

The Packers, it seems, are the one true passion in Allen Andrews’ life — more important to him than his wife, his family, his career, his peace of mind. Tragically, the Packer he loves the most is the one who has broken his heart by signing with the Minnesota Vikings — legendary quarterback Brett Favre.

In the midst of a complete personal makeover — hair, wardrobe, makeup, weight loss, the works — Trish realizes that none of this will do her any good unless she can bestow upon the man of her dreams his impossible dream: season tickets to the frozen tundra.

David Benjamin’s 2002 Random House memoir, *The Life and Times of the Last Kid Picked*, hinted at his childhood attachment to the Packers. In *A Sunday Kind of Love*, he turns that attachment into a riveting tale of love, loss, subterfuge and self-discovery.

The story follows Trish through the suspenseful and sometimes slapstick throes of an illicit courtship with her Packer-loving boss, which takes off when Trish, incredibly, acquires two tickets in Section 115 of Lambeau Field.

But while she’s not really looking, the vast community of Packer fans seduces Trish out of her lifelong shell. The Packers draw her into a previously undiscovered community of barroom philosophers, tailgate therapists, football poets, surrogate moms and madcap cheeseheads. As the tumultuous 2009 Packers season unfolds, Trish finds herself swept up into an adventure that leaves her, by the time the playoffs arrive, enervated, exhilarated and romantically confused, but poised on the brink of a real personal transformation.

While Trish is slowly awakening to a new world of friends and possibilities, Allen Andrews stays (mostly) true to the Pack. He lives and dies week to week — as any genuine fan does — with the ups and downs of the Packers. Trish grows on him but he reserves his deepest feelings focus for the love of his life, the departed Favre, and for Favre’s unproven, upstart successor, Aaron Rodgers.

Author David Benjamin has been a Packer fan since Vince Lombardi's first championship season in 1962. He understands, personally that the mad, intoxicating infatuation that a man can feel for a woman (at least for a while) is similar to — but less durable than — the manly passion he feels for a truly great, once-in-a-lifetime NFL quarterback.

A Sunday Kind of Love is the rare novel that captures the unique madness of the sports fan. But it's really a book better suited to the non-fan, the non-football reader, because it provides, after all, more romance than football. In *A Sunday Kind of Love*, David Benjamin has created an entertaining education into sports-bred lunacy — with an ending to satisfy the romantic in all of us.

Benjamin is also author of the recently released novel, *Three's a Crowd* (Event Horizon Press, 2013), described by Silicon Valley journalist Tekla Nee as a “rollicking mystery [that] nails the absurdities of CES, Las Vegas, Paris, and — oh yeah! — marriage.”

Benjamin's memoir, *The Life and Times of the Last Kid Picked* was honored as a notable book by the Wisconsin Library Association and described by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* as “richly hilarious... [Benjamin] retains a little boy's flair for spinning epics from anecdotes, and he applies to it an adult's taste for irony. Don't read this at bedtime — your laughter might wake up the kids.”

Among Benjamin's other books is *SUMO: A Thinking Fan's Guide to Japan's National Sport*, a product of his residence in Tokyo for more than seven years. Originally published in 1990 and revised in 2010, *SUMO* is the bestselling book ever written about sumo and one of the funniest books written about any sport.

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