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## **LOCAL CALGARY WRITER CHOSEN TO LAUNCH NEW YORK'S NEWEST YOUNG ADULT FICTION IMPRINT**

Debut author J.E. MacLeod's novel, *WAITING TO SCORE* hits shelves February 23, 2009.

### **TEEN ATHLETES FACE DECISIONS ABOUT SEX, DRUGS AND ALCOHOL IN YA NOVELS FROM WESTSIDE BOOKS**

While we encourage teens to play sports to help them develop social skills and foster positive relationships, not all new friends are good role models or positive influences. Drugs, sex, alcohol, and bullying are commonly faced by teen athletes as they cope with the pressures of competition. This spring, WestSide Books introduces J.E. MacLeod's ***Waiting to Score***, a books for young adults that shows what can happen to teen athletes before, during, and after the whistle is blown.

In J.E. MacLeod's *Waiting to Score*, Zack Chase, new in town, gets a crash course in the dangerous, fast-paced lives of local teen athletes. A good-looking, book-loving hockey star, Zack's also expected to be a womanizing, alcohol-abusing party animal, but it's not who he is. As jealous, obnoxious team captain Mac hounds him, Zack falls for Goth-girl Jane and befriends her teammate brother, both with their own secrets. Tragedy strikes and affects them all in this true-to-life debut novel, giving readers an insight into the lives of high school students and athletes.

J.E. MacLeod (*Waiting to Score*) lives in Calgary and grew up with a hockey-coach father who coached Theron Fluery in Winnipeg, and two hockey-playing brothers. *Waiting to Score* is her first novel.

WestSide Books, [www.westside-books.com](http://www.westside-books.com), is dedicated to publishing edgy, contemporary, realistic fiction for teenagers. It launches a debut list of seven young adult novels in spring 2009, including *Waiting to Score*.

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***Waiting to Score***

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