

## Characters in David Benjamin's *A Sunday Kind of Love: We all know them*

MADISON, Wis. — “I know these people!”

This is the most frequent comment among the first readers of David Benjamin's new novel, a “football romance” entitled *A Sunday Kind of Love*, just released by Event Horizon Press.

Indeed, Benjamin's protagonist, Trish Truschka is a familiar figure. In an America obsessed with sports, Trish is a classic holdout. She ignores sports and remains stubbornly oblivious to the mania that attaches to her home state's National Football League heroes, the Green Bay Packers.

But the man whom Trish loves secretly, Allen Andrews, is the quintessential fan, a Packers diehard who is also madly in love — with departed Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre.

When readers say, “I know these people,” they don't mean just Trish and Allen. They recognize, in *A Sunday Kind of Love*, the regulars at a Packer bar called the Flagon. They've known, all their lives, the Zimmerman family, who during every home game at Lambeau Field, go bananas in Section 115. Whether they're fans or not, whether they're in Wisconsin, New York or Tokyo, they know the sort of folks who make up the vast community of the football faithful — a millions-strong extended family of barroom philosophers, tailgate therapists, football poets, surrogate moms and madcap cheeseheads.

There's Aggie Aldenderfer, who tailgates at Lambeau Field, where she serves up a jambalaya that she learned on a pilgrimage to Brett Favre's hometown.

There are the Pegrams in Section 129, who have an extra ticket for Trish because their son, Tony, is serving in Iraq, which worries the whole family sick if they think about it.

There's Gabe, a Flagon old-timer who sees the whole football pageant with historical perspective and compares the reign of Brett Favre to that of Louis XV.

There's Shane, another Flagon regular who fears the worst with every breath, sees the dark side of every play, predicts disaster with every snap and grumbles at every Packer touchdown.

And then, there's Hercules Pidley, possessor of the most coveted treasure in all of Wisconsin, two season tickets to Lambeau — available for sale at an unthinkable price.

But when Trish discovers that the key — the only key — to Allen's heart is to get those tickets, her quest leads her on a merry chase through obituaries and phonebooks, through Packer bars and cow pastures, across the breadth of Wisconsin and even into darkest Jackson County.

As the tumultuous 2009 Packers season unfolds and a new quarterback, Aaron Rodgers, emerges as Wisconsin's greatest hero, Trish is 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 becoming a whole new Trish.

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 a story equally compelling to the non-fan. David Benjamin has created a wry and ribald education in 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 fictional 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.”

*A Sunday Kind of Love*, released by Event Horizon Press as of 12 May 2014, is initially available from Amazon.com, or through CreateSpace at [www.createspace.com/4795443](http://www.createspace.com/4795443). Readers can receive a 15 percent discount by accessing the CreateSpace link and using the code 9MK679CW.

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