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Play Safe (Make The Play Book 1)



Synopsis

I always thought that when I fell in love it would be easy, like catching the perfect pitch. The right girl would slide into my life as seamlessly as a ball into my glove. That's what I wanted. A typical boy meets girl, girl falls for jock story. But that's not what I got. I had to fall for the one girl I couldn't have. The one girl I shouldn't want. My best friend Cal's younger sister. Against my better judgment, I helped Emmy the night she got into a fight with her loser boyfriend. I did it because it was the right thing to do. What happened afterward was a mistake. A mistake Cal can never find out about. The problem is that it's a mistake I want to make again and again. Even though Emmy is pushing me away, I know she wants it too. If we act on our desire people will get hurt, but I don't think I'm strong enough to fight my feelings. I've never been the type of guy to take a risk, but for Emmy I will. I'm tired of playing it safe.

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Customer Reviews

I've been a fan of Amber's books for a while. She is my go-to author. Any time she announces a new book, I anxiously wait for it to appear on my Kindle. I love her approach to clean romances and know her books would be something I would let my daughter read. Most of the time, Mrs. Garza's characters are molded after normal. The guys she places in them are always swoon worthy and super sweet--the kind of guy you wouldn't mind your daughter dating. *Play Safe* was well written, with only a couple errors. The plot kept me intrigued and the characters felt real to me. But--I didn't really connect with either of the main characters. I didn't feel the pain or confusion that they felt and that's something I count on when I'm reading. Christian has a lot of weight on his shoulders as a 17-year-old guy and it's evident, but I didn't connect with how he was feeling. Emmy--well, Emmy made me want to scream at her. Overall, it was a good book and I love Amber Garza's new obsession with sports romances. I think it's awesome how she always puts something different out there. Onto a few spoilers. Don't say I didn't warn you. Christian was not a guy I could see my daughter dating. I would be livid to hear about the mind games he unintentionally played, and he probably wouldn't be allowed around my daughter until he got some much needed counseling. Christian's character was not a norm for Amber's books. He pummeled people's faces in (they deserved it but still a moot point considering that Garza is known for displaying guys you should want to date...guys that are safe and are ten times better than the guys you read about in other books.) I get why Christian was so anti-Josh. The dude was a straight up jerk--the kind of guys that we ridicule young women for dating and where the usual mantra is 'I can't believe you put up with him.' But, he should've let Josh's words roll off his shoulders. I would've liked to see Chris walk away proudly versus giving in to his anger. Same thing goes for Emmy. I don't understand why she was so weak and fell for the superficial aspects of her relationship with Josh. She dated him because he was hot and he made it possible for her to climb the imaginary social ladder that so many young women yearn to be a part of. Something that isn't going to matter when they're out of high school because at that point no one cares how popular you were. I think the book showed a little of Emmy's growth as a character, but it could've been more. I wanted to see more of the ugly side of popularity when you no longer fit in. I found it disheartening that Ashley was Emmy's only friend, even though Ashley was portrayed as the popular crowd. There needed to be more than one person involved. Maybe, Emmy could have had Ashley as her best friend, but there were other girls? There was a mention of them after Emmy discovered Ashley had been using her, but it would've been nice to see Emmy interact with them before everything went down. And Chris? I just want to hit him over the head. He promised Emmy he would be there and then turned his back on her--while she had to face the music with Ashley. Not that Emmy really cared, but I would have

slapped him at least once for that. I get he had his own issues to deal with, but Emmy was suffering as well. I think there could've been more development for the characters. I would have loved for Emmy to put her foot down with Christian and tell him he's not acting any better than Josh. Because, truly he wasn't. It made me not understand what Emmy saw in him. The special aspect of this book was the counting that Emmy did. I loved that and the little line that Christian fed her about counting on him--before he stupidly let her down.....End spoilers...I will always read Amber's books, regardless, because she writes well and her ideas are fresh. She's also an awesome person all around and she deserves all the attention she's gaining. She inspires me to never let go of my own dream. I absolutely adore her. I liked Play Safe, but I didn't love it. With that being said, I CANNOT WAIT for Cal's story. He was my favorite character in this book.

Looking for a sweet, angst filled forbidden romance? Play Safe is definitely a book to check out. Emmy has had the biggest crush on her brother Cal's best friend Christian for years, but since he's Cal's best friend and hasn't shown any interest in him, she tries to move on with Josh. We meet Emmy while at a party where she's about to confront Josh about his lies, and immediately I hate his character! You can tell he's not a good person, but Emmy stays with him for some reason. When Christian saves her and takes her home, things change between them for a split second, and then Christian says something stupid. Since this story is told in both characters points of views, we truly get to experience this story to the fullest. Christian at times needed to be slapped upside his head. He wants Emmy but doesn't act on it, and then gets jealous of anyone else spending times with her. He's afraid, I get that, but he shouldn't have pushed Emmy away so many times. I felt bad for Christian and everything he's been through, but at the same time, he shouldn't have pushed Emmy away and he should have talked to Cal about what he was feeling. He handled things wrong a few times, but the way he feels about Emmy is definitely noticeable to anyone who has a set of semi-working eyes. That's why I was a little shocked that Cal hadn't put it together sooner. Emmy, oh Emmy... I loved her character, but I hated her at times too. She lets people walk over her in the beginning, Josh, Ashley, anyone and everyone. She thinks she's happy but she's not, and when she finally realizes what she needs to do, is when I didn't hate her anymore. She grew a spine in this book and went after what she wanted. She stopped letting people use her and fought for what she wanted and deserved. I loved seeing the character growth of Emmy in this book. Christian and Emmy's story isn't an easy one, and just when you think they finally have things figured out, something else comes up that makes a mess of things. They are both young, and scared, I just wish both of them would have been more open with one another and not pushed each other away at

times. The bond Cal, Emmy, and Christian share is beautiful and you can tell they will always be there for one another. Cal didn't handle the news of Christian and Emmy well at first, but I was happy to see how things turned out with that situation. This is definitely an angst-filled read, and a stand-alone. I adored Emmy and Christian's story. It was sweet and beautifully written. I am definitely looking forward to reading Cal's book when it releases. He definitely deserves his HEA! I encourage anyone looking for a new adult stand-alone filled with angst and hot baseball players to one-click their copy of *Play Safe* today!

I am a huge fan of Amber Garza, her stories have a great flow to them without unnecessary filler that keeps the reader engaged and wanting more. I am a sucker for the best friend forbidden love stories add in the sports theme and it is definitely a home run. I read this book in one night! I enjoyed the characters anytime you can feel the angst, or get annoyed or laugh out loud while reading I consider it a win! Looking forward to the next book in the series and I can appreciate that it won't be about Christian and Emmy - sometimes continuations are too predictable and I lose interest! Highly recommended to young romance readers and that not so young who like a great romance.

Sweet, clean high school romance. Good lessons about trusting people you shouldn't as well as letting people in. Did a good job showing how tough the social aspect of high school can be. Nice take on a forbidden type of romance. Good characters and a quick-paced story line. Looking forward to reading more in this series!

Not worth it, I was not impressed.. Is there a way for a refund? It was okay, if it was for your first novel. I thought the story would be more. Just, MORE. Disappointed.

How come Cal and Taylor get an epilogue but Christian and Emmy don't? I'm a little disappointed at how this story ends. It's not the same just hearing about their life from an outside source. An epilogue or second book for Christian and Emmy would have been greatly appreciated.

This was an easy read but I liked it. The characters were easy to fall in love with and they seem to all have an interesting story. I can't wait to see what is in store for Falcon and Chole.

This book was amazing!!! I'm eager for the next one. 5 stars.

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