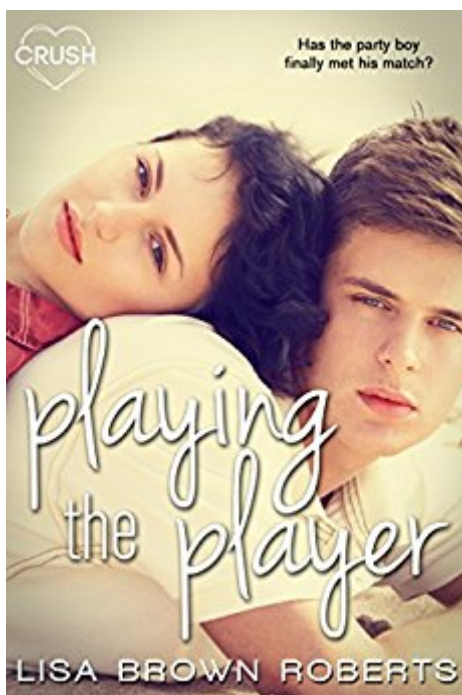


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Playing The Player



Synopsis

Winner of the 2016 Aspen Gold Award for YA fiction. Trina Clemons needed the money. Why else would she - the most organized, prepared student in school - spend the summer as a nanny and partner with the biggest slacker ever? Now she's ready to tackle nannyhood with her big binder of research and schedules. Just don't ask her about the secret job of "fixing" the bad habits of a certain high school player... Slade Edmunds prefers easy hook-ups, and Trina is definitely not his type. She's all structure and rules, while Slade wants to just have fun. Fortunately, Trina has no idea about the bet Slade made with his best friend that he can totally get her to unwind by the end of summer... Then the weirdest thing happens. There's chemistry. A lot of it. But nothing gets between a boy and a girl like a big, fat secret... Disclaimer: This Entangled Teen Crush book contains a straight/gay BFF bromance, an irresistibly kissable bad boy, a good girl who wants to be kissed, some epic babysitting fails, and the occasional f-bomb.

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Customer Reviews

I'm using my personal copy to read and review for Wicked Reads 5 Angry Stars Young Adult age-range: 13+ Lisa Brown Roberts is a favorite of mine in the young adult genre, finding her teen characters to be realistic role models, and the narrators of *Playing the Player* are no different. As an adult reading this genre, I believe teens will devour this book, as well as a more mature audience. Trina is a hard-working, serious girl, who's as equally flawed as she is good. A well-rounded, human character with pain, and hopes and dreams. Slade is a slacker who has no idea what he wants out of life. He's a down-to-earth, uninspired charmer who can wrap anyone around his finger. But no matter how big of a player he comes off to be, he has a good heart and a conscience. Trina and Slade create the perfect balance as they get to know one another on the pages of the novel. A bit of a love-hate, push-pull chemistry and tension as they partner in their nanny duties. Both have a secret that will hurt the other's feelings, creating delicious angst that rides along the journey with the characters, both feeling guilty. As the driving force between the couple, the kids were a hoot, the BFFs were the voices of reason, and the parents were trying their best, even if unconventionally. All around, *Playing the Player* was a good story, with strong characters, and the budding romance of a sweet crush. I read the book in one sitting, a few times experiencing a gamut of emotions: heart-clenching, gut-twisting, and barks of sharp laughter at the awkward encounters. Recommended to fans of the Young Adult genre.

An amazing YA story! Trina and Slade are nannying for best friends over the summer. These two couldn't be more opposite. Trina plans everything and carries an organized binder with her everywhere she goes. Slade is the laid back popular guy who's looking for a good time. These two couldn't stand each other in the beginning of the story. Slade hadn't always been the nicest to Trina over the time they've known each other and Trina doesn't think much of him. Over the course of the summer, Trina and Slade learn from each other and develop a friendship. But can their relationship survive when secrets are revealed? This was an awesome YA story. The characters were well-developed and I found myself laughing at some of the situations they found themselves in with the kids over the summer. This was my first book by this author but it definitely won't be the last!

The title makes this book sound more conniving than the characters are. Slade & Trina are well-rounded 17-year-olds who are just starting to make conscious decisions about how they want to be perceived & what kind people they want to be. The \$ that gets them both together takes a back seat to the emotional challenges that arise when 2 teens & 2 five-year-olds spend 3 days a week

together over the summer & are given opportunities to face their fears. There was a lot of fun & silly that made this a pleasure to read.

Trina starts the book as a rather frigid girl who thinks she knows everything. She is schedule oriented never sways from her opinion and schedule. She feels that she is the one teaching Slade. Determined to get him fired so that she can do things her way for Slade will surely be the slacker she knows he is. She only sees one side of things and that is her side. Slade is so easy going and relaxed you wonder if he is gummy. I think he is like this because of the pressure his parents place on him. He is rebelling against them in his own way trying to show them he is a person and his own person to boot. When his parents threaten him with no allowance unless he gets a job he goes on the interview his mother setup for him for a nanny position. Little did he know his mother was being underhanded. It's funny because neither really saw the other as anything but thorns. Slade wanted to be her partner as a nanny and she wanted him gone. even when he helped her she thought he was being uncooperative and a bad nanny. She fought him left and right and just treated him beneath her. As she gets to see who he is she begins to like him. The barbs they have are fun and the adventures as nanny's they go on with the children are a hoot. the little kids they are watching are a scream. They are so cute. It is because of them that Slade and Trina truly get to know each other and see who they really are. Slade at first denies his attraction. thinking it is just because of the bet he has with his friend. but as the summer wears on he begins to see it isn't. He changes. He becomes more responsible and stops his player ways. He is still fun loving but now he feels things and sees he likes trina. Things do begin to build and it is a joy to see. These two are so fun and sweet once they get over the hangups. They work well together as well. He is the fun and she is the rational and logical one. He is calm and collected in situations and she helps to enrich the days with educational musings. When things come to a head in their wonderful peace, I feel Trina overreacted and was a bit hypocritical. What she was doing was a lot worse than Slade's bet. He was trying to loosen her up and get her to have fun. In the process he fell in love. She was deceiving him in a bigger way and when it came out from her accidentally exposing the secret she had she I don't think understood the depth of the hurt to Slade. He felt as if she didn't truly see him. that she saw him as just a job a slacker who couldn't hack it. They both did some swoonworthy actions to get the other back. This is a fun loving sweet book about two opposites who come together. they begin to see each other differently as they work together and they change their opinions of one another. Trina changes from being so schedule oriented and thinking she knows all to letting her hair down every once in awhile and having fun. she

sees him as an equal. He changes from a player to a fun loving responsible guy who only has eyes for Trina. When together we get a treat for we have fun meet rigid and sparks fly. A book of sweet love and getting to see someone for who they are on the inside and see that change within is good.

I loved this book, the twists and all were great but Desi is a terrible friend. Forget best friend, I wouldn't even want this girl as a classmate. She's fake, no one needs fake friends. Slade paid more attention to Trina's causes than Desi ever did, even when he picked on her. I hate terrible best friends that stay, and that's what she is. I feel sorry for the author if this is the kind of friends she had growing up. Everything else was perfect though.

I would recommend this book to young adults. I think they would enjoy the storyline and the characters. I'm a little mixed about how I feel for Trina I wanted to love her but I like Slade more.

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