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The Slope Rules



Synopsis

Fifteen-year old Cally accepted her fate as one of the guys, so when she meets Blake, a hot snowboarder who sees her for more than her aerials on the slopes, she falls fast and hard. But their romance can only last as long as vacation. Or so she thinks. A twist of fate--well, her Dad opening another brewery in a new town--lands her in Blake's school, but the charismatic boy she fell for wants nothing to do with her, and worse, the Snow Bunnies, the popular clique, claim her as their newest recruit. Cally must learn to be true to herself--all while landing a spot on the ski team and figuring out who she is without her old friends. And when she finds out what Blake is hiding, she learns the rules on the slopes apply to more than just skiing.

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Customer Reviews

"There aren't enough books like *The Slope Rules* out there in the world of romance. Final Verdict: First love at it's finest. This is a can't miss for anyone who wants more sweet than spicy and needs their hearts thawed on cold winter nights. No one will regret spending time on this book." --YA Books Central "A fun, romantic story with a likeable protagonist and a familiar, yet enjoyable dramatic storyline that will appeal to teen readers." --IndieReader "Author Melanie Hooyenga tells it like it is in this remarkably honest coming of age story. Written in the vernacular of today's teens, this highly relatable book is sure to resonate with young audiences. *The Slope Rules* offers drama, action and age-appropriate romance all wrapped up in an inspiring, page-turning read." --Children's Literary Classics "Both sporting fans and readers who love emotionally charged novels will adore *The Slope Rules*,... a great romance for young adult readers...that

explores love, coming of age, and personal growth." --Reader's Favorite

While not a fan of matching Day-Glo outfits, Melanie's been skiing since she was five and always points her tips up while exiting the chairlift. She lives in the land of lake effect snow -- also known as west Michigan -- with her husband Jeremy and Miniature Schnauzer Owen, and is always looking for ways to enjoy the outdoors. This novel, her fourth, inspired her to purchase her first helmet.

I'm not sure where to start with this book, there are so many things that I loved about it!!!!~friendship - it was great to see true friendships in this book, (especially with the Cally and her girlfriends!) keeping the ones back in Vermont and developing new ones in Colorado, standing up for yourself and your friends~family - Cally lost her mom several years ago and she has a great relationship with her dad! Loved seeing this in a YA book!~skiing - not something you typically see in books, I love Cally's confidence with her abilities plus she encouraged and helped fellow skiers (and snowboarders) - and I have to mention Melanie did a fantastic job describing what it felt like going down the hill.~romance - I loved seeing the development of the relationship between Cally and Blake! It felt very real! (ok, the entire book was very real, nothing was too over-the-top which was so refreshing!) I highly recommend this book!! There is so much more to this book than just a YA skiing romance!

A well-crafted combination of angst, romance and winter sports. Cally's first real romance seems to be short lived when it happens on a Colorado ski slope, but when her dad announces they're moving there from back east to establish a new brewery, she's over the moon with hope that things with Blake might be somehow rekindled. When she discovers he goes to her new school and isn't really from Lake Tahoe, she's willing to ignore his evasiveness, but he doesn't respond with the same eagerness and it takes a while for her to decode what happened to create such a coldness. Once the mystery is cleared up, add in a super mean girl posse, guy friends like she was used to at home, tragedy and a happy ending and you have a fast, but extremely satisfying read. The author's knowledge and love of skiing show throughout the story, enhancing it nicely.

I'm not a frequent YA reader, but when a new release comes out from one of my favorite authors, I know I have to jump on it. Hooyenga's Flicker series was fantastic and I was excited to see what she could bring to the table with a Sports Romance. I was NOT disappointed.

The Slope Rules delivers on story, characters, and excitement. The main character, Cally, is feisty, funny, and someone you'd love to hang out with. Anyone who's traversed high school will understand where Cally is coming from, her relatable self-doubt, working through the drama of teen friendships, and falling in love for the first time. I really loved the dialogue, the skillful way Hooyenga is able to capture the feeling of teen angst, and how she constructed a character who is strong, smart, funny, and above all, isn't afraid to get what she wants. If you're looking for an engaging and exciting novel that goes deeper than your standard YA Romance, The Slope Rules is the book for you. I hope we see more of Cally's world!

I loved this book. I read a lot of children's and YA fiction as I like to know what my 3 daughters are reading. This is definitely one I shall be recommending for them.

The Slope Rules grabs you right from the beginning as you are whisked off into the world of Cally and her strong sense of self. Sometimes starting new gives you a chance to be seen in a new light. Cally takes full advantage without sacrifices who she is. She takes the reader on an adventure of skiing, standing up to bullies, and the remembrance of that fluttery feeling in your belly when you meet "the one." Although geared towards a tween audience, this book was still enjoyable to those of us who are closer to the middle of our lives as well. A fun story that offers a great escape.

A good, quick, YA read. I really enjoyed the skier's perspective. You can tell it's written by someone who has ski experience. Likable characters, though a little too focused on the sexual attraction for a 15 year old.

I normally don't trickle over to YA but I love this author. I was thrilled to be asked to review an advanced copy, but I had to buy it because I enjoyed it that much. Melanie does teenage angst so well, I wish I knew her as a teen. *grin* As always, a great story & dare I say absolutely lovable characters.

Following in her mother's footsteps, Cally has become quite the skier, and after her mother had died, she became more focused on being just like her mother as she saw it as her mother's memory living through her. During a vacation in Colorado, Cally meets a snowboarder named Blake and sparks fly. For Cally, this is a first as normally the guys back home don't pay her special attention as she is viewed as one of them. Cally has a whirlwind Summer romance with Blake and when it's time

to go home, the pair exchange numbers and promise to keep in touch. One thing leads to another and Cally is heartbroken as Blake broke his promise and then to top it off Cally receives the news that they are moving to Colorado. Once Cally arrives, though, she swears she sees Blake, but why is he avoiding her? Soon Cally is befriended by the popular clique called the Snow Bunnies and is welcomed into their group - the thing is though if she wants to be one of them, she can't talk to Blake. Cally, not one to bow down starts a war with Britt and a series of Mean Girls events follow. Will Cally crumble under pressure and become a Snow Bunny or will she start a new revolution? The Slope Rules by Melanie Hooyenga was one of those sweet YA High School romances with the drama of the different cliques - the popular vs the underdogs. The Slope Rules is the perfect read for those aged 14-18 years.

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