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Out Of Sync (Counterattack)



Synopsis

Since they were six-year-olds, Madison and Dayton have had soccer sync. Maddie doesn't have to see her best friend on the field to know where she'll be. Her passes to Dayton are perfect, as if the two of them can read each other's mind. Together, they're a scoring machine. There's only one problem: lately, Dayton seems more interested in partying than playing soccer. And Dayton's change of heart couldn't have come at a worse time. Now that she and Maddie are sophomores, they have to really focus—or they'll have no chance of making it to a Division I college team. Can Maddie get through to her best friend? Or will the scoring machine break down?

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Customer Reviews

Daughter loves these books! Keep them coming, she loves soccer and has really taken to these books. Great read.

Madison "Maddie" Wong plays soccer for the Fraser Hugh Copperheads. A talented midfielder, she dreams of playing for a Division 1 college like Stanford or Duke, but she's overly reliant on the "sick

soccer sync" she shares with her best friend Dayton. Together, they're unbeatable on the field. Unfortunately, the more intense Maddie becomes, determined to show off her skills to the college scouts starting to come by, the less dedicated Dayton is. In fact, Dayton's more interested in partying and boys, leaving her "sync sister to founder and flail on her own. Will Maddie be seduced by her best friend, and abandon the game for a chance at a social life? Or will she find her own path, one that doesn't rely so heavily on a single other person?

Out of Sync, part of the Counterattack series of quick reads for "reluctant readers," focuses on the intense pressures facing many student-athletes. Maddie, the very picture of the driven player, must find the right balance between her athletic ambitions and her friends, between striving for perfection and accepting when she needs help. When she realizes just how much she depends upon Dayton, it forces her to reassess her skills, her rapport with her fellow players, and her own inner strength. She struggles with the temptation to let it all slide, to relax, and it almost costs her more than she can stand. Like all of the books in this series, it's rather short and to the point, with little room for extraneous plots. Out of Sync is a fun story, with realistic characters and believable situations, featuring the sort of problems teens can undoubtedly relate to. While the storyline revolves around high school varsity girls' soccer, detail-rich and featuring numerous scenes set on and off the field, it still touches on universal themes. At just over 100 pages long, it's little more than an appetizer for some readers, but it might just be the right size to read on the bus after a game. The diverse characters and positive message, straight-forward without being heavy-handed, make this a worthwhile read. (Originally published at Schrodinger's Bookshelf)

Hott Synopsis: Nothing is better than knowing that, with your partner, you're unstoppable. Nothing is worse than the fear of losing that partner - and your dreams. Madison and Dayton have been together forever they were two halves of a whole - on and off the pitch. Something is changing Dayton and Maddie isn't sure what it is. It seems like soccer isn't as important as the boys, the mall or the fake id. Will Dayton throw away everything the girls have worked so hard to achieve on a semester of fun?

Hott Review: What I liked: I really enjoyed this book. It's not a novel. It's not terribly descriptive BUT it's something my to-the-point athlete will love. It's spot on for those sports loving reluctant readers. Although it's about teenage girls I know boys that wouldn't mind reading this - especially since it's so very real. What I didn't like: If you're looking for fluff - this isn't the book for you! More... Author: Amanda Humann Source: Netgalley via Lerner Classroom Grade: B+ Ages: 13+ Series: Counterattack

3.5 stars This is a cute story that moves a bit too fast. It would've benefited from more depth of the characters. Madison and Dayton are lifelong friends who have a special sync on the soccer field. When Dayton starts to skip practices, Madison fears her own prospects for college recruitment are going to disappear. Madison is very focused, but I wanted more depth to her. Her desire to go to a Division I school and play soccer was well-written and believable, but there wasn't much more to this girl. Even as she tries to adjust to Dayton's new lifestyle, Madison thinks only of soccer. Humann writes some great soccer scenes. The game really comes alive on page. I've never been much of a fan of the game, but I found myself following the details with ease. Recommendation: Fans of Miranda Keneally and Tim Green might enjoy this sports tale.

I adore books about sports! and as a former girls soccer player, this one especially caught my eye! Maddie and Dayton have always relied on each other both on and off the field, but suddenly Dayton seems more interested in partying and doing things off the field than soccer. Maddie is having to learn to deal with that on the field. The story was pretty short and to the point... not a lot of time to develop anything extra. About the time you start to get into it, the story is over.

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