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From the author of *Labor of Love* and *The Boyfriend Project* comes another beach-perfect novel of fun, friendship, and the boys of summer, great for fans of Stephanie Perkins, Lauren Barnholdt and Susane Colasanti.

Dani's a tomboy, totally useless when it comes to romance. But this summer she and her best friend have a foolproof plan to change all that. Both of their families will be hosting summer league baseball players—a whole league of potential boyfriends!

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Mlpmom (Book Reviewer) says

This was a super quick, super cute, and super fun read that is just perfect for this time of year when you want something light fun and that will put a smile on your face.

Em-em says

Dani has always wanted a boyfriend, with the baseball season just starting and a whole baseball team coming into town she saw her chances. She talked her parents into offering their house as temporary resident to one of the players with the promise that she won't be falling in love with him. She plans on using the resident boy into introducing her to other baseball players. Problem with this promise was she never pictured that Jason would be very good-looking. She struggles to stop herself from liking the boy staying in a room across from hers only to be stuck in a wrong relationship. Will she finally end up with the right guy before the season ends?

This book is very HILARIOUS. It is FUN to read. Summer romance is written all over it. It is not the serious type of book that is serious and has mysteries. It is a happy book about a teenager trying to find love while also confronting her own issues. She has insecurity issues with her sister who is a pageant girl. I think that Jason is really HOT and a very good guy. I like that he is considerate. Dani is dead on very funny. She puts humor in things that she is in. She is also a very good picture of being true to one's self. Well except for the part where she tried to impress Jason on that first night or not playing baseball with his dad while Jason is playing. But other than those few times she was herself and she did not deny her love for the game. I think Dani's parents are very cool too. The ending of the book was nice. It was a happy ending and let me tell you I am a big fan of happy ending when it comes to romantic novels. This ending though holds a lot of possibilities for the future and I love that.

This book is very fast to read. Read it in four hours. I can't put it down. It was one of those books that you just read for the fun of it. I will read it again just for the fun of it.

Kai says

3.5 stars

A nice read.

I can't really say its the best, but it wasn't that bad.

At first, the idea of just doing this and that for boys made me think that the book would be really shallow and would just be about Dani trying to make a fool out of herself looking for a boyfriend, but its not really. I hanged on, reading and wanting to know what would happen between her and Jason.

I really want to shake her to death because she's really thinking about Mac. And I somehow feel bad for Bird

because she can't really see beyond Brandon's hottie face when he really is a good for nothing dude. They don't even end up together, in the end he was just the "summer boyfriend". But they love each other, so I'm moving on.

I felt so sad for Jason, and it really got me when Bird described the way he looks at Dani like "she's something he cannot have". But when it worked out and he moved out for the sake of his sanity because he couldn't possibly keep his hands off Dani, I thought "now that's a great guy there!".

I felt like it kind of dragged out in the end, but I'm glad it ended the way it did.

Natalie says

3.5 stars

A really cute, summery, YA romance. I found Dani to be likable, and I liked her relationship with her sister. She and the love interest were cute together. I feel like in a lot of these types of books, the love interest is kind of a jerk, but this guy was really sweet.

The book is very dated though due to numerous now defunct pop culture references, such as the love interest telling Dani he went to Blockbuster and rented movies for them to watch, or Dani comparing her sister to Bree from

Desperate Housewives, which has been off the air a long time now. She also has a poster of Chad Michael Murray on her bedroom wall - whatever happened to him?

Laurence R. says

Sooooo cute! I still don't understand a thing about baseball, but I'm pretty sure I'm a lost cause.

This is a really fun and nice book to relax yourself. I loved the characters, their chemistry, their passion for baseball and the interesting plot. While I must say I didn't really like the idea that started the story, which was to find a boyfriend for Dani and her best friend, I liked seeing their characters develop and realize that their initial plan had some flaws. They started as kind of superficial, since all they cared about was having a boyfriend, no matter who he was, but actually getting one made them grow a lot and I enjoyed reading about them. There's also development when it comes to Dani's family, since she sees her sister as a superficial beauty pageant when the story begins, but she realizes there's a depth in her she had never suspected.

I've seen this many times, but I love reading about passionate characters. Whether it's about music, literature, arts, sports or maths, I'm often inspired by passionate people. I loved reading a baseball themed book, even though I could never share this passion, but I must admit I wish I had seen a bit more of this passion in Dani. While she talks about how she has baseball posters in her room and how she used to play with her dad, it all seems to stop when she starts thinking about having a boyfriend, because all she can think about then are beautiful abs, arms and faces. I know she's a fan of the sport, but I don't think it's well represented.

I thought Dani and Jason's relationship was adorable. It's very realistic and I could see their chemistry pretty much from the beginning. I love that they have so many things to talk about and that they care a lot about

each other ever since they met. I do wish their relationship had been a bit less parent-friendly, because although it was the best thing to do, it felt a bit too perfect for me (parents-wise) and it left me kind of frustrated (which is the big deal, haha!).

I had a really nice time reading this book and I'm definitely still a fan of Rachel Hawthorne!

Manisha says

Dani loves baseball, and this year she's looking forward to snagging one of the boys from the summer league as her first boyfriend. When she notices an ad asking families to house players, she immediately comes up with a plan for her and her best friend Bird to board a player for the summer. Thus, she'll have a great "in" with the team -- and first chance at picking the best guy.

Dani and Bird are immediately caught up in the excitement of being surrounded by so many hot guys and Bird quickly finds a boyfriend in Brandon. While Dani is interested in, and starts dating, Mac, she can't help but feel he only likes her because he sees her as a look-alike to her pretty beauty pageant and Miss Ragland sister Tiffany. Then Dani begins to realize the only member of the team who makes her feel that spark is the one hottie who is off limits, her family's hosted player, Jason. What's a girl to do when she's so close to having her summer boyfriend wishes come true?

Rachel Hawthorne excels at teen romance novels creating tension between the two characters that leaves the reader in high suspense, which makes for a very enjoyable read.

Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

Danielle loves baseball and boys. This year she is determined to catch a boyfriend when the summer league comes to town. When she sees an ad in the local paper asking for host families for some of the team she talks her parents into letting a player stay with them, on condition that she not fall for that player. Unfortunately, Jason is not only the hottest guy on the team, he is also the only guy that Dani wants to date. What's a girl to do?

This was a really cute, light read. I enjoyed Dani's tomboyish character and the situation she found herself in. The book was lighthearted and clean, a good YA novel. The only thing I would have liked is if Dani had been a little older, or Jason a little younger. She is going to be a senior in high school and he is just starting college. It probably isn't a big deal, but it would have been nice if they were the same age. Other than that, I thought the book was well done. This was my first Hawthorne book and I definately think I'll be checking out her other works.

Kayla says

This book had a cute and heartwarming ending. And it was corny as hell. Seriously, if you didn't see that one coming, you really should remove your cultural blindfold. This stuff simply does not happen in real life. Parents do not agree to let hot (not to mention single) teenage boys stay across the (conveniently isolated)

hall from their single teenage daughter. And even if they did, what are the chances he's Mr. Right? I mean, the kids are barely past puberty. All Rachel Hawthorne novels are the same. Change the names, change the location, change the thing that single boy and single girl have in common and blammo! She's got a new book! Sure, she's probably well respected and rich as hell, but I like books with more...oh, what's the word?...substance.

Angela says

OMG!!!!!!!!!! I LOVE THIS BOOK!!!!!!!!!! YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY READ IT! :D

Iuli says

If you want a light, short, sweet, girly, short book this is perfect for the summer. It made me smile and laugh so much !

This book is about a girl named Dani that loves baseball but she loves boys even more..! The baseball team is coming in the town and needs homes for the players so she finds a great opportunity to get a boyfriend and so does her friend, Bird.

Dani feels like she is always in the shadow of her sister that is a beauty Queen....but not this time cause the HOT pitcher :) has her eyes on her and so does she...the problem is that she has already found a boyfriend but is it the right one?

I found Dani hilarious and I really liked her personality...You will find this story awkward and relatable and Amazing :))

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Maija says

Well the book is interesting and the plot is good.

I really like that the book is about sports that I don't know much, because it gave me an insight of baseball and the life of players.

The story is about a girl, Danielle, who loves sports, especially baseball. When she reads an article in news paper about The Rattlers baseball team that needs a place where to live while they play game in Summer for three months, she talks her parents in to take one player in their house. So, there comes Jason who she later falls in love with. But she promised her mother she won't do anything like that.

Later she dates Mac, one of the other players, but she doesn't love her and he just liked how she looked(like her sister, who is Miss Teen Ragland) like one time.

Yes, there is a love triangle, kind of. Mac and Dani got together, but didn't love each other, because Mac loved Dani's sister, but Dani- Jason. And of course everything was all right when Dani picked Jason.

Um, it's romantic and quite sweet book. I enjoyed reading it.

Sasha B says

"I'll be okay alone in the backyard.' He stepped off the treadmill. 'I'm going to go shower.'
He waited a heartbeat, like he expected me to say I'd be happy to keep him company in the shower, too."

What a fun read! I loved Daniella and Jason's relationship. Jason was such a shy character, which made me love him even more. Daniella and her craze for chocolate cookie dough ice cream. which I adore as a matter of fact, and her attention to Jason's well being was especially adorable!

Overall, The Boyfriend League was a fun, summer read. It just so happens that I am also on my first week of Summer break, just like Daniella (What a coincidence!) The reason for 3 stars is the story is overused and it's not something I haven't heard before. I suppose I'm just a really picky reader nowadays. I feel like I am rereading the same story and that if you were to compare all the chick lit books that I've read recently, you could EASILY find a common story line-The girl is a somehow different from her best friend or her sister and was never noticed before "that summer" or "that spring or winter break." The boy, the main boy, somehow begins to like the simple yet different girl that she is. BUT, there just so happens to be another boy who notices her as well. The both fight over her blah blah blah but the girl likes the boy who is shy or different from the rest or the boy who the author chooses (: It's not that I don't like the storyline, it's just overused.

I do like how Hawthorne made Dani, nickname for Daniella, have the idea that a baseball player should stay at their house. Usually in chick-lits like these the best friend or sister decides what will "happen" in the summer. I also liked how Dani was not shy but Jason was. There was something about Jason and Dani's relationship that seemed communal or public. I say that figuratively because their relationship may have been hard to notice at first, but I think, if you were in your right mind, that their relationship was SO FREAKING OBVIOUS! Of course the parents knew though, so win for the parents of the literary world!

Though I've never been a big fan of Baseball, I'm fully aware of the Baseball frenzy--I'm referring to how hot Baseball boys are (That's as shallow as this review is going to get! Sorry (:) It's true. Jason was one hunk...

It was a fun read and if you need a good summer book to pass time or a book that makes you feel little bits of envy or jealousy every few pages or even a book that makes you laugh, The Boyfriend League is the book for you!

Otherwise, no. (:

Natshane says

This is actually quite a funny book. I loved Dani's humour and what's interesting about this book is that the romance is not overly dramatic. Instead of the usual 'she's my life, he's my life' thing, this book presents itself properly, cute and adorable, that first attraction is well written. Though the plot could be easily guessed, still it's adorable. I remembered laughing at the jokes they've made, and the baseball scenes are pretty adrenaline-junking, if you could imagine them just right. One thing about this book is that, it's a bit too short! (Maybe because I just can't get enough of it, ha!) Overall, it's a wonderful read and managed to make my day better. I

glad I picked it out and when I started it's absolutely an unputdownable.

Avon Bernabe says

4.5 stars!

This is the kind of book that gets me into reading more and more and more. I can't seem to put it down. Stopping myself even just for a while to read this may be a kind of sin. Ahhhhhh.

I love the lead female, Dani. She's just so herself. Although she got swayed for a while, but still, she stayed true to herself. And that's what I liked about her. I can relate to her. And I love that she's a girl and a sports junkie at the same time. I am not really for those girls who are so obsessed with fashion and everything. Dani is the perfect balance. just the way I like it. And to top it all off, baseball. Wooo. That's impressive.

And may I just say that I looooooove Jason? A perfect gentleman, yet he knows when to act. He's gonna make you want more of him. He's such a hottie. A hottie but not a jerk. Just like Dani, jus the way i like it. SO they are absolutely perfect for each other. Oh, and Jason plays great baseball. ;)

I wo'nt be bragging much about this book cause Dani and Jason are what or whom I mostly care about in this book. LOL. But ofcourse I love Dani's Dad and her wise take-out queen Mom. I also learned to like her "beauty queen" sister Tiffany towards the end.

The Boyfriend League is a light teenage romantic story. It's not too heavy and it is perfect for young adults. I need not say more. I just love this book. PERIOD.

Angela Hart says

“The Boyfriend League” is aptly named. Our main character, Dani, wants nothing more than a boyfriend for the summer. Not having ever been in a relationship, Dani imagines having a gorgeous baseball player boyfriend on her arm. Going into her senior year of high school, Dani thinks it is about time she and her best friend, Bird, seriously pursue relationships.

In order to meet more men, Dani convinces her parents to invite a visiting baseball player to live with them. The local team ran out of locations for the players to stay and asked for local families to take them in. Dani believes that her new “roommate” will take her out to events and introduce her to his fellow teammates. The first step in her master plan is to make friends with this ballplayer.

However, once the new player, Jason, arrives, Dani’s plan goes off the rails. Instead of wanting him to introduce her to his friends, Dani just wants him. But, Dani is awkward with Jason, lacks self-confidence, and her parents would never approve. What is a girl to do?

“The Boyfriend League” is a clean YA/NA romance read. I read it in one night and thoroughly enjoyed the writing style. Hawthorne is able to paint a picture in each scene. Well-done!
