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From New York Times and USA Today bestselling author, Emma Hart, comes the second book in The Game series, and the story everyone wanted after The Love Game...

She's in love with him.

He's trying not to love her.

One night changes everything.

Aston Banks never meant to get close to Megan Harper – not even for that one night. Haunted by a childhood he refuses to face, he knew she could break through every wall he'd ever built and tear them down without even realizing she was doing it.

Betraying Braden by starting a relationship with Aston wasn't on Megan's to-do list, but the second she sees a glimpse of someone other than the arrogant ass she's come to know, she can't walk away.

Aston's childhood is worse than Megan ever guessed, but as he tries and fails to push her away, it's clear her love is stronger than the demons that cling to him every day. And now, because of it, he finally has to deal with what he's buried deep down.

What he doesn't want to face. What he's fought against for so long. And they have to do it all without Braden finding out. Keeping a relationship secret has never been harder.

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Heather andrews says

Out of all of Emma's books this one has to be my favorite. Aston sweet baby Jesus I love him, "you're not being attacked." Aston mutters against my mouth. "Unless you want it." He has a cocky jerk side, "I think you're wrong," he whispers. "Because I'm pretty sure you said you wanted me on Saturday night - right before you dug those nails of yours into my back and wrapped your pretty little legs around my waist." Aston and Megan's relationship is a work in progress through out the whole book, both trying to find their ground with each other and others around them, "face it, baby, you need me as much as I need you. Maybe I need you more. I haven't figured that out yet, but believe me, Megan Harper, if I have to walk out of this room without you promising me you're mine, I will come back and chase you down. I will chase you down and if I have to, I will pin you and your naked, trembling body to that damn bed until you say it." Megan and I we have things in common, like our books, "there's nothing wrong with my books. They give me what I don't have in real life." Ain't that the truth, and when someone messes with those books we get mad, "you don't throw my books. Ever." I tell him firmly. His lips twitch. "I mean it. Next time you throw one of my babies, especially a favorite, I will hurt you." Aston he just makes the story well actually both Megan and Aston do, but the s*** that comes out of Aston's mouth is funny, "please tell me it's easy to ride a horse with a boner."

Patry Fernandez says

En realidad 4,5*

El juego de la pasión es una historia preciosa, romántica, realista y con su parte de drama. Perfecta para disfrutar una tarde de una lectura sencilla y fácil de leer que os conquistará de principio a fin.

Reseña completa -> <http://thewordsofbooks.blogspot.com.e...>

Catarina says

So, this second book is the story of Megan and Aston. If you remember, Megan is Braden's best friend, practically a sister, and Aston is also one of Braden's best friends.

Braden is very protective of Megan and Aston is a bit (being "bit" an understatement) of a playboy that jumps from girl to girl without even remembering their names.

But when they get together one night, they can't stay away from each other and so they start a secret relationship.

And as the time progresses, Megan's starts to see that Aston is more than what he seems and that he's broken by a dark past. And Aston realizes that with Megan, somehow his ghosts no longer seem so important. And when feelings start to grow, they'll have to find out how to become "fre-nemies" to lovers in one day

without losing a best friend along the way.

Despite the good reading that this book was, I liked the first better. Was something missing on this one: probably drama. For a secret relationship with a broken playboy, with a protective best friend thrown to the middle... this was seriously missing some drama.

Nonetheless, I liked it and it's definitely a sweet romance, very fast to read. :)

Angie S says

This is definitely Megan and Aston's book!!!!

Anna says

Aston ♥?♥?♥? what a story!

Off to research some yummy goodness

Lna says

3,5

Estos libros tienen un no-se-qué-qué-se-yo que vaya enganchada. Son JR al 100%, y a pesar de no ser temas novedosos, sus personajes y, sobre todo el ritmo y la prosa narrativa, cautivan y entretienen. Ideales para esas tardes tranquilas de verano...

Aston y Megan tienen una relación tan bonita, aunque no termino de entender ese secretismo al que se agarran tan fervientemente... luego ha pasado lo que ha pasado. Quizás me gustó un poco más el 1º, pero es una saga interesante que seguiré.

***J* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

3.5 SWEET and SAPPY Stars!!

Awwwwwww!

This book just made me smile. It was so sweet, and cute and sappy. :) It was **NOT** deep! But it was entertaining...and a quick read.

Playing for Keeps is book 2 in The Game series. The whole gang is back....Braden and Maddie (featured in The Love Game), Lila and Ryan, Kay (the bi-sexual friend) and Aston and Megan. PfK is Aston and

Megan's story. These are standalone books, and while I did read *The Love Game*, I still found myself a little confused about the dynamics of all of the different relationships. Who was friends with who....who lived with who....who was dating who, etc. But I caught up pretty quickly.

One thing to remember is that Braden and Megan are childhood BFFs. Braden and Maddie fell in love in *The Love Game*. Braden is super protective of Megan and has threatened everyone in his frat house to stay away from Megan, specifically Aston--Braden's other BFF. But one weekend while Braden and Maddie are out of town, Aston and Megan hook-up.

Aston is of course one of the campus sluts, sleeping with a different girl every weekend. He sleeps with women to forget about his abusive past. Until he meets Megan, and she's different. Megan's not just a one time thing. She makes him feel. This was a rather predictable story, as you can see. Ultimately Aston ends up opening up about his past for the first time with Megan. His biggest fear being that knowing will push her away. But Megan is there for Aston and helps him to overcome his past.

Like I said, this was cute. It was predictable, had little depth...but it also had some steamy sex scenes and some witty dialogue amongst the group of friends. I would recommend this if you're looking for something quick and fun. Something to get lost in for a few hours. This was a standalone with a HEA. I am hoping the next book in the series is about Kay--she's one of my favorite characters.

Alessandra Thomas says

Aston and Megan would be perfect for each other, except for two small problems - Aston's a man-whore, and Braden, Megan's best friend since childhood, knows it. Braden's like a brother to her, and even though Aston is his friend, he'd kill Aston before letting him tear Megan's heart out like he's done to a thousand other girls. There's just one problem - Megan's falling hard and fast for Aston, no matter how much Aston thinks she can find someone better.

Aston and Megan are magnetic. I loved Megan's determination to get Aston to see that his life has worth, that he's an incredible person despite his past. Their chemistry absolutely explodes on the page with tension and heat, and their dedication to making sure each has the best future possible is incredibly touching.

This is a book about learning that people can always change - even your best friends, even the people from your past who hurt you most, even - and probably most importantly - yourself. It's a beautiful story about not only finding someone who helps you see a future for yourself, but who also helps you understand that your past, though it's painful, has had an incredible hand in

PLAYING FOR KEEPS is an exquisite mixture of sweet, heartbreaking, and fan-yourself hot. This story grabbed hold of my soul and, weeks later, still hasn't let it go.

☆ Bianca ☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆ says

Anne OK says

Aim for the moon, because even if you miss, you'll land among the stars. --Megan, from *Playing for Keeps*

If I hadn't liked this cast of characters so much in the beginning of this series and already been half-way in love with Aston, there would have been no hope that this book would work for me. But Aston's childhood horrors, the questions behind so much blame and guilt kept me reading, and of course, the hot and cocky bad boy attitude Aston exuded daily grabbed me from the first book in the series. As a reader, you just knew there were so many underlying currents waiting to surface.

However, all the secretive messiness just didn't sit well. I couldn't relate to the "Braden issue" as being the consuming reason for the "big secret." Never made any sense to me. Too many other major and emotional subjects within should have taken the major role. The author should have found a better answer to all the silliness surrounding her use of Braden and his "protectiveness" of Megan as the reason for all the hush-hush hiding, sneaking, and lies continually front and center. And also, what about Maddie, Braden's girlfriend? Come on girl, get your guy in check -- this kinda friendship is a bit whacked -- don't ya think? It just didn't balance or work -- for me anyway!

The positives for me included some wonderfully written dialogue and the attraction between two young people on totally different ends of the spectrum. The relationship building between Megan and Aston was particularly tender and fun to watch take shape. Megan's best friend Lila was another great addition to the cast. She's the kind of friend a girl would love to have -- the "unconditional" kind! And Gramps stole my heart from his first sassy and gruff remarks to all the love and sweetness in his heart.

There were numerous editing problems that could have easily been avoided with a little extra attention. No, it wasn't exactly up to par and what I had envisioned. Still yet, it wasn't a complete loss and overlooking the aforementioned "messiness," a good story.

Selly - Leggere Romanticamente says

La mia recensione sul blog ---> <http://www.leggereromanticamente.com/...>

Tornano i personaggi della serie The Games, anche se questa volta la storia vede protagonisti principali Aston e Megan.

Come probabilmente ricorderete, Megan è la migliore amica di Braden: i due si conoscono sin da bambini e sono cresciuti insieme, tanto che lui l'ha sempre protetta come fosse la sua sorellina minore.

Megan proviene da una famiglia ricca ma non è assolutamente una snob, studia letteratura, è sempre immersa nei libri e sogna di trovare il suo Mr. Darcy (E chi non lo sogna?!).

Megan ha già conosciuto un ragazzo in grado di farle sentire le farfalle nello stomaco, ma nessuno ne è a conoscenza perchè si tratta di Aston, il migliore amico di Braden e dongiovanni incallito, da cui è stata messa in guardia più volte.

Scelta sbagliata? Direi di no, visto che Aston non è solo terribilmente sexy ma anche molto intelligente e attaccato al nonno che l'ha cresciuto. In poche parole, nemmeno i suoi amici lo conoscono veramente, se non per il suo status di play boy strafottente!

La cruda realtà che ha dovuto affrontare Aston da bambino l'ha sempre condizionato facendogli credere di non meritare nulla, soprattutto di non meritare una brava ragazza come Megan, che è l'unica a fargli provare qualcosa di diverso.

Insomma i due ragazzi si lanciano continue occhiate e frecciatine, ma con Braden di mezzo ognuno va per la sua strada... fino ad un indimenticabile bacio che nessuno dei due riesce a togliersi dalla testa!

Mentre nel primo libro la relazione tra i due è nata per gioco, per una scommessa, in questo libro non ci sono scommesse in atto (quindi non fatevi fregare dal titolo!), l'unica cosa su cui potrete scommettere è "quanto si incazzerà Braden quando scoprirà il segreto dei suoi due migliori amici?".

Entrambi i protagonisti mi sono piaciuti molto: Megan è una romantica sognatrice come me, non si scoraggia, e non ha nessuna intenzione di lasciar perdere il ragazzo che le ha rubato il cuore, mentre Aston mi ha fatto molta tenerezza, soprattutto nei flashback del suo passato... nessun bambino dovrebbe mai vivere certe brutte esperienze!

Ho molto apprezzato il continuo battibeccare con frecciatine e doppi sensi tra Megan e Aston, un interludio divertente è sempre ben accolto: quei due sono davvero esasperanti!

La storia è molto carina e scorrevole, vengono affrontate anche tematiche difficili, ma sinceramente continuo a non capire perché tenere segreta la loro storia! Quella è l'unica cosa che proprio non mi è andata giù!

Nel complesso l'ho trovato un romance new adult molto carino e dolce e visto che le scene sensuali non sono quasi per nulla descritte adatto anche ad un pubblico YA.

Mari?ina says

4,5 Stars only for Ashton!!

Ashton, Ashton, Ashton!!!!

He is perfect and i mean it with all of my heart. His past life was so cruel and he hides everything with putting up an act.. The act of a jerk but still it's all just a game to hide who he really is..

He is emotional, hot, gorgeous, smart, sexy, sensitive and broken..

And when he cries.. I want to cry with him..

Megan on the other hand had a great life so she doesn't have the same background with him.. Being on his side and helping him is great but the truth is i didn't like her as much as i thought i would.. Maybe because i had a huge problem with how Braden was acting out and cause she was really dramatic with no reason at all in some points..

I liked the story though and mostly anything that had to do with Ashton, his past and his dreams..

His grandpa was amazing too and overall i really enjoyed every character except Braden..

I didn't expect to be so displeased with him.. I didn't like how he acted with Megan.. Maddie should be his number one..But i'm still happy that my Ashton delivered the whole player + good girl = fairytale..

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE BOOK

- The childhood memories were heart wrenching..
- I loved their "talk" in the kitchen, with the apple.. HOT
- The cookie story.. O.M.G. *SOBBING*

- The talk Ashton had with his grandpa was so sentimental..
 - He is a tortured hero..
 - The rain scene!!! PERFECT...
 - I wanted to see more of their friends..
 - I liked Maddie..
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La Narradora says

Una historia entretenida que se lee en nada. Un Astor que se hace querer desde el primer momento y una Megan enamora y chispeante que nos hace pasar buenos ratos. La trama no tiene mucha originalidad y apenas hay conflicto (a parte de ese secretismo que no acabo de entender muy bien). No está mal, tiene momentos buenos, aunque para mi gusto le falta algo para que sea una historia redonda.

Sera ~ Catty Reader says

I feel like I would've liked this book if I've read it a long time ago.

But now.. I'm just not feeling it. Their characters, their romance, their struggles... I got nothing. Don't care either way.

I'm sure it's just me. Maybe I've read this type of book one time too many. Maybe I'm starting to get too old for this storyline. Who knows?

Anyhoo, I recently decided that life is too short to read something I don't enjoy just because I don't want to leave a book unfinished. So I'm DNF-ing this sucker.

Emma Hart says

'Cause, well, yeah. Naturally, I think it's bloody brilliant.
