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Certain Rules (Too Many Rules Book 1)



Synopsis

There are certain unwritten rules in high school. High on the list, close to the top, is one that says. "Thou shalt not have sex with your best friend's girl." - A simple rule, understood by all. - Danny Carrs totally ignored it. Another rule even higher on the list says: "Thou shalt not beat the crap out of the star quarterback two days before the play-off game." I sort of ignored that one. I figured it made us even. Needless to say, the jerks at school didn't see it my way. Scott James ruined his future when he punched his best friend Danny, Losing any chance at the college scholarship he desperately wanted. Ostracized by his fellow students. Only outsider Katie Rivers braves social suicide to interact with him. Katie Rivers, Prefers being on the outside of things. It's safer out there. Because of a shameful past, she desperately needs to remain invisible. Having spent years perfecting the art of blending into the background she throws it all away to warn Scott that he will be attacked. These two must overcome their pasts to find how to trust each other.

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Customer Reviews

This protective alpha male falls for the plain girl theme has a twist to it that I liked. Scott and Katie meet up in a different way than many novels that I have read before. Set in the midwest, Scott and Danny (the football jocks) are good friends until Scott finds Danny sleeping with his girlfriend. Scott physically breaks Danny's quarterback throwing arm. In this small town, where football is next to God, Scott is shunned from the popular "in" crowd and even the lunch ladies. He is now is the "loner" who eats in the cafeteria by himself until the mousey "library girl", who is also a loner, sits at Scott's table. Scott immediately tells her she is doing a dangerous thing; however, Katie continues to sit with Scott despite his warnings. Katie is different than most teen girls of this genre. She is not scared of the fellow students' reprisals and stands by Scott. Katie does have a crush on Scott but I like that she doesn't "run" from her crush every time she sees him. That characterization is in most YA novels of this type. However, what starts out as loyalty and kindness develops into much more especially for Scott. Katie is definitely the "diamond in the rough" aspect for Scott. He never noticed her until now when he really needs a friend. The more he is with her, the more he develops amorous feelings toward Katie. Scott's alpha male is physically big, handsome and tender. He has a very sweet loving side that becomes more and more appreciative of Katie's inner and outer beauty. He definitely protects Katie when she is harassed by the popular crowd. Katie and Scott both have emotional baggage that has to be dealt with but they stay the romantic course for most of the novel. Overall I really enjoyed this book. My only disappointment is the ending. It felt tacked on and out of nowhere like some Korean soap opera. The "breakup moment" catalyst fell out of the sky by the "evil character" from Los Angeles. At this point, the reader has most to nothing invested in this fear that causes Katie to break up with Scott. This "reason I'm breaking up with you" didn't ring true and from my POV seemed ridiculous--hence, four stars rather than five.

This is one of the sweetest YA novels I've ever read. After my first reading through kindle Unlimited, I went ahead and bought the book. I proceeded to re-read it 18-20 times. I have my favorite scenes bookmarked so I can grab a bit of tender romance when I'm feeling blue. Our hero is a knight in shining armor. Our heroine is layered in mystery. Their romance unfolds gradually from friendship, to a bit of a crush on both sides, to first love, and a delightful HEA in the epilogue. Very occasionally, the writing is a bit stilted, and the haphazard editing is no worse than most indie novels. This story was my gateway to G L Snodgrass' collection of contemporary, historical, and fantasy romances and short stories. I've enjoyed nearly all but one or two of them, and would recommend this author to anyone who likes sweet, clean, realistic high school romances.

I skimmed a large chunk of the ending. I found the characters, plot, background, etc all interesting, but I think some of the high-schooliness got to me (which, I know... I was reading a book about high schoolers). I think it is definitely a great book for a certain age group, but some of the shallowness of the characters (the bullies) just erked me too much.

So I gotta say that this book was a breath of fresh air. I thought it was gonna be all jocks stay with jocks and nerds stay with nerds, but it's not. Scott is the star left tackle and all around good guy. He gives jocks a great name, but when his best friend (The star quarterback) does something that ends there friendship he hits him and there goes his star status at school. Shunned by the entire school...well almost the entire school, Scott takes the high road and shows them hoe unaffected he is. So when he goes to the library for a bit of reading and helps the quiet and hidden Katie, things change. Katie who rule is 'Don't get involved' is hidden to the eyes of her fellow classmates and she likes it that way. But when she steps out of her comfort zone and takes a stand by showing her allegiance by befriending Scot she can no longer stay hidden from her classmates or Scott.

Honestly, it could have been better. I only got about 40% though this book before I gave up. But it wasn't bad it just wasn't good either. I liked the idea behind it but it could have been better executed. It was simply boring and not worth 3 dollars maybe 99 cents would have been a better price. It just wasn't adult enough and I don't mean erotica adult I mean the characters just fell flat and almost like I was in the minds of 12 year olds. I liked the dual POVs and it was well edited.

I really liked this sweet romantic read. The story flowed smoothly. It gave me exactly what I needed at the time. A nice romance.

A heartwarming story that will keep your attention and you will NOT want to put down! G.L. Snodgrass brings life to the characters. The storyline is real and the reader can feel the pain and cry, as well as chuckle and right out laugh as the characters face certain rules that are not always followed! Best friends may not make it to the Big Game, but Author G.L. Snodgrass has scored a Touchdown with "CERTAIN RULES"!!!!

It was a beautiful story and I enjoyed it immensely, but it had too many mistakes which bugged me a lot. Other than that, it was one of the best teen books I have read this year!!!!Looking forward to reading more of G.L.Snodgrass' work!!!!

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