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It started just like any other Saturday: Whitney, her best friend, Jason, and their fathers tossed an old football around in the park. But when her dad dies of a heart attack, Whitney doesn't realize her passion for the sport and her friendship with Jason will never be the same.

Two years later, Whitney's ready to begin the long journey of re-discovering her love for football, encountering a sexist coach, an unethical but irresistible opponent, a mustard yellow T-shirt, and Jason along the way.

How much romance, passion, and hits on the field can Whitney handle before it becomes too much and she's forced to throw in the towel on her dreams?

## **Cinderella in Cleats Details**

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## From Reader Review Cinderella in Cleats for online ebook

### Angela says

I very rarely give a review but this was such a disappointment. Out of all the choices of boys she could have ended up with THAT was the choice?! Really?? No way would that happen in real life unless the girl was completely without self respect..boy treats you like crap and you are okay with that? I feel sorry for girls that think this is okay. Also the end/epilogue was the most rushed I have seen in quite some time. It's like even the author was disappointed in the storyline and just wanted it to end already lol.

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### Kelley says

This review can also be found on [Reading to Stay Alive](#)

So, there was a beginning, a middle, and an end. Unfortunately, there was no plot and absolutely zero character development.

I went into this novel with very high hope. I read *Catching Jordan* in the past and the book was so unbelievably epic that I just had to get my hands on this one for just a possible glimpse back into that world. Instead of a strong willed female lead, I received a shallow, boy obsessed, immature and petty teenage girl.

The story line was almost impossible to follow and every single guy seemed to fall at Whitney's feet the very second she decided to tryout for the football team. She ditched her best friend for her man, and before that she tried to date her best friends ex-boyfriend. Umm, what the heck is wrong with this picture.

Stepping away from the plot, the writing was absolutely amateur. I don't know what the record is for number of times and author can use the word "like" but Carly Syms is definitely in the running for the record. Reading this was painful, I forced myself to go through with it because I have an incessant need to finish what I have started.

All in all, this book was not worth the \$2.99 I spent on it. I wish I could take the time back that it took to read. I felt like I was in the mind of a twelve year old when it came to the reasoning that took place here. If any of this sounds appealing to you, then by all means read the book. Simply put, it wasn't for me. Maybe it's for you.

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### Amanda says

That was a waste of money. The characters were terrible, they changed their minds frequently and there was nothing solid on any of them. I thought for a brief moment that Scott may step up but the main character very quickly destroyed hope on that. This book was completely unrealistic from the boy asking her out on the sideline to her getting so caught up over a boy that she played a football game bad.

I was hoping for a good sports story with a strong girl character. Instead, I got this pathetic girl who was so boy crazy she couldn't focus on anything and a weak story line that actually had very little football in it. The

characters were just disappointing and why Jason walked away was ridiculous.

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### **Lana says**

0/5 stars

No real character development

No progression in plot

The boy obsessed, immature h spent all her time fielding off guys

The H only showed up in the beginning of the novel and the end

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### **Rebecca McNutt says**

*Cinderella in Cleats* has interesting concepts but often felt like it was trying way too hard and just ended up coming across as kind of unrealistic and cheesy at best. It was also predictable and I found the misogynistic coach to be really creepy and a little out-of-place in the book overall.

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### **K says**

Huum...

Bastante eeeeeew, no estuvo mal y esta bastante cortito.

Pero algo exagerado en algunos puntos, relaciones exageradas, practicamente la chica se enamorada de cada chico que esta lindo y se le cruza en el camino (y magicamente todos se enamoran de ella, y todos los chicos la aman), pero no deja de pensar en su ex-amigo-que-le-gusta-de-siempre, Jason, el cual la abandono cuando muere el papa de ella, y no se vuelven a hablar, pero ella despues de dos años sigue pensando en el cada dos por tres (el nombre de Jason sale practicamente en casa pagina!!!), lo que se vuelve algo cansino.

Ademas tenemos muchas situaciones sin sentido ,bobas y tontas.

La autora mete y saca personajes a lo bruto. Mete chicos aqui y chicas alla, y luego los saca sin decirte que paso despues con ellos, como con "la mejor amiga" de Whitney, Sophie. O con Scott. O el hermano mayor, Gregory. O Jeremy.

Incluso no te das cuenta del paso del tiempo, segun tu el capitulo siguiente sigue el mismo tiempo que llevabas en el otro, pero no. Resulta que ya habia pasado años, jaja no tanto, pero se entiende y tu ni en cuenta.

Y el final bastante incipido y sin mucho sentido.

No se, creo que lo unico que me gusto es porque tengo un gusto por los libros de chicas jugando deportes de hombres jaja.

Pero mis expectativas ni siquiera fueron muy altas al leerlo y ni asi las cumplio.

Una lectura rapida y la verdad muy sin embargo.  
2 estrellitas y porque me agarro de buen humor ;P

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### **Sara says**

This book was a big let down. There were to many loose ends. What about Scott? Colt seemed like a great guy and then bam he was a jerk. The whole colt situation really did not sit well with me. And what about Sophie and Scott, that really needed to be explained. At the epilogue was just horrible. Jason couldnt stand to be with a girlfriend better at football then him. That did not really make sense since he loved her all those years and then let that get in between them. The book would have been better without that unwanted information. I did enjoy the book at first but I just think it could have been so much better.

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### **Nikita (NjKinny's World of Books & Stuff) says**

"*Cinderella in Cleats*" was self-published in 2010 by Carly Syms and is available in Kindle format.

The story is about Whitney who has a passion for football and it has been like a ritual to her to play football with her father, her boyfriend Jason and his father but then one day her father has a sudden heart attack and dies on the field. Suddenly the perfect life that Whitney knows changes what with her father dying, Jason abandoning and completely ignoring her which makes her let go of football because it brings back too many bad memories for her. Two years go by and Whitney decides to move forward and try out for the state championship football team at her high school. *But can she overcome the bad memories that she associates with football? Can she face Jason again who now plays in the team?*

The rest of the story follows and she clears through but is not taken in the team as she is a girl which prompts her to change schools and try in the rival team.

Though I love books with daring heroines but still I was not impressed with Whitney. Somewhere in the middle of the book I felt like slapping her , she was so irritating. Gurrr...

The story baseline was very strong but Carly could neither develop the story nor the characters. All through the book, we are introduced to some character or the other with a history but instead of telling us completely about them she just skips to some other character which resulted in me getting frustrated and uninterested. Whitney is initially shown as a girl with a backbone but then as the chapters progress she is deteriorated to a senseless teen girl with no sense and her instantaneous love with any boy within ten meters of her was infuriating. Gurrrr...

The book can be summed as one with an unimpressive cover, underdeveloped plot and characters and sequences so uninteresting and predictable that I skimmed more than half the book though the story had a promising start.

I don't like writing bad about a book because it takes effort writing one but in this case I have to say that if you get the book from someone, you might attempt a read but I certainly won't recommend it.

All in all, a book which you can skip reading.

I give it a 2 out of 5 just because there is no fault in the writing style of Carly and the story which had it been written better could have become a very promising read.

This review is also available on my blog <http://njkinnny.blogspot.in/>  
Do visit my blog for more reviews. :)

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### **Andreina says**

Me atrapan mucho los libros de mujeres venciendo los estereotipos y tenía años con este libro por lo cual decidí darle una oportunidad.

Ahora bien qué me encontré?

Un libro en que la trama transcurre muy rápido, en una página todo está bien y en la siguiente todo se fue al demonio. Se nota que fue el primer libro de la autora porque hubo mucha discordancia.

No me gustó que la pusieran como una tonta que iba pendiente de los chicos, parecía cabeza hueca pero bueno el final rescata un poco lo que debía ser la protagonista siempre.

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### **Mars says**

Liked the concept better than the execution.

with the others that this book needs an editor - looks like it was Kindle self-published, so that might be why. Still, the author could definitely have used help on this - in particular, there were things like the main character wanting to be "apart of something" and places where the tense changed.

The point of view choices weren't great either. The book switches between third person omniscient, third person limited, and first person, and not consistently enough to make it seem like an organized choice. (Prologue and Epilogue in 3rd/omni, most of the book in first, and one random section in 3rd/limited.)

Could have used some editing on some of the plotlines, too. What was the point of the drama with the best friend and her ex? It didn't serve any narrative purpose that I could tell.

I felt the football scenes were awkwardly described, but I can't pinpoint why.

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### **JadeShea says**

Cinderella In Cleats was only okay. It was a very short read, with a unique plot. I love stories with the girl playing football, even though I've never seen or heard of a girl playing I still think its cool to read a novel about it. I enjoyed all of the football aspect of this book, it was very well written and very unique. However the young adult drama seemed seriously extreme even for a young adult book. There was one character in the book that I think didn't make very much sense, and he seemed to have a major role at first, then he just dwindled away without much explanation, so I felt like that character didn't need to be in the story. The

ending also seemed very abrupt, and fast. I did enjoy the writing, and most of the characters. So for a short read the book was just okay.

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### **Lindo says**

Oh...how I wanted this book to be good.

This book was meh.

The story was something unique, so points for that. The cinderella story is one that I like, so another one.

I just felt like I was reading something so choppy that it couldn't decide where it wanted to go. Characters would either change their minds too often for us to care, or not change at all.

However, those things fine in comparison to the ending.

I feel like the author said, "Oh no, I have to write an epilogue quickly", and tacked the ending bit on, trying to seem more realistic.

Why?? The story was fine until you completely ruined the entire story with that. Everything until that point was useless. I thought, "Thank you for ruining my time, author. I just read a whole book full of pointless decisions and actions.

Rant over.

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### **Lily Smith says**

Whitney is a junior in high school her dad died two years before and that's when her best friend Jason left but later we find out it's because he was in love with her and didn't know how to be there for her \*rolls eyes\* then later in the story she meets colt who she dates but tries to boss her around so Jason stands up for her their friendship renewed and they live happily ever after according to the epilogue

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### **Lindsey Andrews says**

I didn't really know what to expect from this book because it had some mixed reviews but I wound up liking it a lot!

Whitney's a strong character who won't quit even when she keeps having to deal with more and more struggles while she tries to play football. I thought from the reviews that there might be too much romance and not enough football but it was a good balance. enough to keep people who may not love football interested but not so much that it loses the sports element of the story.

definitely recommend this

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## **Kiera says**

Some would say this contains spoilers, I say that you can't be spoiled in this book, because theres no major twists, plot, or high expectations that this will hold a special place in your heart.

This was disappointing, in terms of books I have read similar to this one. The characters weren't developed really well, and the main character. ... Whitney why did she tell everyone her business like straight way? who does that? she didnt even do it face to face it was on the phone, she there tell this boy her whole life story on the phone its so impersonal it really pissed me off. And she pretty much drops her friend just 'cause.

This story doesn't really have a plot, it's lacking in everything, this is basically a short story, you couldn't even tell children to read this to inspire them. except to say "get back on that horse een if you were traumized....shit happens!" and there are better books that can do that. There weren't any funny characters that could have saved it for me.

I swear the girl cared more about boys than the game \*\*Major eyeroll\*\*

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