

## **Tornado Alley**

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### **DRAMA-ROMANCE**

The Wichita Tornadoes are a losing proposition. After five losing seasons, they just can't get a break. That's until Chris Hunter arrives.

Hunter is a down on his luck, almost turned pro heartache story. He spends his days in Miami surviving day to day making small drug deals to pay the bills. One morning he gets a phone call from his late grandfather's attorney. He tells him that Hunter has inherited the Wichita Tornadoes.

Chris is making preparations to leave town and hanging out with his buddy Jim, the bartender and owner of a local Sports pub. Two of his shadier clients enter and assault him outside accusing him of selling them bad drugs. He narrowly escapes and hightails it to Wichita to try and make the Tornadoes a success, leaving his past behind.

Arriving in Ocala, Hunter finds his dream. Baseball is the game he will always love. In addition to baseball, Chris meets Natalie Rodriguez, a gorgeous local teacher with a heart of gold.

Hunter finds out for the first time in a long while what it is truly like to wake up every morning and passionately follow your dreams in both your job and your personal life. Hunter discovers a local baseball prodigy named Brent Jacinto, who has gone down the wrong road. He sees the resemblance to himself and rescues him from jail, back into the saving arm of Baseball. Behind Brent's strong arm and Hunters coaching they bring the Tornadoes back to the top of the league.

The Tornadoes get the assistance of an old friend of Hunters, Dave Burnquist. He was Chris's catcher in college at the U of Miami. Dave moved to California with his beautiful wife and kids to follow a career in law enforcement. After the tragic death of his wife in a car crash, Dave moved his two boys back to Wichita where he took up as the local sheriff. Chris convinces him to come on as the new coach, while he takes the head office.

You can run but you can't hide and Chris' past comes back to haunt him. Complications ensue but all's well that end's well.

Chris has to face down his past and comes to terms with his future. He settles down with Natalie, the Wichita Tornados become a successful venture under Dave, and Brent goes on to the major leagues.