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At twelve years old Perri Daniels is a tomboy at heart, fitting right on in with the guys. Instead of making up cheers and playing double dutch, like most girls her age, she spends her time fighting, hooping and playing video games alongside her best friend Plus. Living only two doors down from one another in the Millwood Projects of Prince George's County, Maryland, the two grew up more like family than friends. However, as they later enter their teenage years, Perri discovers her secret desire to be more than just Plus's best friend. She has a terrible crush on him that seemingly just won't seem to go away. On prom night, the two surprisingly lose their virginity to one another causing their relationship to take an unforeseen turn.

On the exact day of her and Plus's high school graduation, she discovers she's pregnant with his child. Forced to face the hard reality that, in spite of everything, Plus merely considers her to be his "friend", she gives up her own basketball scholarship and carries on. But as the years continue to go by, Perri grows into this vivacious woman and the two gradually switch roles. Emotions Plus never knew existed come flooding in when he realizes he may have to share his best friend with another man.

When Derrick, a tall handsome basketball player sweeps Perri off her feet, she finds herself torn between the two. NBA bound, Plus eventually goes on with his life, only sharing a daughter and a withering friendship with Perri. But when tragedy strikes, will the two circle back to the connection they once shared as youths, or will they let sleeping dogs lie? Find out in this urban adventure and romantic journey through time, Love and the Game.

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Tina Young says

Wow...

I'm not big on the Urban genre, but Johnni Sherri is trying to change that with each story of hers that I read. "Love and the Game" book one has me all messed up and immediately diving into book two. Wow... Plus and Perri is one of my new favorite couples. The chemistry oozes from the pages from beginning to end, and the supporting characters contribute vastly to their story. Dayum...

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Amber says

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This book was so good. I could not put it down. The story was so complete and stunning. I adored every bit of the complicated relationship. It was relatable and true.

Definitely rooting for Perri and Derrick. I loved that he wanted her wholeheartedly, just need Perri on the same page.

I'm not even mad that this is a cliffhanger. This was just a beautiful written story. I cannot wait for more even though I have to. ? Ha ha ha

S. McDuffy says

Too familiar

The biggest issue that I have with this book is the fact that it reminds of the movie Love & Basketball. Some parts of this book were identical to the movie with the exception of a couple of twists. I enjoyed the read. I just didn't like the fact that the storyline was kind of the same. This is my first read from this author, so I plan on reading more of her work. Again, the book isn't bad, this is just one of the biggest things that stood out to me. Now, had I not known about Love & Basketball, my thoughts would be different and I would be in love with it.

Wilki J says

Perri and Plus are thick as thieves: from hoops to homework to hearts, they are BFFs. When time changes and feelings develop, will Perri have the will to let her feelings be known? Will Plus get past her tomboy persona to see a love like never before?

This was my very first read by this author as it was recommended by a friend. I must say the storyline kept my attention and had me reading into the wee hours of the morning!

The standout element of this book was surely the characters! Plus and Perri's journey from childhood to young adult years was filled with character development. There was a fair amount of anticipation as I waited for Perri and Plus to see beyond their friendship. Lort, these two are a mess and I loved the fact that Perri was such an unconventional heroine and just herself. She is so relatable and I was rooting for her every step of the way. Plus on the other hand, needed a basketball hit to the head, lol. I also thoroughly enjoyed all the sub characters. Ms. Tonya, Tez and the neighborhood crew added great plot progression to the storyline. Heck, even the antagonists were well written and was a great addition to the conflict of the plot.

The ending wasn't a cliffhanger per say, but it left me holding my breath. I can't wait to see how this author spins the rest of this series!

Jenise Hamlin says

Amazinggggggg

This was so good. I don't know if this is it or if there is a sequel coming but I'm so happy right now. I will definitely be looking out for a 2nd book. I loved Plus but I felt like he should've been a man and just got with Perri. It took him being dogged out to see she was all he needed but by then it was already too late. I'm happy for Perri she deserves a happy ending!!!

Book junkie💋 says

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I've been waiting for this book to drop. It was definitely worth the wait. I'm glad that Perri and Plus FINALLY got it together, they're perfect for each other. Thank goodness Jorell got it together when he did, because he was headed down the wrong way and fast. I loved him and Nika together, he was lucky to have her in his life. Everyone pretty much got their happily ever after. It wasn't no over the top drama but just enough. It was good to see Plus finally talk to TK. Can't wait to see what's next.

Dee says

Love and Basketball with a Twist!

I have to admit that this book initially caught my eye due to the similarities to the Love and Basketball movie. However, what held my interest were interesting characters and a well-written plot. My only gripe is that I wish the book were longer, allowing for additional character development. Brevity aside, I really enjoyed the book and hope a sequel will be released soon!

Leah says

Get it together Plus

Enjoyed this book even though for a second it reminded me a little TOO much of love and basketball. Story was well developed and not rushed. As much as i would like to see perri and push together, I don't think he deserves her. She was good enough to sleep with from time to time but oh she just the homie? I think derrick is great for her and just what she needs. They're still young and he had no problem stepping up and accepting her child and being loyal to her. I can't wait to see how everything plays out. I hope she doesn't hurt derrick.

Coco.V says

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Whitney says

Enjoyed it

First time reading a book by this author and it was a good book. I feel as if it could've been a standalone instead of having a part 2. I like Perri I feel as if she's settling for Derrick, even though I like him as a person and he went after what he wanted from day one which was her. She's not being honest with herself about the fact she's really in love with her best friend and since she thinks he doesn't see her in that way she's grown to love Derrick smh. Plus, I like him but he messed up. He waits until Perri is interested in somebody else to start making his feelings known which now seem like it is too late. Overall great read and I hope part 2 doesn't take that long to come out.

KEYLA NICOLE says

LOVE & BASKETBALL

This book was alright for me. This book reminded me of the movie Love & Basketball. I think the story was dragged out for too long. I felt like the author was going but for me it was too much with Perri loving Plus aka Ahmed. It left me wanting to know more from the other characters. I felt like Ms Tonya and Mr Phillips were going to get together. How did Tez and his girlfriend get together. Most importantly how did Plus think it was okay for him to be with anyone and Perri should wait for him. I really like the fact that she told how Perri and Plus relationship was over the years. I like she started when they were young so you can feel how their feelings were. I did not like the ending. I wanted to see what happens. It was a true cliff hanger. I am anticipating part 2 coming soon.

Tammie Stephen says

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This author was new to me but I was very pleased with the way the book turned out! Overall it was a really good read & I think you will be pleased with the storyline. The characters were believable & I loved the detail put into the scenes to make you seem like you were actually there watching everything. Of course my favorite character was Perri & I was rooting for her & Plus. I think my least favorite(s) were Tasha & Derricks' mom...she was just nasty for no reason! I was hoping Plus would get his self together & realize his true feelings before it was too late. The ending was a cliff hanger & I hope that's not how everything ends.

Iesha Bree says

This was amazing!!!

I love this book from start to finish and can't wait for the next book!! I can't believe the way it ended it was a good case of not knowing what you had until it was gone!

Nee says

Great book! Kept my interest and a don't want to stop reading type of book! ? I just loved Perri and Plus's relationship overall!! Now it's time for Plus to stand up to the Plate and win His woman Back!!! I hope a part 2 come out really soon!!! I'm rooting for Perri & Plus y'all!!! Y'all go read this book!

Dee Cherry says

1st read by this author. This was a nicely written beginning to series. Storyline held my attention throughout & had good character development. Perri went through a bit of extra drama when it came to Push. I thought Derrick lived up to his prediction. I can only hope Perri is serious about her choice at the end. Looking forward to part 2
