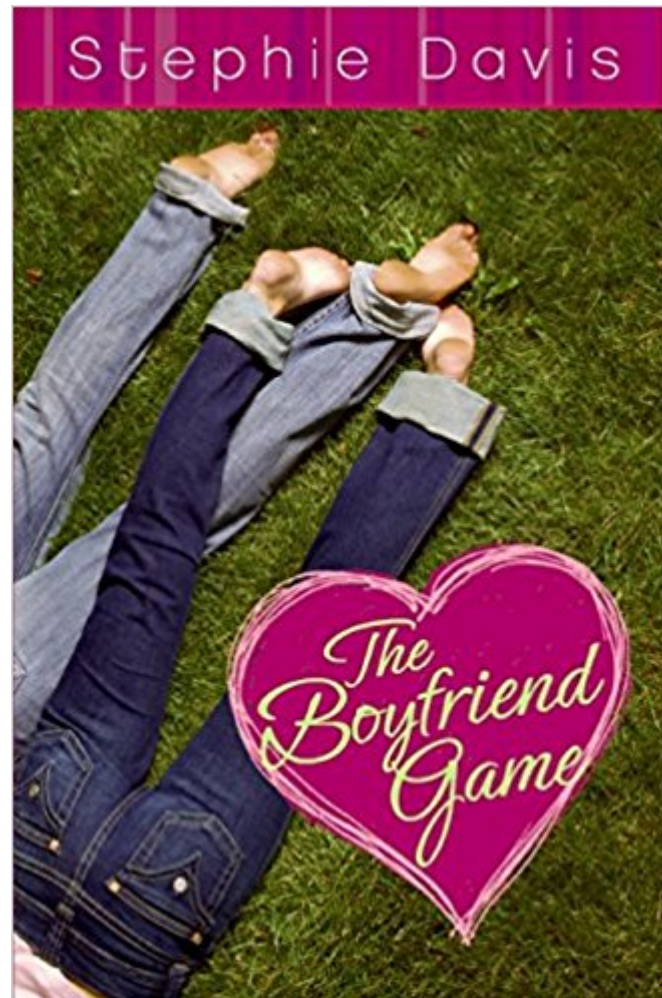




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Synopsis

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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Customer Reviews

I just finished the last page and one word comes to mind: "Aww." Trisha, a freshman, loved playing soccer and couldn't figure out why her friends didn't love it as much as she did and were acting weird around the boys. So when the chance for Trisha to move up to varsity, she decided practicing took priority than hanging out with her friends after school. While practicing, she meets a varsity soccer player, Graham, a sophomore. He offered to help her to practice and Trisha was finally happy that someone understood her passion for sports. After a while, Trisha started to have feelings for him. But how could she tell Graham that she likes him when she knows that would scare him away? This is a quick and sweet read. I read it in about 2 hours. Stephie Davis did a great job on showing the conflicts of first love. Does he like me? Do I like him? I can't tell him that I do, so how can I be near him without showing my feelings? And there was just enough drama between the friends in the middle that made it interesting without making it into a soap opera. Trisha is definitely

my kind of person, so I was really sympathetic to her plight. The ending was wrapped nicely and cute without making it overly mushy. Considering the size and length of the book, I think \$9 is a bit much. I would wait to buy it used. Other than that, this is charming story and I liked this enough to keep it.

I loved this book. It was cute and sweet and featured a strong female lead for young girls. This girl had more bravery than I did at that age for sure.

This book delivers everything it promises, and therefore I have to give it a good rating. While you will probably never see this book winning any awards for writing or innovation it is definitely worth picking up and reading- especially for teen girls who are experiencing the world of dating for the first time, like Trisha Perkins, the main character of the book. But even if you aren't a teen falling in love for the first time, I recommend it. I myself am a happily married woman, but I enjoy going back to those times when I was figuring out the opposite sex. What does that look mean? Why did he say that? How can I get him to notice me? Trisha is all about soccer; she is uncomfortable when boys pay too much attention to her for her body and her looks. She wants to be taken seriously as an athlete. When, as a freshman, she is given the opportunity to try out for the varsity team Trisha jumps at the chance. She skips out on the opportunity to go hang out and flirt with boys with her friends at the local teen hot spot, and crams in extra hours of practice on the soccer field. Why would she want to go out and act crazy over boys anyway? She is thrilled to make friends with a new sophomore who is on the boy's varsity team. Graham doesn't seem to even look at Trisha as a girl, which is great with her. They bond over soccer and a joined stance against dating, and then Trisha starts to fall for him. Now she feels uncomfortable around Graham, and refuses to let her feelings known, lest he runaway from her screaming. Stephie Davis does an excellent job of creating believable characters, who speak and act like real high school students. Often I roll my eyes at overdone "teen slang" but I didn't have that problem with this book. I was really able to relate to Trisha and her dilemmas. Graham was a perfect romantic lead and I loved that Davis spent time letting us get to know the characters so we could see why Trisha would like him. Sub-plots between Trisha and her friends were also well done and very believable. I definitely recommend this book as a sweet romantic read that you will fly through. I finished it in adjust a few hours. Enjoy!

It was perfect for my collection

I read this book and I absolutely love this book. I'm looking forward to read this book again over the summer when I graduate from school. :-D

I like this novel, it was very cool how the author had soccer with the whole romance thing. This is a good one!!!

"He treated me like one of the guys, and it was the best feeling ever. None of that girl/guy stuff. Just sweat and sports and competition. Exactly how I wanted it." Or was it? I loved this book, I couldn't put it down. It reminded me so much of how I felt in my youth. All those trivial arguments with friends, conversations about who liked who, and then there was those confusing boys, still don't understand them, what a fun read.

Trisha and Graham are perfect together. They don't have a clue of their feelings for one another. Stephanie Rowe clearly knows teenagers and her writing shows. I couldn't put it down. I'd recommend any age to read this. It's refreshing!

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