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Mackenzie Bell loves two things: tennis and the Kendrick family. She doesn't want to be anything like her mother, who hops from one husband to the next. It's one of many reasons why she's never dated. The other reason? She's in love with her best friend's older brother, Jesse Kendrick.

## **Doubles Love Details**

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## From Reader Review Doubles Love for online ebook

### **Andrea says**

This novella was a quick and entertaining read. As with most short stories, the character development wasn't very much present, but enough to get the sense of the h&H. There were no surprises. I gave the book four stars on its cutesy entertainment factor and how well it was written.

I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review.

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### **Amara says**

Ah.door.able!

I just love Ali Dean, I can't help myself. Her jock love stories just make me swoon. And I hate playing sports. Watching? Sign me up. Playing? Nope.

My only complaints are the abrupt ending, and the fact that I just wanted this to be longer.

Team Ryker forever.

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### **Mandy Stump says**

This was a cute read. Very short. Mac and Jesse have been in love with each other for years. Everyone knew it but they fought it for a long time until finally Jesse says something and they start dating. Mac's mom is a piece of work. Didn't like her. They ended up beast teammates in tennis. Great ending.

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### **Tracy Fritts says**

This story is a quick read. I enjoyed the storyline and the characters. It was well written and It had me hooked from the first page.

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### **L H says**

I can't imagine having a mother you are trying to endure because your mother has a penchant for collecting husbands. Mackenzie puts a lot of her energy into her tennis, which she is good at and she clings to her best

friend's family. She is especially interested in her best friend's brother - how many of us have been there? - but it is too risky for her to consider acting on it because she needs the connection with his family. The really sweet movement of their relationship from friends to more was really nice. I am so glad that since they are both best in tennis on the respective boys and girls tennis teams and they team up to do doubles. I am also glad that given Mackenzie's aversion to her mother's ways that their relationship is advanced in a more romantic less sexy way. This was a complete story in a novella package. Great job!

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### **Alison says**

This was a sweet super short novella about MacKenzie Bell, a brilliant young tennis player about to enter a tournament.

I enjoyed the story, it was too short to get a real feel for how the series might develop.

I received a free copy of this novel from the publisher via NetGalley in return for an honest review.

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### **Layla (Between the Lines) says**

**I received this eARC from the publisher via NetGalley. This in no way alters my opinion of the work.**

**Doubles Love** is short and sweet, and nothing short of angsty. I should mention that it's more of a novella than anything else. There's only so much plot/character development you can try to fit into 70 pages, but this is a start. For what's it worth, it had potential to be something else. The romance was predictable from the get-go, but the relationship between Mackenzie and her mother could have been explored further. I also would have liked to see the whole Olivia and Roger situation dealt with. There was no real resolution. One thing's for certain though... this story is not over yet. Is there more to come?

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### **Kristin Davison says**

I would like to thank Netgalley and Mark My Words Book Publicity for a free copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.

This book seems to meander about with nothing happening, the only interesting thing is the tennis.

-70 pages read  
- 7/7 books read

= 105 house points

#HHCup #SHHCup

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### **Kate (beautifulbookland) says**

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First off, Doubles Love is a novella. It's only about 70 pages long. I didn't realise this, so I just wanted to make it clear to people. I was a little disappointed when I found out that it was a short story.

I liked this. I did. It was cute and sweet, and quite cheesy at times. It was easy reading, but was nothing particularly memorable. The characters were quite 2D, and the angst! Oh, to be an American teenager in high school! I do often wonder if high school is actually as dramatic as books make it sound.

I would recommend this novella to anyone who wants a light, quick and easy read.

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### **Danny {literary\_owl} says**

Ahhhh... that was so cute and beautiful and heart warming! I'm in love with this story.

Jesse and Mac are so cute! They had me at the first few sentences.

”My eyes drift to Jesse of their own accord, and he nods at me, his arms crossed. He’s impressed with my playing, I can see it in the way he tries to hide his smile.”

I would totally read a full length book of their story!

”Mac. You are...”

Jesse’s voice drifts off, and he seems to lose his thoughts as he looks on the ground.

”I’m what?”

”There aren’t words. At least, I have none.”

Ah, c’mon? They are too cute!!!! I’m totally in love with this book. Loved every part of it. Ali Deans sure know how to do her job. I loved it! ❤?

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### **Melissa says**

YA novella that left me wishing it was longer because it was just so sweet and adorable! I really recommend

this book for a quick read without drama.

I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review.

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### **Kayla (Kayla's Book Nook) says**

\*Actual Rating: 2.5 Stars\*

When I requested Doubles Love on Netgalley, the adorable cover caught my eye, as did the synopsis.

I have to say, though, that unfortunately the inside didn't completely live up to what was on the outside of the book.

For a quick summary, this book is about high schooler Mackenzie, who thinks of her best friend's family as her own. She's never dated before, as her mother has had too many husbands to count, and she currently has a crush on her best friend's brother, Jesse, and doesn't want to ruin their friendship. As the two get to know each other, will enough sparks fly for Mackenzie to finally call someone her own?

So, yeah, this book just fell flat for me. I'm going to be completely honest and straight-forward here, but I don't intend to hurt anyone's feelings. In fact, that's the last thing I want.

Okay, so here goes: The plot was non-existent, the characters were bland, and it was just way too short for me (68 pages?!) to really feel anything from it.

Jesse and Mackenzie barely even got to know each other; Mackenzie just went up to him and kissed him at a party, and then a second later, POOF! They were dating. I personally think that's quite unrealistic, and that the author could've added some more sparks between the two, as I honestly did not feel any whatsoever.

The only thing about this book that really captured my attention was the writing style. I felt like the words flowed so nicely, and I would definitely consider reading more from Ali Dean. I'm sure that reading a full-length novel written by her will be great!

Even though this book didn't really do it for me, I think it will do wonders for others. If you don't normally read young adult contemporary or just want a SUPER quick, light read, then by all means, try it! You may fall in love. But if you are one to devour contemporaries, then you may want to skip this one.

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### **KittyKat says**

**\*This book was received via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review\***

I was really excited to receive this book but unfortunately I was disappointed by it. Due to the short length of the book (only 70 pages), not much character development happens and there isn't much of a plot. Also, I didn't like Mackenzie and Jesse was a jerk as he claimed to have loved Mackenzie since they met, (when they were young probably around 5-7 years old), yet he has a reputation for having a lot of girlfriends and the insinuation is made that he must sleep around a lot also. The book also seemed unfinished as the title alludes to the couple playing doubles on the tennis court as being a major occurrence yet it happens just

before the ending. Overall, this was a disappointing read that was only saved as the book was so short so it was bearable.

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## **Maria says**

### **Sweet and romantic - friends to lovers**

This is another great story from this author. This time short as it was previously part of an anthology but as previous novels I have a pleasure read perfectly thought through and very well written. I hope maybe this could evolve to some kind of series. Would be a really good start. But back to the subject it is sweet, very romantic and heartwarming. A little bit bitter as when I read about relationship mother daughter or thereof lack of it. But not everything in life is perfect. I enjoyed this story very much.

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## **Kate McMurry says**

Terrific, PG, young-adult, sports romance

This PG, young-adult, sports romance is set in South Carolina. Sixteen-year old Mackenzie Bell comes from a wealthy family. Her beautiful, 41-year-old mother, Delilah (who is aptly named), is a serial divorcee and country-clubbing socialite who has broken up multiple marriages in her pursuit of a string of wealthy husbands. In the process, she has had little use for her daughter except as a prop, whenever she chooses to play the part of a doting mother in an effort to snare her latest man. Currently, she is about to net husband number 5, and Mac is disgusted with her mother's amoral approach to relationships.

Mac was conceived when her mother cheated on her first husband, and it led to their divorce. Delilah has never told Mac who the man was. Fortunately for Mac, since her mother has never nurtured her, ever since she was a small child, she has considered her near neighbors, the Kendricks, to be her true family. They consist of loving and supportive parents who welcome Mac into their home to the point that she practically lives with them, Mac's best friend Emma who is Mac's age, and Emma's older brother, 17-year old Jesse.

Mac has been secretly in love with handsome, athletic, compassionate Jesse for years, but she believes she can't risk acting on the attraction because it would not only devastate her if it ended, but it might also endanger her relationship with the Kendrick family as a whole. For those reasons, she's done her best to never let Jesse know that she feels far more for him than simple friendship.

This is a novella, not a full novel, but even so, it has a complete and extremely well executed arc of the classic, "friends to romance" plot. Mac is the star tennis player on her high school's girl's tennis team, and Jesse is the star of the boy's tennis team. There are four types of scenes these two attractive and sympathetic protagonists have together that are emblematic of a deep and powerful, longtime friendship: their connection within the warm and caring family unit of the Kendricks; their one-on-one friendship in which he is, and always has been, very emotionally supportive of Mac; their pairing as a male/female doubles tennis duo for a sports competition, and ultimately, the two of them testing the waters to move into a committed romantic relationship.

I enjoyed every part of this well-written novella. Every aspect of an excellent, classic romance plot is here,

and fans of romance will love that about it. In spite of the sexual part being G-rated, there is strong sexual chemistry between this couple, another crucial aspect of a memorable romance story.

If you are a fan of well-written, teen sports novels with a "girl power" focus, as I am, you will greatly enjoy this novella for that reason as well.

In short, for all the reasons above, I highly recommend this book to romance fans of all ages.

I have rated this novel as being PG because there is a lot of underage drinking, including drunkenness. But there is no sex, only kissing.

I rate this novella as follows:

Heroine: 5 stars

Romantic Hero: 5 stars

Subcharacters: 5 stars

Romance Plot: 5 stars

Girl-Power Sports Plot: 5 stars

Setting: 5 stars

Writing: 5 stars

Overall: 5 stars

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