

## Chasing Red

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Is there anything better than an odd couple? *Chasing Red*, a hot new romance by Canadian author Isabelle Ronin, throws together two unlikely people and lets their passion develop at a tantalizing pace. This vivacious novel is a fun, addictive read.

Caleb Lockhart is, in a word, spoiled. He's a college basketball star, king of campus, and surrounded by adoring coeds. His wealthy family provides everything he needs, from a sleek condo to a new car.

When he meets feisty, earthy Veronica at a club, he's totally unprepared to romance her. She's his opposite in every way: hardworking, self-sufficient, sharp, and from the working class. Temporarily homeless, she needs a place to stay, which gives Caleb his chance.

He's pretty awkward, and he knows it, but Veronica—or "Red," as he calls her—is endlessly patient. She has to be: Caleb's generosity keeps her off the street. While Veronica tries to figure out her next step, the two evolve past Caleb's juvenile pickup lines to form a meaningful connection.

Although there are more serious implications of their relationship, Caleb and Veronica are sweet, young, and light with each other. Their banter sounds true to life. "Live-in service" feels a bit contrived, especially without the added dimension of a 50 Shades-esque bondage relationship, but the romance's gears turn quickly enough to move past its ungainly plot points. *Chasing Red*'s characters are its selling point, and Ronin has a marvelous hand with dialogue and characterization.

*Chasing Red* is a perfectly sweet romance, with just the right amount of spice.

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