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Balls is a standalone romance novel with no cliffhanger and a HEA. Due to strong language and sexual content, this book is not intended for readers under the age of 18.

Balls (A Cruz Boys Novel, #1) Details

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A??ela W. says

I was given this book an exchange for an honest review. Spoiler Ahead This was a good book and I love reading about "*Bad Boy*" sports stars. Alexis has her world turned upside down by her fiancé who cheated on her with her bridesmaid on your wedding day so what does she do she moves to Europe. Alexis goes to Barcelona writing for a food column, when her true love is sport. Sneaking in to get an interview with the hot ripped sports superstar Leonardo Cruz when things take an unexpected turn for the good for both of them. Leo needs to clean up his act to safe his job so Alexis agrees to be his fake girlfriend. This book was funny and Alexis friend Megan had me crying from laughing so hard also the things that Leo said. This was a great read the character's were well developed and I found myself cheering for Alexis and Leo the whole way. Deep down Leo is a kind and caring man a side of him that the public doesn't see. This book was well written with no errors in grammar or spelling. This is the first book in a new series too me and I love the way both of these authors write. I am looking forward to reading the next book in this series.

April says

****received an ARC for a honest review****

Looking for a hot soccer player with no filter, this is the one for you. The things that come out of Leo's mouth are shocking, straightforward, and a bit crazy. Alexis is not one to hold back once she gets around Leo.

The crazy meeting between the two. I was just as embarrassed for Alexis.

This was a whirlwind romance. Leo being a womanizer and Alexis, a girl needing to let go.

Even the secondary characters had me laughing. Megan was a riot!! I would love to see her story.

This does end with a HEA. Some parts of the story were a bit crazy, but it was just Leo. It was so worth the read.

Dierdre says

PLAGIARIZED!

I'm not sure if the authors--**Nora Lane and Danielle Slater**--thought they wouldn't be found out...but this book is a blatant copy of *Bad Boy's Baby* by Sosie Frost with only the smallest of changes made to the story. They took the book, scene by scene, and shamelessly presented it as their own.

And they must have realized they did something wrong--Danielle Slater's name is off of the book, though they weren't quick enough on the cover change.

Sorry ladies. If you do something shady, you're gonna get caught. Stop misleading your readers with plagiarized books.

Lissa Smith Reads'~Bookaholics Bookshelf Reviews says

I quote the Shit out of this book on Facebook... it's just faster... if I could figure out how to use the mobile app for Goodreads I would quote here.

Raunchy and funny with a budding insta love.

Tonya says

This is the second book by Danielle Slater that I have read. I'm giving it 3.5 stars.

I love how the story started out. The whole jilted bride, on her wedding day. The second half of the book fell short for me though. I found it to be really predictable.

I did enjoy the story, but I didn't feel the connection, past the sex, between Leo and Alexis. Their first meeting was funny and did have me laughing.

I think my favorite characters were Megan and Josh. I loved Megan's comebacks and the things that came out of her mouth. Josh is a little Romeo, that's for sure.

I will probably read more of this series. It wasn't bad. It was an okay read.

Charmaine Walker says

Received this complimentary Arc copy from the author for an honest review.

Oh Alexis, what a to do. After finding your now ex fiancé Robert cheating with your bridesmaid on your wedding day. You need to re focus. Good job you have a decent friend in Megan and a job that needs developing. A scoop would help, in the form of Leonardo Cruz. The Lion of Spain, favourite soccer player. Now that would be an interview not to forget. Oh boy, does it become memorable.

A story about Leo's and Alexis relationship, ups and down in more ways than one. His love for her.

This story made me laugh so much at times, made me tear up as well. The characters are brilliant such as sexy Megan, sweet Josh, Leo's brothers Dante and Gio, but especially Ms. Pickering, what a cheeky woman ha ha ha.

Lots of sexy love, romance, excitement, drama, sex, fights, personal worry, sex and a story you can't put down. Loved it all

Becky Rendon says

My family are Spanish League soccer followers so I was extremely giddy when I realized where this book

was taking place. Then throw in Camp Nou like you're say MCDONALD'S and well I was panting.

That aside, it a fun book. I enjoyed the story line (though there are currently several very similar ones that released recently). I think my biggest bummer (I don't want to say disappointment) was that it followed an obvious formula for the other books and didn't vary much.

If I had read this ARC before those, I think I would have been more enthusiastic. However, some lines had me feeling deja vu from the previous ARCs.

Helen says

Wow Leo has big balls, what a cocky arrogant bad boy, I loved him right off the bat. I also really enjoyed the character of Megan what an awesome friend to move to a foreign country with her best friend. Then you have Alexis a beautiful strong independant women. Ditched at the alter she and her best friend move to Barcelona. As a reporter her duties are to review Tapas Restaurants, but she decides she wants to move up so goes to get an interview with the famous soccer player Cruz. Wow do things get interesting from there, this is a must read story.I received this book free in exchange for an honest review. I have now read a few books by this author and have enjoyed each one and will continue to read her books.

Melissa Mendoza says

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Author: Danielle Slater & Nora Lane

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"She batted her lashes and my blood pressure went through the roof, or into the sky above as there wasn't a roof."

5 fake stars! I loved this book so much more than I thought I would....

I can't stress how funny and sexy this book is. Alex is a sports reporter trying to get an exclusive interview with THE hottest soccer star Leonardo Cruz. And then things just take a funny and awkward turn from there. There were times I was laughing out loud and then in the next breath I was fanning myself from how hot this book is!! Leo is a sexy, sexy soccer stud, I mean what's not to love and Alex is a snarky, hilarious reporter.....and I loved her! This book is a standalone and it's absolutely worth the read!!!

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? mary says

The first chapter almost made me shed tears of despair and laughter too I admitt ... WHAT a disgusting incipit, if you can muster the guts to continue after that you're braver than I am .. D.Slater & N.Lane you are not authors I would ever call talented #theEnd I cannot believe they needed two writers to pen such an awful prologue ...

Lisa says

This is a book that will knock your mind into overdrive wondering how Leo can say what he does and not constantly get slapped across the face for it

Leo has no filter on his mouth. He says what what is thinking. He is what the media has dubbed The lion of Spain on the soccer field field. He just happens to carry that title with him off the field as well until he meets one reporter that wasn't one that really followed the rules. She had plans and she was going to follow them she just never thought she would get the break she was looking for the way she did.

Alexis was about to be married when she found her hours from being husband to be with a bridesmaid. She didnt let that stop her though she had plans and she was going to follow them. She and her best friend Megan went to Spain to live like she had planned. That is where she met Leo. How she met him was somewhat unconventional. Now that she had she had to save not only herself but also him. He had a reputation that needs repairing but can she do it. Can she turn a playboy around enough so he doesn't get kicked from the

team. Can she take his words and turn them into something that is acceptable.

Karen Shortridge says

I received this for my honest review. This was a fast-paced, thoughtful and humorous story about a young woman determined to be a successful sports journalist after she walked in on her cheating ex doing the business with her best friend on her wedding day she was done with relationships. Meet the Bad boy Leo he loves the women, and takes full advantage of his superstar status as the best football player in the world. But there's another side to Leo that he doesn't want anyone see. There is a lot of humour in this story and a few times I laughed out loud, there is also some moments that will make your heart ache emotions are explored in this bad boy romance and the characters are written to make you really care about them. This is the second time reading a novel by this author and I'm looking to read more. This story has an interesting, captivating love story with lots of brilliant characters.

Dani says

Leo is the bad boy soccer player and Alex is the sports writer. This quick read is funny, and hot. It starts off with Alex finding her fiancée having sex with her bridesmaid in a toilet. Of course, she does what every self respecting bride would do in that situation, she runs.

Leo is straightforward, he definitely has no filter, but that adds to the character and it was fun to read. There were times where I wondered how anyone put up with him, but then when you read the sex scenes, you'll understand too.

After Alexis experience with her ex, she needs to let go of her past and move forward and who better to do it with than the sexy playboy Leo. This was a quick read, but it was fun as well.

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Lin (Nerdy Bookworm) says

*** Received a copy from the author in exchange for an honest review ***

This is the first time reading a novel by this author but not the last and I'm looking to read more. This story has is an interesting, captivating love story full of outstanding humor (ex: Megan sassiest comeback and the

old lady regarding the weather and prunes:) I pulled an all-nighter to read as I could not put it down, eager to know which way I would be taken next. This is the unusual story of Alexis walked up on cheating ex doing the do with her best friend and Leo, a champion hockey player/reputation as the world best manwhore meet. The sexual tension between Leo and Alexis was sizzling hot it was a time bomb just waiting to explode, and did they explode each time they got their hands on each other. At one time, I thought Leo was being a prick but later stop being stupid. I have no intention of spoiling your reading pleasure by telling you the stories, just get this one and be prepared !!!

N B says

First I must say I had a hard time opening this book to read it because I didn't want to take my eyes off that gorgeous man meat on the cover. Totally drool-worthy! But I did read it, and I loved it! In a nutshell, the hero is Leo, (Leonardo), who is the one of the best soccer players in the world and THE best in Spain. He goes by the nickname Leo the Lion of Spain, and has that giant lion tattoo on his chest. He's a cocky manwhore with the equipment to match. Our heroine, Alex (Alexis), is a sports reporter out to make a name for herself.

The book starts out with a pretty funny scene where Alex is about to marry another sports reporter, Robert, and in one madcap misadventure after another, well, the wedding thing never gets done. Alex decides to take off for Europe anyway, as she and Robert planned, and gets a broadcasting job there. Robert also takes his dream to Europe and becomes a thorn in her side.

Alex and Leo first meet when Alex cons the cleaner at the stadium into letting her in to the clubhouse, and then finds her way to the locker room. Everyone is pretty much gone, but Leo is still there, naked as anything, with another player and some girls. That's another hysterical scene – I laughed so hard! Her photographer gets the whole thing on camera, which has been set to broadcast live all around Europe and who knows where else. Alex's boss is furious and wants to fire her, but Leo feels sorry for her and claims that she is his girlfriend. Meanwhile Leo is getting the heat for being an embarrassment to the team and the world of soccer in general. He's always getting into fights and those kinds of situations, and some say he's not fit to be a role model and want him knocked off his throne. Alex's boss decides to go easy on her since she's his “girlfriend”, and is given the job to try to clean up his image. So Leo and Alex become “fake” boyfriend/girlfriend.

They start going out on “fake” dates, and as can be guessed, they start falling for each other. But it's a wild, funny, beautiful, and at times heart-warming ride! These characters are so well developed and you can't help but fall in love with them. Leo, deep down, is a kind and caring man – a side of him that is seldom seen by the public. As their story unfolded, I laughed with them, and I cried with them. And I had to cheer for them too, to make it in that crazy world of fame where someone is always watching. The sex scenes are hot and well detailed, so make sure you like that kind of thing.

The name “Balls”? Well, of course there's that whole soccer thing, but there's also a quote that says “Sometimes you had to have balls to stick to you guns.”

There's a beautiful, pensive ending to the book, summing up what's really important in life. It's extremely well written, as were other pensive moments throughout the book. But it does manage to get back to its “bad boy” theme at the end, because, after all, isn't this a bad boy book?

I couldn't help but notice that the cover says this is “Cruz boys novel”, so I don't think it's any coincidence that Leo happens to have two unattached brothers. I suspect a trilogy coming on! And if they're anywhere as hot as Leo, I've already got my drool on!

This is a great effort by Danielle Slater and Nora Lane, fairly new writers. There is definitely a lot of growth since Danielle's last book. She's got me hooked.

I received a free copy of this book from the author for an honest review.

