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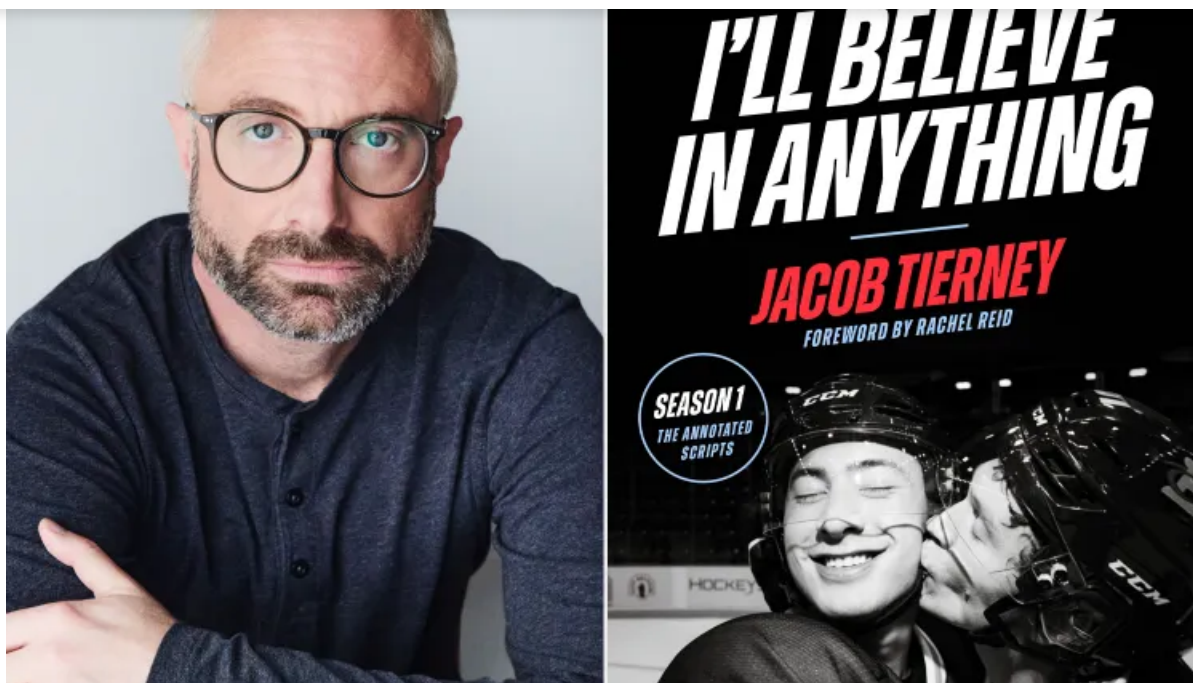
***Heated Rivalry* Creator Jacob Tierney Announces Behind-The-Scenes Book About Making the Hit Series (Exclusive)**

'I'll Believe in Anything' brings fans into the creation of the show starring Connor Storrie and Hudson Williams

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Jacob Tierney; the cover of 'I'll Believe in Anything'.

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Heated Rivalry creator Jacob Tierney will publish a new book about the making of the hit sports romance show, based on

I'll Believe in Anything collects the first season's annotated scripts and takes readers behind the scenes into the show's casting, costume design and more

"I wanted it to feel personal, like a natural extension of the story audiences connected with from the very beginning," Tierney tells PEOPLE of the book

[EDITOR'S NOTE: This story has been updated. A previous version stated that the second season of Heated Rivalry would premiere in April 2027. The second season is slated to premiere in Spring 2027. This has been

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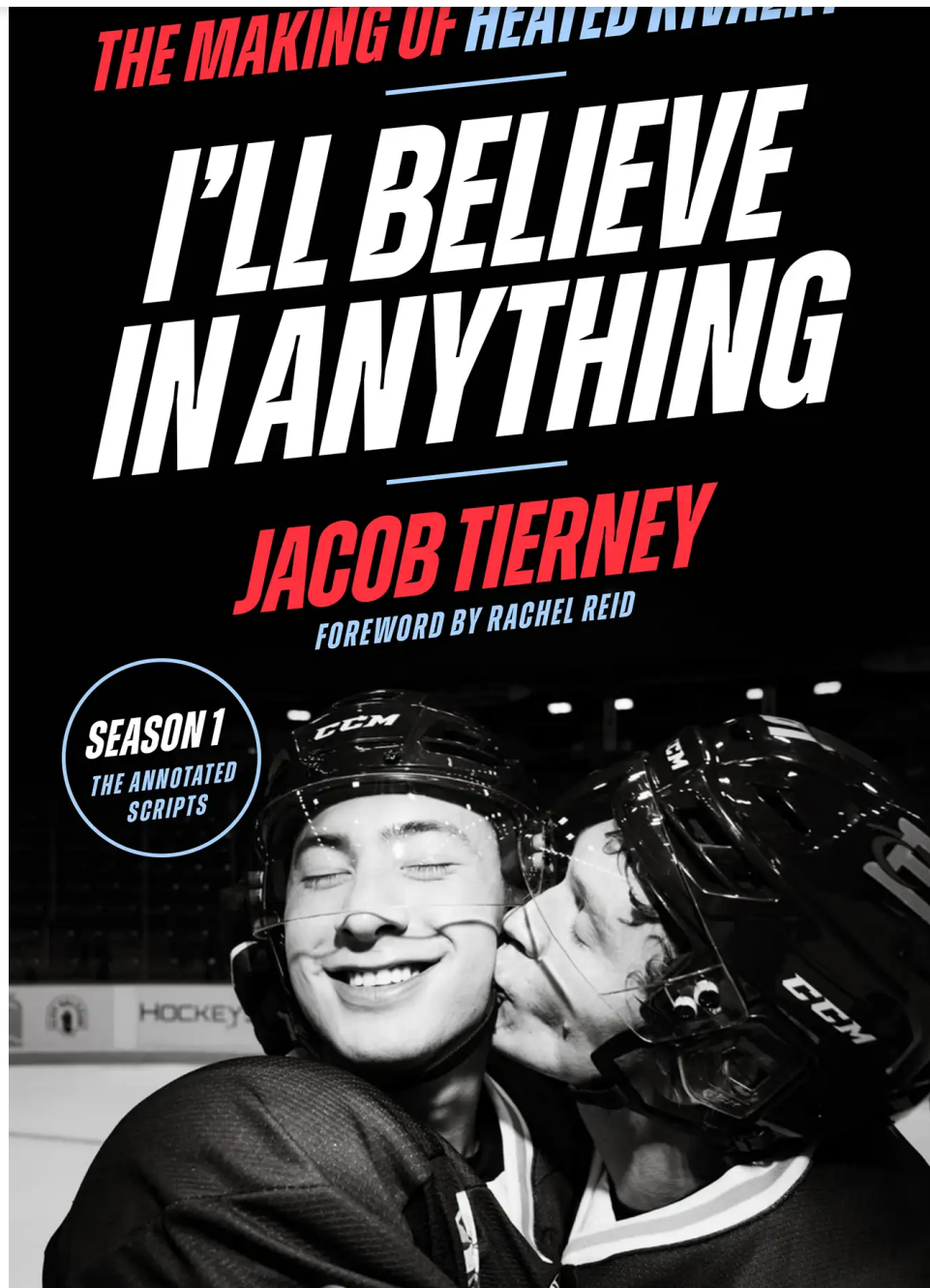
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PEOPLE can exclusively reveal the cover of [I'll Believe in Anything](#), a new behind-the-scenes book from series creator [Jacob Tierney](#) out this fall.

Written in collaboration with Tierney's producing partner Brendan Brady and production company Accent Aigu, [I'll Believe in Anything](#) takes fans into the making of the hit series, which debuted on HBO Max in 2025.

Heated Rivalry, based on [Rachel Reid](#)'s bestselling [Game Changers](#) novels, follows Shane Hollander ([Hudson Williams](#)) and Ilya Rozanov ([Connor Storrie](#)), rival professional hockey players who begin a secret relationship off the rink.

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The cover of *'I'll Believe in Anything'* by Jacob Tierney.

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I'll Believe in Anything collects the annotated scripts for the show's first season, and gives readers an up close look into the making of the series, from its casting to its costume design and everything in between.

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The book also promises to answer burning fan queries, like how the creators balanced Ilya and Shane's rivalry with Kip and Scott's romance, and how the show aimed to "rewrite the playbook" for romance adaptations and on-screen queer love stories, the book's synopsis states.

"I've always believed creating a show is a collaborative experience, and that getting it from script to screen means it evolves through every conversation and discovery along the way," Tierney tells PEOPLE of the book, which features a foreword from Reid.

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Jacob Tierney.
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"With this book, the intention was to invite everyone who loves the show to sit beside me and the team, not just to see what we made, but to understand why we made it," he continues. "I wanted it to feel personal, like a natural extension of the story audiences connected with from the very beginning."

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Tierney spoke about adapting Reid's books for the screen during an April 21 panel at BookCon in New York. *Heated Rivalry's* [second season](#) is set to premiere in Spring 2027 and follows Reid's sixth *Game Changers* novel, [The Long Game](#).

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"I want to dig deeper," Tierney said. "Because everything in her book, there is the foundation of a very real and understandable queer relationship. And I didn't want to shy away from it. I wanted to dig into it."

[I'll Believe in Anything](#) will be published on Oct. 13 by Little, Brown and Company and is now available for preorder, wherever books are sold.

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