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I rested the ball on my hip and walked back toward the equipment shed. In the dark.

Alone. With a boy.

I would be completely freaking out over varsity soccer tryouts if it weren't for the new student, Graham, who's helping me practice. He has the most amazing green eyes, curly brown hair, and perfect legs. Plus, we have lots in common, since all we both care about is soccer! Well, that's all he cares about. But my heart beats so fast when we're on the field together . . . and I don't think it's just from all the running around.

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Trisha is focused on soccer. Her two best friends, Sara and Beth, also play soccer, but they'd rather be hanging out at Pop's flirting with the boys.

When the JV Soccer coach announces that two of the players will be bumping up to Varsity, Trisha is overjoyed to hear she's on the short list for consideration. Sara is by far the best player, but she isn't nearly as excited as Trisha. So while Sara and Beth head off to Pop's, Trisha decides she's going to put in extra practice time.

When she heads over to the other field, she finds a lone (cute) boy practicing, as well. Trisha has never seen him before, and he's good! He introduces himself as Graham, a new student. He invites Trisha to practice with him, and the two get serious. They push each other harder and soon they are both aching and drenched in sweat. They decide to continue practicing together each afternoon and Graham is just as determined to help Trisha reach Varsity status.

But it doesn't help Trisha when her two friends notice Graham and start telling Trisha how hot he is. Trisha isn't into boys yet, and Graham can't be bothered with girly girls. But when Sara and Beth keep on about Graham, Trisha slowly starts to realize that she gets strange feelings when she's around him.

When the Varsity coach comes to preview the girls before tryouts, Trisha loses her concentration and knows that she can't be around Graham anymore. She'll just have to practice on her own to make the Varsity cut.

THE BOYFRIEND GAME is a sweet look at first love. Trisha is taken by surprise with her feelings for Graham, but what is equally as appealing is seeing Graham struggle with his own conflicting emotions.

The story is simple and quick, but leaves the reader with a happy feeling by the final page.

Clary ?. says

Una lectura tierna, dulce, juvenil y ligera. Justo lo que necesitaba.

???'s Xamante de los spoilersX says

Me sentí re identificada con Trisa y Graham es un amor.

Me encantó <3

Ila says

Si hay algo que le encanta a Trisha es el futbol, pero más que gustarle es su pasión. Incluso ella no puede pensar en algo más que entrenar todos los días para ser mejor en el deporte. Sus dos mejores amigas, Beth y Sara, no comprenden su entusiasmo-obsesivo así que algunas veces se siente más sola e incomprendida que nunca.

Cuando anuncian que solo dos jugadoras del equipo de futbol podrán jugar junto con el universitario Trisha ve la oportunidad por cual siempre estuvo esperando, ella y Sara quedan entre las cinco jugadoras seleccionadas para competir por el universitario.

Cuando Graham llega, las cosas no cambian mucho, a excepción que ella tiene un nuevo-y-sexy-compañero con quien practicar, puesto que él uno de los mejores jugadores de futbol que Trisha ha visto. Cada uno está centrado en sus cosas y no tienen tiempo ni para coquetear un rato, porque ninguno de los dos quiere una relación, porque huyen de ellas, porque a ninguno se les ha pasado por la cabeza siquiera interesarse en su acompañante de prácticas... ¿O sí?

Una lectura rápida y divertida, un libro de una sola pasada, para un momento de aburrimiento y para pasar un buen rato. Me gustó, incluso más de lo que pensé que me gustaría. The Boyfriend Game tiene un poco de todo: romance, envidia, lealtad.

Trisha se mantuvo bien siendo la protagonista. Era real, nada de cosas tontas o demasiado sobreactuadas. Como toda persona cometía idioteces, pero así es como tiene que ser.

Una de las cosas que no me gustó del libro era la repetición de palabras y/o frases innecesarias que no aportaban nada a la lectura. Era irritante.

Y me voy porque ya no sé qué más decir sobre el libro. Simplemente estuvo bien.

Marie says

3.5

This was really cute and sweet. Definitely worth a read.

Penny Lane says

Me encanto! Me parecio tan facil de leer y tan entretenido! Lo recomiendo para pasar un buen rato.

Desi says

Me gustó, muy ligero y se lee rapidito.

Sita says

Sigh

Truthfully I didn't mean to read this book. Sure, I bought it on amazon and it had been sitting on e-reader for a while now, but I never meant to read it. I was actually looking for one of my favorite scenes in another book The Boyfriend Thief, and I only saw 'The Boyfriend' part and I skipped to the part where the good scene in that one happens. I realized after I had started reading the scene that wasn't really the scene I was looking for that I was in a different book, I was now curious. Cause you see I had gone to one of the only kissing scenes in the book and what can I say? It was a good kissing scene. And now I wanted to read the book. So, I'm sitting in bed curled up reading the e-reader when I realize that I am half way done with the book and that it is almost 1am. And my thoughts were to keep reading. So even though I really didn't mean to read this one, I did and am I glad I did. Because this one was definitely worth it. It was just some light YA sporty fluff, that was thoroughly enjoyable.

I liked the characters, Gram and Trisha were such a sweet pair and I loved how their friendship and eventually relationship developed, it was very sweet. I also liked most, and I say most of the side characters, sure I wanted to strangle half of them. But I want to strangle half the people in my life, so no difference there. But the person I wanted to strangle the most was probably Sara. God, you and clones like you are the reason I don't play Soccer and Basketball any more, no matter how much I try I am never as good as people like you with your...grrrr! I'm all frustrated now. Oh well. Enough of me, back on to the actual book. Right, lets move on to the plot.

I really don't feel like explaining the book to everyone, so I'm just gonna give you a picture telling.

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And then...

Then more...

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And then finally...!!

You got that right? Well. Who cares if you didn't? Satan (A.K.A. My younger sister Vidya could have probably understood that, so if you didn't I recommend checking yourself into a mental institute). Moving on...I liked the plot, I thought it was refreshing from all of the other YA novels I've been reading lately, and the plot was original and I really enjoyed reading what happened. Like how the plot was based around

Grahm's and Trisha's friendship, but there were several other stuff in there. I thought that it was done really well, it was really likeable/enjoyable.

The writing was also really likeable/enjoyable and the writing was a lot like most of the other YA novel writing I've read lately but it was still good, it still kept me interested. And cause I don't know what else to say here, I figured I would just rate it, so I have decided to give the writing a 3/5. It was good, not extraordinary, but good, and I liked it.

Overall, this is a good book that I recommend to a few different groups of people.

- 1) YA Lovers
- 2) YA Sports Lovers
- 3) People who like books about sports, and teen romances in the sports.
- 4) That's about it. If you think you would like this book you probably would. It's very enjoyable. Right...so that's the end of my review. And all I can say is...

Don't you just love SUPERNATURAL!!

off topic much :P

Jianne says

So I'm officially in love with jocks and jock-reads. I mean, how can I not? That's the only time I can really read something related to sports because sports and me? We can't go together in one sentence.

The Boyfriend Game is such a sweet, fun and cute read about young love at its simplest. Oh, young love. The wonders of it.

Trisha is my type of character, those who subvert female stereotypes. I don't know I just like reading about girls who aren't girly-girly and now, I'm officially in love with sports. The closest I could get to them is to read about them. Trisha is witty, funny and well, fascinating to read. It's so engaging to read about her voice, her thoughts are like that of a young girl not sure how to approach this wonderful thing called love. Isn't that just cute?

Then there's Graham.

Those kind of boys who see people for who they really not. Not looks, not appearance not what others see. It's like they can see through you and they still appreciate and like you. OMG. This is like falling in love all over again.

It's so fascinating to read how these two characters discover and bond with each other, they have so much things in common despite being different genders. They have this huge chemistry going on and it's just so cute and so giddy and then there's me. With my boring life.

I love who both these characters change and develop over the story, being young can be such a good thing can't it? It's great how sports can lead them to each other.

I'M SO GIDDY AND CRAZY AND KINIKILIG WHILE READING THIS. REALLY.

It breaks my heart with happiness. Too much emotions.

Arushi says

Right. The Boyfriend Game. I have a lot to say about this one. I'll just get this out of the way first, I love the cover. Very chic. Very cute. Very attractive. Super lovely. I like.

What's it about? Well, we have a freshman girl -Trisha- whose sole reason to live is soccer and she wants to make the varsity team this year. Problem is, there are only two spots on the team and her best friend Sara is definitely getting the first one. So to get the other one, Trisha works harder and goes to extra practices with a sophomore Graham.

Both of them hit it off because they don't like the other sex and only care about soccer. Wait, it gets better. They're *not* gay. They're just not into the whole dating shebang. Of course she ends up liking him. She just can't admit it because '*Omigod he'll like, run away*'

Moving on. I found Trisha extremely annoying. She takes the term 'tomboy' to a whole new level. Hello? I'm kind of a tomboy myself but I'd NEVER be flattered if the boy of my dreams called me a **guy with highlights**. That actually happened. I'm not kidding you here. She also doesn't wanna get noticed because of her boobs and gorgeous hair but gets jealous when Graham notices other girls. Interesting.

Let me also add that she doesn't like attention from any guy who doesn't play sports. I mean, she was pretty irritated with a guy who liked her until she found out that he played *gasp* hockey. *Then* he magically got cuter and had attractive dark green eyes and long lashes. Awww swoon. Not.

Through half of the book, Trisha wanted Graham to *not* notice that she was a female and treat her as equal and when he does exactly that, there she is yelling and saying *you know I've always been a girl blah blah*. I did not enjoy hearing about how better Sara was at soccer after every single page and there's only so much of **Crud!** that I can take after every.single.line.

Okay. The romance itself was cute and fluffy and very '*he likes me. he likes me not.*' I did enjoy the whole soccer thing and sometimes Graham and Trisha were funny but the only couple that I loved were Beth and Ross. Because you know, they were shy and made gaga eyes at each other from across the field. Great.

Still, I found myself smiling at the end so this book wasn't *that bad*. An OK read.

Kai says

I really liked how this story started out at first. Girl who loves Soccer so much everything doesn't seem to matter to her, until she meets a guy who was so good at the sport she loved and everything changed. I liked it how Trisha seemed clueless and awkward of the feelings she's starting to have for Graham.

What I do not like is how she's whiny and blames it to her bestfriends. I mean how could you blame your bestfriends for making you realize you like someone? Shouldn't you be grateful that they helped you realize that? I was a little bit irritated with Trisha because she was being a brat. Instead of helping Sara with her situation with Kirk, she goes on and complain about how Sara and Beth ruined her life. She loved soccer that much that she's blaming everything on her friends?

This is a classic example of how girls should not assume. How can Trisha assume that Graham doesn't like her? And all the other assumptions made the story unnecessarily complicated.

I feel bad for her though. She had to denounce her feelings for Graham because she was so afraid she'd lose the one thing that matters to her the most. Soccer. And when she saw Sara and Beth getting all happy, and she felt alone, I feel really sad for her.

She finally realized she was a girl in a really painful way.

It's funny how things seemed to worked out for her in the end though. She got into the Varsity Team, she made up with her friends and she felt good about Soccer again. I guess in the end Trisha is just so naive and stubborn and totally clueless how to deal with her feelings for Graham. She was so unsure and it was kind of cute in a way. Her friends had to help her out again.

Overall I think this an okay book. I enjoyed reading it. It wasn't the best but I was satisfied with how it ended. I think Graham and Trisha would make a cute couple!

Trisha says

meh. but almost too unrealistic. cute and easy, light read.

Jannat Bhat says

The Boyfriend Game is a short and incredibly cute story. I didn't know what to expect but I found that I really enjoyed this short story. I finished this book with a big smile.

Trisha and Graham have one thing in common- Soccer. Upon meeting each other and finding out that they are both dedicated to soccer, they train together to improve their performance on the field and for Trisha to be bumped up to the Varsity team. They keep each other focused and they push each other to the limit. When Trisha's friends make her notice that Graham is hot and totally swoon-worthy, she begins to develop romantic feelings for him. But Graham isn't into dating girly girls...

Trisha is a freshman that loves soccer above anything else. She was such a naive and cute character. She has a sense of humour that made me smile. I loved her dedication to soccer and willingness to push herself to the limit. She's insecure and has a bad habit of assuming things and jumping to conclusions. Graham is like Trisha in so many ways. I liked Graham, he was a sweet guy. As predictable as this story was, his feelings for Trisha was actually really confusing in the beginning. Nonetheless, I think that Trisha and Graham make a really cute couple. Their conversations made me laugh and giggle.

The Boyfriend Game is an easy-read and it doesn't disappoint. I recommend this book for those who love cute romances and are looking for a sugary sweet love story.
