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Never play a game you can't win.

For Cain Kent, that rule is golden. Losing is not in his vocabulary, and up until now, everything has come easy. Football, school, girls ... his charm-laced ego may just be bigger than Texas itself.

The competition he started freshman year with his friends, to make ten notches each in their bedposts by graduation day, is practically in the bag. One more to go, and then it's off to college fame and eventually, the big time. Attachments aren't something he wants to form, but when the quiet new girl challenges him in front of his classmates, his curiosity is piqued. She would be the perfect final score, and what fun to break her in the process.

Too bad Harper Posy has no intention of being just another warm body, especially to the bad boy quarterback. Even if he does quote Forster and Huxley when no one is listening. An aspiring author herself, Cain and his hidden soft side are dangerous to her heart. She's seen men ruin her mother's dreams time and again, and she's determined to fly far away as soon as she has that diploma in her fist.

But as the school year's end looms closer, both realize they didn't quite understand the rules to begin with. Is winning a dirty bet worth the gamble when the stakes, or the other's heart in this case, are so high?

Harper is the one girl who isn't up for playing games. And she just might make Cain lose. Everything.

## **The Tenth Girl Details**

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### **Tina ( As Told By Tina ) says**

This review was originally posted on As Told By Tina I received this book for free from in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review. My first impressions of The Tenth Girl were that this cover is gorgeous. Carrie Aarons is the queen of gorgeous covers. I've read quite a few of Carrie Aarons novels and know that I can expect something light and quick. I'm just a little worried because Carrie writes more New Adult and this is Young Adult. But I'm excited to see what she does in The Tenth Girl.

#### **The Story**

The premise of The Tenth Girl reminded me slightly of my favorite movie ever She's All That except this one is a bit messier. The bet in She's All That is taking the most unpopular girl in school and making her the prom queen. The bet in The Tenth Girl is a group of football players making a bet to sleep with 10 girls before senior year and they win this key to a popular hang out in town.

The Tenth Girl had a ton of clichés. Cain is your star quarterback and Harper is the new girl in town who doesn't care about the cliques. It had the typical high school drama with cliques and endless drama. Harper is the new girl in town. You can basically get the picture just with that.

#### **The Characters**

Cain as I mentioned early is your typical jock. He's super popular who also happens to read a lot but of course no one knows this. He also uses girls in high school for blowjobs and one night stands. He has mommy issues and keeps girls at distance until he sees Harper.

Harper is the new girl in town. Harper and her mother have moved back to her mom's hometown to live with her grandma. This is your typical Texas town. Harper isn't into jocks or the cliques. She's an inspiring author whose been working on a book for years and is so close to realizing her dream. She was also kind of naïve but she was also a teenager so she can be forgiven.

#### **The Romance**

Cain and Harper are both attracted to each other but Harper doesn't want to be another notch on Cain's bed. Cain has his eyes set on Harper is determined to make her the tenth girl. The girl he needs to win the bet. Although the romance starts kind of love at first sight thing. They begin to develop a bit of a friendship and then develop into more. They share their thoughts on the future, share things about their lives.

#### **Overall**

I'm a bit behind in Carrie Aarons' catalog but The Tenth Girl is one I didn't care for. I feel like New Adult is more of Carrie's strong suit versus Young Adult. I do love how she uses healthy sex in the book. I feel like sometimes we forget that teenagers do have sex. This is a light and easy read and if you are in a slump this will definitely help you out of it. I am excited for You're The One I Don't Want, the premise of Annabelle's story.

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### **Nerdy Dirty & Flirty says**

Carrie Aarons gives readers a really good enemies to lovers NA romance with *The Tenth Girl*.

Cain and Harper meet in the most unexpected way on her first day at her new school. Things only seem to go from bad to worse from there. But Cain isn't going to let a little something like Harper's dislike of him deter him from pursuing her. He has a bet going with his friends. Get into ten girls pants by graduation. He only has one girl left to bag and he now has his sights set on Harper. But when plotting and planning to win turns into talking and getting to know each other along with feelings getting thrown into the mix, Cain realizes Harper might cause him to lose more than just a bet.

Cain started out pretty dis-likeable in this story. Some of the things that came out of his mouth in the beginning were cringe worthy in fact. And most of his actions were just as bad. But it makes his fall all the more enjoyable. By the end of the book he was complete and total book boyfriend material.

Harper was a steady kind of character. She had a strong personality and she didn't have to go through any monumental changes to be a pleasure to read about. She knew what she wanted from life and didn't let anything get in the way with that.

I love the way Carrie Aarons wrote the shift of their relationship and all the twists that came along with these two finding their way together. This was a really good story and one that I would recommend to fellow NA romance fans.

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### **Alaina says**

I flew through this book and loved every page!

*The Tenth Girl* was one of those YA books that I didn't know I needed. I dove into it when I was really struggling with this ARC I had received. In it, you will meet Cain and Harper. These two were adorable from the beginning and it was so cute to watch the grinch player's heart growing in size.

So Cain stupidly makes a bet with some of the guys on the football team during freshmen year. Or maybe it was before that?? Anyhoo, they all bet to sleep with ten girls before graduating. You'd think that would be easier said than done.. but I guess now. They also get extra points for sleeping with a virgin. Sounds like a drinking game, right??

Well, enter Harper. She's kind of like Cain's kryptonite. They had cute little banter.. and some sexual tension that people could smell miles away. It definitely turned into something a bit more.. and then he fell for her. WELL, they fell for each other. It was adorable, slow yet fast, and cute overall.

Of course he didn't plan for these feelings and was thinking of bowing out of that game. It doesn't help that Harper overheard this little betting game from his friends on the team. Then there's a great deal of drama coming left and right towards these two.

Overall, it was a pretty cute book. I really enjoyed getting to meet these characters and I fell in love with them instantly. I can't wait for the next book in this series.

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### **Dora Koutsoukou says**

4 ??? ? ? sweet YA ???s♥?

“ «I loved her against reason, against promise, against peace, against hope, against happiness, against all discouragement that could be.» I quoted Great Expectations to her.” Cain

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## Carlene Inspired says

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It's high school and the head jock also happens to be the school's resident bad boy. He's handsome, he plays football, he and his buddies throw all the greatest ragers, and he has no respect for women. He's Cain Kent and he can get away with anything, even winning the four year, ten women bet he has with his friends. No will hold it against him, except maybe the new girl Harper Posy, the one he sets his sights on to be the final girl.

*""From the moment I saw her, I knew she would be my final mark.  
If only Harper Posy had been that simple. If only Harper Posy had been that easy."*

Harper Posy is in school for one thing, to learn. Moving to Texas from Florida her senior year wasn't exactly in her plans, but neither was riling up the jock of the school or finding him attractive. Used to being a loner, senior year in Haven is a totally new experience for the shy, pale girl. She finds friends, gets the best ideas for her debut novel, and finds herself charmed by Cain Kent. unbeknownst to her though, Cain may be a secret nerd who seems to really care for her, but he still has a reputation to uphold.

*"Primal. Pure satisfaction. Dirty secrets in the stairwell of a school."*

Oh Cain Kent, what a classic NA hero, a perfect combo of arrogant bad boy and cocky jock. His perspective reflects his upbringing with an absentee mother, a career driven father, and grandparents unable to provide the dedicated care in their older age. He's raised himself, followed a moral compass that only a jock with no rules could ever dream of. And Harper Posy? She stood no chance against him. She's innocent, beautiful, and bookish smart. Her life experience in the Keys taught her to avoid drugs and alcohol, it never told her what to do when the handsome boy quotes poetry and is patient in his wooing. Told from their dual points of view, The Tenth Girl tells the story of a senior year filled with life lessons and the kind of teen love that can make or break you. It's an authentic new adult romance, with homework, secret parties, and great declarations of romance.

*"Green, the color of glittering stones. They contain every single bad, dirty wish that takes a good girl down. That can get her on her back, out of her clothes."*

I love a good high school aged romance, the kind that takes me back and has me falling in love just like the characters. Carrie Aarons' newest release, The Tenth Girl, is a classic new adult book and I loved the characters she created for this story. Each is independent, something that is refreshing when it comes to the age group, and each is smart. Sure, they're a bit stereotypical, but that allows for the character growth that takes place through out the novel. Cain and Harper mature as individuals even while they are growing together. I really enjoyed watching Cain fall for Harper, because we knew she was a goner before she even knew his name. There were serious topics mixed in with the sweet and fluffy, giving the book the true teen romance vibe. Finally, I LOVED that Harper remained determined even in the face of heartache, she could hurt and still chase success. And I really appreciated that Cain saw that headstrong quality and her drive for success as a good thing, hallelujah. He couldn't fall for any of those others girls, these two were just meant to

challenge one another.

*"I had told myself that I wasn't going to let Cain Kent get to me. But really, I never stood a chance."*

The Tenth Girl was an enjoyable, sweet read with just the right amount of high school angst. I loved Cain and Harper, the secondary characters were excellent, and the story and setting was totally believable. This novel takes you on a whirlwind romance journey that is relatable, smart, and classic without giving in to too many tropes. That said, I would not categorize this as a YA, it definitely falls more in the NA genre due to some of the topics in the novel. I think teen, young adult, and new aged readers who enjoy more mature topics will love it though.

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### Camila Matuella says

Típico livro clichê.

Frases clichês.

Personagens clichês.

História clichê.

E antes que pensem algo diferente eu não tenho nada contra clichê eu gosto de clichê, mas os personagens ao menos tem que ser gostáveis, e muito mais importante a historia tem que ser boa, tudo que esse livro não foi, ou seja nem um pouco bom.

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### Dri ☆ says

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Mais um livro que não funcionou pra mim...

Achei os personagens, assim como a história em geral, muito mal desenvolvida.

Não consegui me conectar com nada.

Ambos os personagens principais foram fracos, sem carisma e sem química alguma. Sem contar que o mocinho foi um idiota no início, tô ficando realmente cansada de ler esse tipo de personagem.

Os comportamentos da Harper e Cain mudavam na velocidade da luz, meio que indo contra a “personalidade” de cada um ou pra ser mais exata, a “imagem” que tentaram passar.

Isso me deixou com a impressão que eu perdi algo, de estar faltando páginas porque eu não consegui acompanhar e muito menos entender essas mudanças tão repentinas.

Pra ser honesta, a leitura foi cansativa e arrastada. E em muitos momentos, previsível e entediante. Nada novo, nada especial ou marcante.

Mais uma história com um certo potencial mas que deixou a desejar em diversos aspectos, porque

infelizmente não foi trabalhada e desenvolvida de maneira apropriada.

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## Courtney says

*"Life is about mistakes. It's how we correct them that matters."*

This book can be pretty much summed up by that quote.

The Tenth Girl has the plot of books and movies that I have read before. But it's the characters and the writing that makes me really enjoy this story and Carrie's take on the idea of "boy makes stupid bet, falls in love and possibly loses girl."

Cain is the star quarterback in his senior year, prepping to go to the most best college he can for football. Harper is the new girl at school after she and her mom move back to Texas for her senior of high school. Harper becomes Cain's next target, but what ensues is nothing either expected.

I love that Harper maybe innocent in some aspects, she has a good head on her shoulders and doesn't always fall right into the "stupid girl" daze. Cain has his douchebag moments, but I like that Carrie paints him a different light than most books too. He has the jock vibe, but he's not a complete dick either.

*"I am what you designed me to be. I am your blade. You cannot now complain if you also feel the hurt."*

Harper and Cain are fairly mature for their age with certain aspects, but sometimes do act a bit childish in their actions at times. As with all teenage love, they don't talk things through and the need to create more drama than necessary is added in, but I think it helps add to the overall vibe of this story.

There is a lot to this story that I enjoyed reading and found entertaining because it just added more to the book. The cliché secondary characters, the parties, the nastiness coming from the school's queen bee - I love these additions in this book - without it, the YA vibe would have been lost and felt too mature for kids still trying to figure out what the hell they are doing in life.

If you are in the mood for an easy and entertaining read - I highly recommend this one.

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## Bibi says

*"Until Cain Kent. That boy is like venom to my veins, paralyzing and scorching all at the same time. I lock up around him, my throat constricts and the apex of my thighs becomes slick and uncomfortable"*

**LMAO** Oh, such silly and overly poetic prose, words that no woman would ever contemplate let alone ruminate on. Sigh. **DNF @22%**

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### **Ariel says**

The only emotion I felt while reading this was annoyance. I hate it when I read the synopsis to a book and that states the h is going to put the H in his place. I'm sitting here think that the h is going to give the H hell, but it took him flirting with her one time for her to completely change her tune. She saw first hand what he was like with girls when he first met her, she was warned by her friend, and he didn't treat her very well the first few times they talked. Despite all of this, she felt like he was a good wholesome person because he could quote books that she liked. Just because someone knows how to quote a book doesn't mean they are not a shitty person.

Plus, I felt like the writing was stilted. One second the H thinks the h is a piece to be played with, and out of no where he says he wants to be serious with her. I don't understand and I just want to put this behind me.

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### **~Dawn~TUG says**

I just devoured this one in a sitting. Like for serious. Two-three hours tops. Addicting. Cute. And Cain. Yum. First time reading this author but I will definitely check out more. Easy read. Enjoyed

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### **Anne Milne says**

After reading alot of small town high school stores I've romanticised them in my head, you know bad boy jock falls for the good girl. If only it had been me.

This story could so easily have turned into cheesy and predictable but it didn't. The thing that saved it was the writing and the characters. I loved Harper and Cain, on paper they shouldn't work but they just do. A story full of teenage angst and emotions which I remember very wel. This author seems to be able to turn her hand to any genre and do the subject justice.

reviewed by Sweet Spot Sisterhood

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### **Heather❁Book and a Blanket❁ says**

I loved this YA football romance! My first book by Carrie Aarons and I absolutely fell in love with her style of writing. This was a sweet, sexy story of first love with just enough high school drama and angst to keep it entertaining.

Cain is that bad boy Harper knows she shouldn't fall for. He is the star quarterback, a god in their small town of Haven, Texas and he certainly doesn't do relationships or commitments. When he seeks out Harper, it starts out as just another conquest for him. So it kind of throws him off when emotions get in the way and he starts to care about her feelings more than getting into her pants. Not gonna lie, even from the start I loved Cain despite what a jerk he was in the beginning. He was cocky, sexy and just oozed that southern charm that was hard to resist.

I loved that Harper was a mature teenager that didn't fall at the feet of Cain like every other girl. She had a

good head on her shoulders and she made Cain work for her attention. She realizes soon there are many hidden layers to Cain like their shared love of reading. He's really a hurt little boy acting out and she discovers a side of him that others don't get to see.

This had all the sweetness and innocence of a young romance that I love about YA but it was also really sexy as well and borders into NA territory. I also need to mention the sports aspect of this book. Now, I don't like football. That's right, I don't watch it and I have zero interest in the game. However for some reason I love football in romance books and this is one of my favorites! I might not understand the rules of the game but I understand heart and passion and during the game time scenes, I felt Cain's love for the this game in my bones. When you get me to excited about this sport, then you know this author did an amazing job and I thought it complemented this love story so well. This is a definite recommendation from me!

**4 Stars**

**Young Adult Romance**

**Heat Level: Mild to Moderate**

**POV: Dual**

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### **Flo Grugel says**

Oh boy! I hated Cain... and then somewhere along the story I liked him and I had a smile on my face by the end.

Good,Solid YA/NA romance.

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### **Bookgasms Book Blog says**

I have been a fan of Carrie Aarons since her Privileged series. There is something about the way she writes her mean boys that I love. She gets the Enemies to Lovers chemistry and banter right but it has that something extra to leave its mark on you. This novel was absolutely delicious and I was obsessed with every word!

Gahh!! I seriously LOVED Harper and Cain. The sassy, independent, new girl and the boy who has the world falling at his feet. I loved their banter and the way Harper gave it to Cain so well. She gave as good as she got and was the only girl who could bring him to his knees. This storyline is my absolute favorite. Mean boy meets Good girl and then we sit back and see the fireworks explode. I loved the premise of the bet and how horrible Cain was at first. It was explosive, fiery and insanely hot!!

Ultimately, I loved how Harper became Cain's exception and how in the end how their connection set them apart. This story was utterly romantic and swoony with the edge that I need. Bravo! 5 stars! ~Ratula

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Few things get me more excited to read a story than a bad boy football player. And sure enough, Cain and Harper started sparking up my Kindle from the very beginning. I loved her sass and backbone. I loved that Cain's alpha-hole ways found no purchase against Harper's feisty spirit. These two gave such good banter, I was hooked from the start!

It lost a little steam for me along the way however. I felt like, for as spirited and rational as Harper was, I expected more resistance from her. I had several eyebrow raised moments where I questioned whether her decisions were true to her character. I also felt like Cain was often just the wrong side of "too mean" for me, and I was missing some soft underbelly that helps me digest all that meanness. I'm picky about my mean boys though - there's basically a very fine line to getting it just right - and *The Tenth Girl* missed the mark for me just a bit.

That said, the ending was completely satisfying and I definitely have an appreciation for the romanticness of being the "exception". The banter alone made this worth the read. If you like your mature YA full of drama, your bad boys extra bad and your good girls full of snark - this will absolutely appeal! ~ Shelly, 3.5 Stars

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