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# Game Breaker (Portland Storm Book 14)





### **Synopsis**

USA Today bestselling author Catherine Gayle presents another novel in the Portland Storm hockey romance series. Heâ ™s becoming a Game Breaker on the ice. With the playoffs right around the corner, Nate â œGhostâ • Golston is focused on only one thingâ "getting the Portland Storm to the Finals so he can finally hoist the Cup. But when opposing teamsâ ™ fans start getting under his skin, he canâ ™t ignore the ridicule thatâ ™s suddenly all over the Internet. With each degrading word slung over the boards, he strains to keep his focus on the ice. Now, everything heâ ™s worked for is in jeopardy. Sheâ ™s facing off with the Game Makers. Stunning sports reporter and aspiring filmmaker Anne Dennison is determined to use her smarts to get ahead in a male-dominated career. Producing a behind-the-scenes web series brings Anne up close and personal with skilled, sexy Nate. Sparks fly, putting her plans in danger. For Anne to succeed, she has to capitalize on Nateâ ™s struggles. Wanting to be together, they know they must bend for each other before one of them breaks. If they canâ ™t, itâ ™s Game Over.

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#### **Customer Reviews**

Catherine Gayle has done it again with Nate and Anne and another wonderful addition to the

Portland Storm series! This book completely had me at the Dedication and Acknowledgements. Make sure you read those as Catherine so eloquently speaks about the less than tolerable state of our society these days, which also happens to be very relevant to this story. Amidst this love story about hockey player Nate Golston, Ghost as he is called by his teammates, one of the few colored athletes in hockey and Anne Dennison, one of the few females in the sports broadcasting world; this is also the story of how ignorant people sometimes react to both of those scenarios. Anne has been hired to produce a web series about what goes on behind the scenes of the Portland Storm. She and Nate have a history of flirting for the last two years that goes back to her days as a reporter. The flirting gradually turns into much more and I love how slow their relationship develops because of all the other issues going on around them. They are so good for each other. We see how Ghost has to deal with racial slurs and tension and how Anne, besides having to deal with obvious sexism by her superiors, has to deal with a mother who is from another culture and doesn't like Anne's career choice or that Anne has adopted more of the style of her American father. But even though Anne is more Americanized, her mother's words have hurt her in many ways and have made her very closed off sexually and I just love how Nate handles that. He is everything I hoped he would be and more. Catherine shows us throughout their story how Nate and Anne, the players on the team and their families are affected by the racism directed at Nate as well as the racial violence going on outside the arena.

Catherine Gayle has done it again with another wonderful addition to the Portland Storm series! I can't believe she took one not one, but two very major and very touchy issues that are taking place and plaguing the world, as we know it right now. And she does it with such finesse, grace and dignity. The one thing I absolutely love about this series, is getting to know each of the players, both personally and professionally, as well as all of their familily members, too. We get to watch them grow up, fall in love, and start families of their own. And just knowing that after their stories have come to an end, it won't be the last we hear of them, either, because Catherine Gayle always makes a point of letting us re-visit most of the players from the past, into her new books. Sometimes her books can have a dark side to them, but that just makes them feel more realistic. Life is not always "Sunshine & Lollypops" people. I think most of us have been through one or two bad times in our lives, but unlike real life....with a Catherine Gayle book...you can always count on a HEA at the end of each of her stories. Nate Golston (Aka..Ghost, the only black player in the NHL) and Anne Dennison (A sports reporter, and a aspiring filmmaker and producer for the online Portland Storm Documentary Series) seem to hit it off right from the start, but.... they both know that acting on those

rapidly growing feelings for one another, would surely cost Annie her job. We see how Ghost has to deal with blantant racial slurs actions by a few fans in the stands during a game, and the reporters who are H\*II bent on making it into more of a story than it needs to be, just to sell a story.And then there's Anne.

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