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# New Heated Rivalry Release Officially Out Now Ahead Of Season 2 Premiere






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***Heated Rivalry*** brings a whole new wave of heat in a new release that fans won't want to miss.

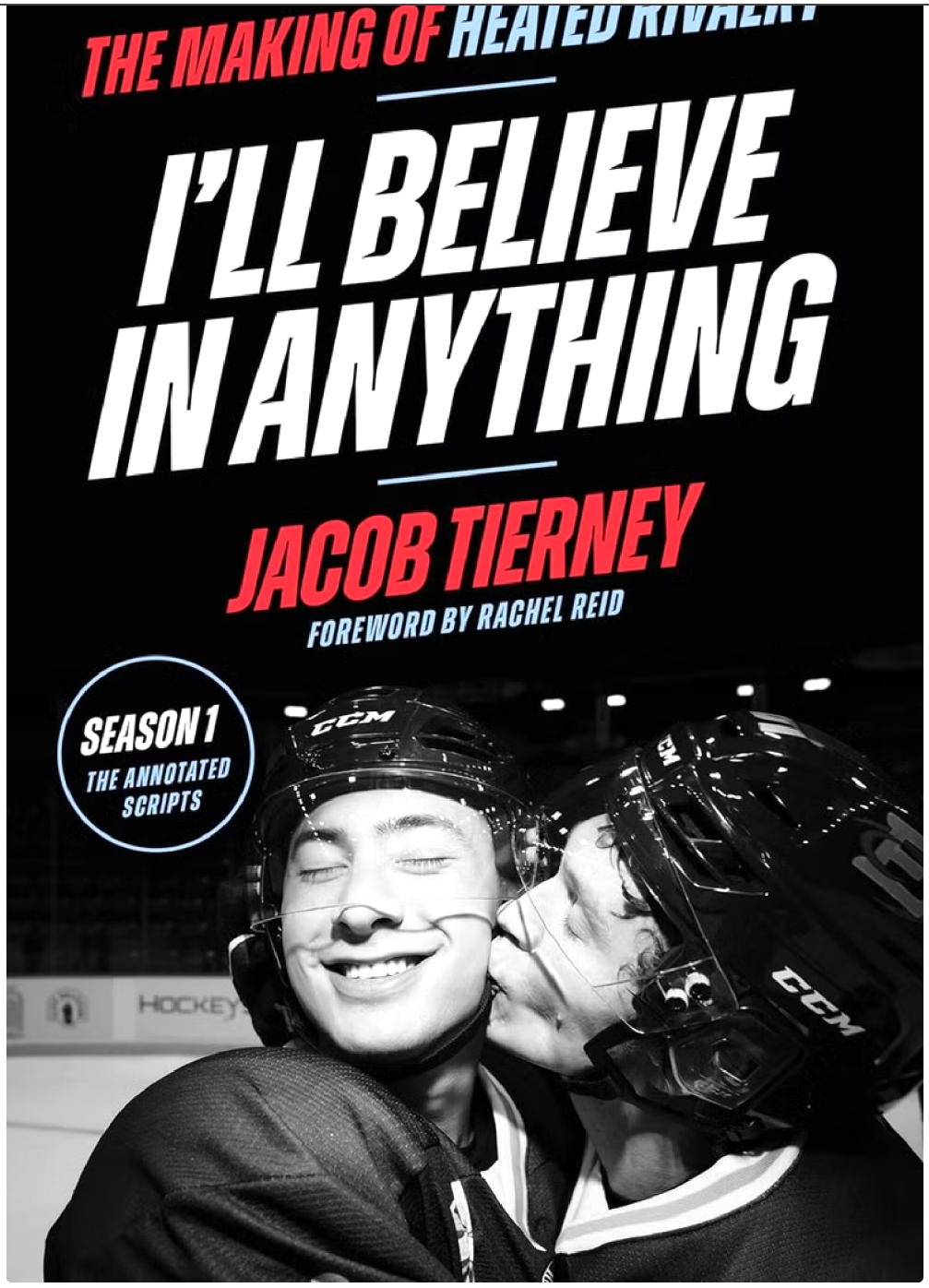
Rachel Reid's *Game Changers* book series has been a BookTok favorite for years, so its adaptation was inevitable. However, it went better than anyone could've expected. Because the US distributor, HBO Max, only gained the rights to the *Heated Rivalry* TV show nine days before its release, it had little time to advertise. Despite this, The CRAVE TV show took the world by storm when it was released. The "gay hockey show," as it affectionately became known, broke the record for HBO Max's most-watched acquired scripted series and tied with Breaking Bad for the highest-rated TV episode of all time, though it no longer holds the latter title.

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to wait until next year for the adaptation of Rachel Reid's *The Long Game*, the second Ilya and Shane book.

On *CBS Morning*, creator Jacob Tierney updated fans, confirming *Heated Rivalry* season 2 will air in late spring 2027, less than half a year away. In the meantime, Little, Brown and Company has officially released a new *Heated Rivalry* book titled ***I'll Believe In Anything: The Making of Heated Rivalry*** by Jacob Tierney in partnership with producer Brendan Brady and Accent Aigu Entertainment. The book also has a foreword by Rachel Reid, who has been immensely supportive of the TV adaptation.

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The book features *Heated Rivalry* season 1's annotated scripts, including scenes that were ultimately deleted. Readers can enjoy exclusive behind-the-scenes content. Just as a teaser, Hudson Williams and Connor Storrie nearly filmed full-frontal nudity, and the coming-out scene nearly looked different.

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What are you most excited to dive into next from the Heated Rivalry universe?

- Season 2 of the TV show when it premieres
- I'll Believe in Anything: The Making of Heated Rivalry book
- Rachel Reid's Ilya and Shane novels, including Unrivaled
- Rewatching Season 1 to relive the story
- I'm curious but not sure what I'll try yet

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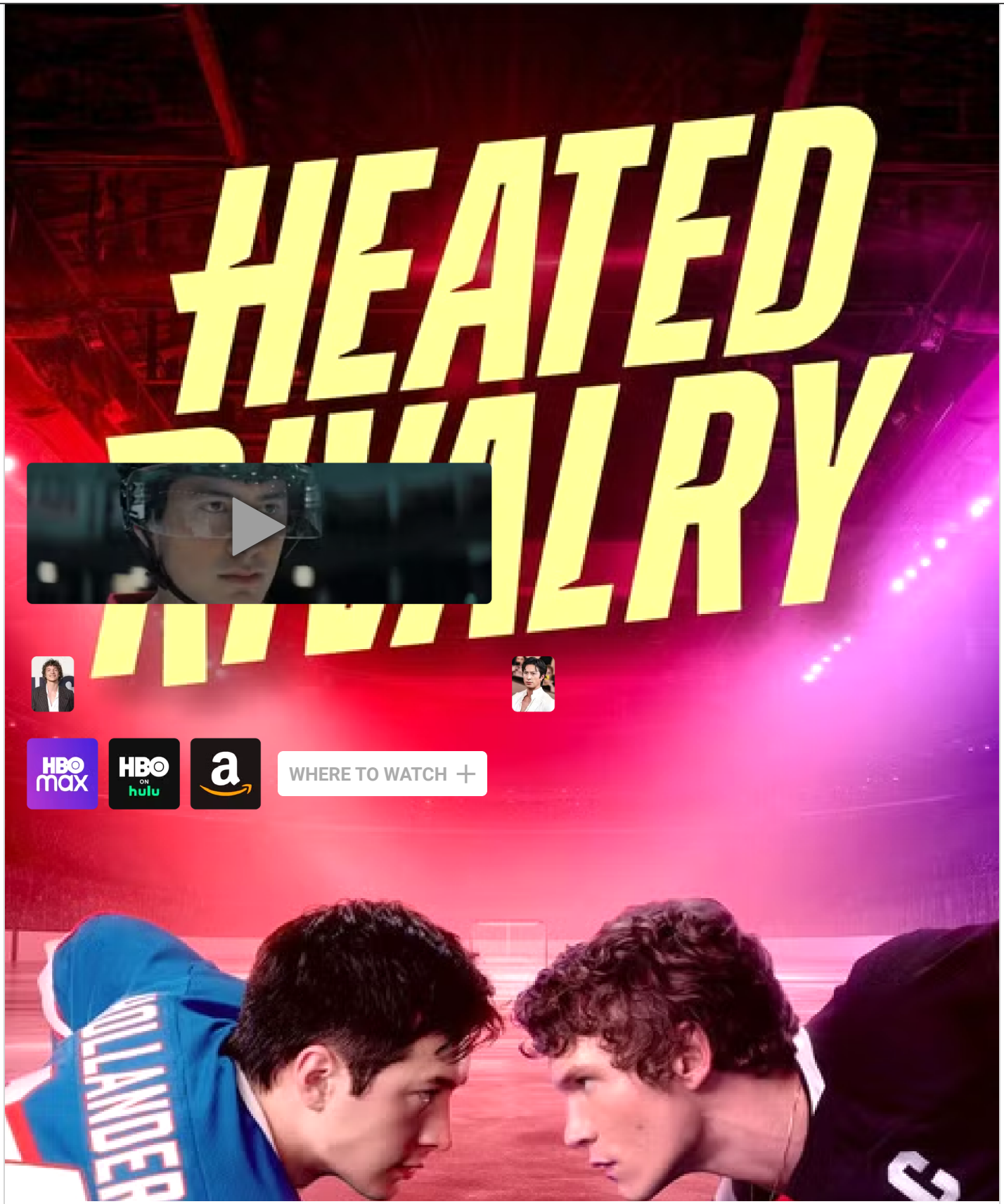
What's more, *I'll Believe in Anything* offers a peek behind the curtain at how Tierney and the rest of the creative team used Rachel Reid's book to bring this beloved hockey romance to life. So often, book adaptations fail because they don't understand what makes the original story so compelling in the first place. That wasn't the case here, though. The intentional nods to the book go beyond Ilya and Shane's basic love story. They're in every part of the creative process.

*I'll Believe Anything came* at the perfect time. Rachel Reid and the publisher agreed to push the release of *Unrivaled*, the third book centered on Ilya and Shane, to June 1, 2027, because the author's worsening Parkinson's disease is making it harder to

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wait for more Ilya and Shane. Plus, the release comes ahead of the 2026 holiday season. With full-color photographs and new content, ***I'll Believe in Anything:***

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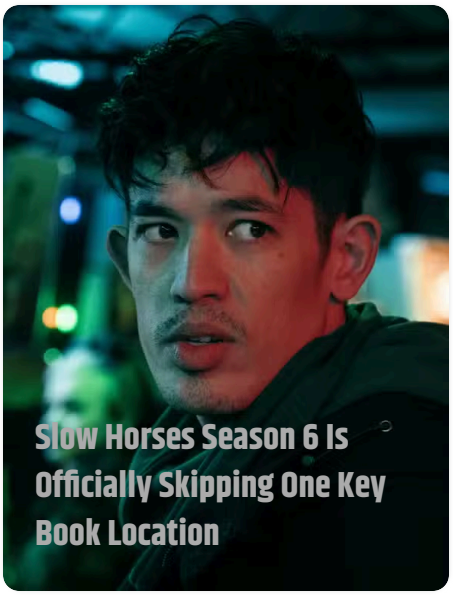
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