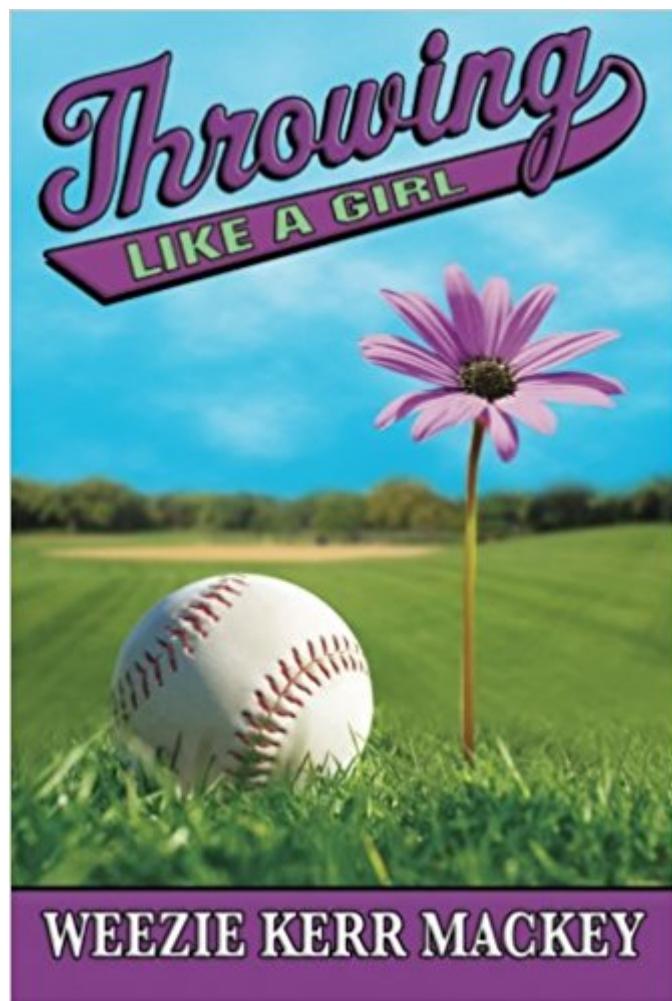


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# Throwing Like A Girl



## **Synopsis**

"I love being on this bus with all these girls who play sports, even if Sally Fontineau, who wants to ruin my life, is half a bus in front of me. It's not like every girl is my best friend. It's just a thing I feel a part of. It makes everything different." No one asks Ella how she feels about moving halfway across the country in the middle of her sophomore year. But she ends up in Texas anyway, without plans for the weekend or friends to guide her through the alien campus of her new private school. So she decides to try out for the softball team and she makes it! Now if only she knew how to throw, hit, and field the ball. "This is the part you can't read in a book. You just have to do it." Ella has a lot to learn on and off the field. Softball changes Ella's life, for better and for worse. She discovers a confidence she never knew she had and makes new friends and enemies. When Ella falls for her snotty teammate's gorgeous brother, suddenly she isn't just fielding balls, she's also dodging evil glares from girls in class and on the team. If Ella's going to survive this year, she'll have to set some ground rules and learn to stand up for herself in the game and in her life.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Gr 6-10-Ella dreaded her family's move from Chicago to Dallas halfway through her sophomore year in high school. At her fancy new private school, she seems to be the only one being driven there by her mother. If only she had her license. However, things start to change when she tries out for softball, for which she surprisingly has a talent. There is also Nate, the boy she's partnered with

for the schools infamous "Marriage Project, and her new friend Rocky, who has a mysterious and troubled past. Ella tries to fit all the pieces of her new life together, but there may be some things she just can't fix. Angela Dawe does a fine job at bringing Ella's inner and outer voices to life as she deals with the angst of being a teenager and pressures both on and off the field. The supporting characters are lively as well, but Nate's narration is a little one-note at times. Fans of Ann Brashares and Sarah Dessen will enjoy Macken's ( Children's Pub., 2007) light, fun sports-mance.-Michaela Schied, Indian River Middle School, Philadelphia, NYÎ (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Ella, whose family has moved midsemester from Chicago to Dallas, tells this gentle yet upbeat story. Trying hard to figure out how to be 15 and living in a new place, she discovers softball as a way to make a new life. She loves her coach, loves learning the game, and even begins to appreciate the construction crew who, working nearby, form a sort of cheering section for the girls. When a talented and popular senior, Nate, is chosen as her partner for a class where students learn life skills, she's nonplussed, and then must put up with his sister's catty abuse. The practice, drill, and habit of softball are truly limned (Mackey was a coach in Dallas), and it's genuinely fun to see how Ella handles her conflicting emotions about, well, everything. It may be unlikely that Ella and Nate hold off kissing until after their prom date, but readers will be delighted with how well the athletics and the girly stuff work in tandem. GraceAnne DeCandidoCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

It's hard to find books that I'm comfortable letting my daughter read, so I was happy to discover this one. I know she's going to love it. I'm going to keep an eye out for more books by this author!

Its an awesome book and I suggest that any softball player should read this book. Its basically all the different genres in one. I love reading stories about softball (my fav sport) very inspiring.

Weezie Kerr Mackey did a really amazing job in the middle of the book and at the end of the book, but at the start of the book things started out very slow. It was slow pace and most readers want to start the adventure early in the book. (To me the adventure has to start early in the book or I get board. I stuck with this one because I myself play softball.) But any way Weezie Kerr Mackey did

a great job with the thrillers.

I bought this book for my daughter to read on her tablet. She is only 7 but an avid reader. She loved the storyline and characters. She was able to relate and connect with Ella. Especially considering she has a cousin who plays softball for one of the top teams in the country. Highly recommended!

Teenager approved. She has read this multiple times and can give a teen an opportunity to reflect on the troubles or challenges in her own life. It makes her feel as if she isn't alone with what she is feeling.

This is an amazing book, and I recommend it to everyone, even people who don't know much about softball. Overall, this is an amazing story of a girl who is adjusting to a new life and has an amazing adventure on the way.

I rated this a 4 star because it was GREAT one of the best books I have read the only thing that I didn't like is that it had some bad words in it.

Great product.

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