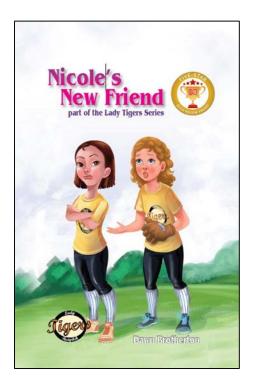


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Nicole's New Friend

By Dawn Brotherton

Has Nicole found a nasty enemy...or a new friend?

Nicole loves every moment she spends playing softball with her friends on the Lady Tigers fastpitch softball team. When her coach introduces a new girl, Nicole tries her best to welcome her onto the Lady Tigers. But Diana doesn't seem interested in being friendly—or even polite. Nicole realizes that the team is infected with drama and negativity and Nicole finds herself dreading the practices she once loved. What will bring the team back together before the new girl can tear it apart completely?

Nicole's New Friend is book 3 in the middle grade Lady Tigers Series about girls' fastpitch softball, encouraging female athletes to reach for the stars in the game they love. Other books in the series include *Trish's Team;* Margie Makes a Difference; Avery Appreciates *True Friendship;* and *Tammy Tries Baseball.* Books are stand alone and do not need to be read in order.

Dawn Brotherton is an award-winning author and featured speaker at writing and publishing seminars. When it comes to exceptional writing, Dawn draws on her experience as a retired colonel in the US Air Force as well as a softball coach.

"Brotherton has a solid grasp of softball mechanics, and the book has no shortage of ballplaying scenes that will capture athletic readers' imaginations."

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