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Now Josh is gulping down Rocky's "Super Stax" milkshakes to build muscle and trying to fit in with his new teammates—older, tougher kids who can suddenly become violent. All Josh really wants to do is play ball, but as he gets in deeper with the Titans, there are questions he's just got to ask. As Josh and his new friend Jaden investigate their suspicions, they find themselves in a dangerous struggle with a desperate man who doesn't want them to expose the nasty secrets they uncover.

Pulsing with action, baseball great offers a baseball story attuned to today's headlines, a totally involving, character-driven, sports-centered thriller.

Baseball Great Details

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Gregory Gorman says

I think this book was a well balanced story with the classic baseball kind of story and the edge of your seat suspense . If you don't enjoy slow pace baseball books then you will definitely enjoy this book.The hole story is about a kid named josh who is welcomed to the town with a article about him title baseball great. Everything is going great until they discover something bad even illegal involving their coach.

Kaimani says

baseball great is a good book its kind of about bullying and being a good baseball player his dad is a pro baseball player and plays for red sox and josh is getting big in baseball and the school reporter is writing about josh and saying he is a "medical" to the baseball league.I like this book because I like baseball and I like how one day he wants to be a pro baseball player

Joseph Goncalves says

This book was a “goodread”. It involved great imagery. It felt like I was irght there and in the moment of what was actually occurring in the story. The author did a great job with this book, a must re-read!

Omar says

Josh feels like he's starting to make it big! Jaden, the school reporter, says he's going to take the baseball team to number one. Then his dad pulls him off the field and signs him up with Coach Rocky Valentine's youth championship team, the Titans. He says Josh has what it takes to be a baseball great and the Titans will help him get there.

I liked this book because it had hard working players that try to get to the championships. Josh is a very brave man and loves playing baseball. he believesin winning the championship and so does the reader.Just of looking at the book and reading it, I say Tim Green loves sports.

I recommend this book to baseball players from 10 to 15 year old players. Ive never played baseball but I think its a really fun sports to play. I might even play this sport when im big but just for fun. I really do think baseball players should read this book because it might change their sportmanship behavior and their attitude.

Mr. Steve says

Overall, this was a good story - definitely reader-friendly (especially for boys) and perhaps even worth four stars...except for one baseball scene, which is based on such an inaccuracy that I cannot get past it.

The batter is a switch-hitter. He is facing a left-handed pitcher whose best pitch is a curveball. He has his batting glove on his right hand (which means he is planning to bat lefty) and his coach stops him on his way to the plate to MAKE SURE he bats lefty to "take away" the curveball. How does batting lefty take away a left-hander's the curveball?! It makes it harder to hit!

Assuming from the rest of the baseball scenes and the author's background as a professional athlete that he really knows baseball, the only thing I can think of is that it is a misprint and the pitcher is supposed to be right-handed. Either way, I can't get past it!! Aaargh!

Campbell Matz says

In the book "Baseball Great" by Tim Green, the main character Josh is a huge baseball fan and player. He loves the game. His dad (31 years old) played all throughout his childhood but can't make it past the triple a's. Early in the book he got told he is being cut from the team. His dream of making it to the big leagues then transfers down to his son Josh. Josh is forced to quit the school team and try out for a team that is filled with kids only 14 years old while he is only 12 years old. Not only does he have to work himself to the breaking point, but he has to deal with the bullying that is being put on him from the other players. Not to mention, him leaving the school baseball team really made the kids from his school not happy with him. "Every other muscle in his body shrieked with pain." says Josh on page 79. It shows how he is pushing himself much harder than he should be.

What Josh needs to figure out is if he can handle the hate from his school friends and his teammates just to be able to play on a good baseball team.

Joey says

Baseball great is a great story written by Tim Green. The main character is named josh and he is a twelve year old normal kid who is great at baseball. His dad just got done with playing baseball in the minors and just got a job with an elite baseball program with some of the best teams in the country of all ages. Josh tries out and makes the fourteen year old team and his coach is the owner named rocky. He hired josh's dad to put a twelve year old team together and is taking all the players from his school team. Rocky gives the team a protein thing he makes.

I thought the author did a great job about not making it only about baseball. He made him and jaden make a good connection of liking each other. He also was good at describing how josh felt and I felt like i was in his shoes. I did not like how at sometimes there was not a lot of action. Sometimes a whole chapter would go by without all too much happening. I thought he could have made it better by doing that. I thought the theme of the book was to be with people who will stay with you no matter what. Like Josh lost some friends but Jaden and Benji would always help Josh. They helped him with school and other things and getting to the bottom of what Rocky was giving the kids when they find out that they actually were not just drinking protein.

Overall I would rate this book a 3 out of 5 stars. I would not give it all stars because at some times it did get

very boring and the conflict was not that big. But I did enjoy it because it was about a sport I like and when there was action I really enjoyed reading it and could not put it down. I would recommend this book to anyone. Especially those who play baseball or softball and have to go through very hard workouts because they would be able to relate.

Rainier Birco says

I thought this book was good because it kept me reading and reading. Also it kinda showed a moral lesson in this book like "it doesn't matter if you're not good at it matters when you're having fun playing it " because Josh was put on a #1 ranked baseball team and he didn't even want that he wanted to be playing with his friends so he can have fun and enjoy himself, but instead his dad of course wanted to see more potential on his son by putting him in a better team. So it doesn't really matter what sport you play if you're good or bad the important thing is if you're having fun playing it.

Nick says

In this book there is a kid how was on the middle school baseball team. He was going to take this team to be number one but his dad took him to play for other team. He wants to play for the middle team dad will not let him he goes play for other team. He wants to play for his middle school team. He is in the 7 grade. He is really good at baseball the team he gonna to be playing for has great talent. I didn't like this book. Josh is 7 grade boy he is really good at football. If you liked this book you will also like football here.

Jaden Onaca says

This book is a very interesting book because it teaches you that sometimes you need to make hard decisions that will make your life better. This book is about a young man named Josh who wants his team to be number one in the country. He needs to make a decision whether to have his team succeed, or go to a better team that is already ranked number one. I truly recommend this book to everyone that is interested in sports.

Noah says

I really enjoyed this book because it combined my love of baseball, mystery, and action into one book. The main boy, Josh, is this "baseball great" and his dad was one too. To reach his full potential, Josh's dad makes him play for an intense traveling team instead of his school team that all of his friends play for. Meanwhile, Josh's dad lost his job playing for a minor league team and needs the job with Rocky's baseball team that his son is playing for. Josh has trouble making friends with his new teammates until one day a school bully approaches Josh in a bathroom outside where the team is eating. The team helps beat up the bully and Josh earns the friendship. Later that day, Josh meets up with a buddy of his on the team and he hands Josh some pills that Rocky, their coach, gave him. Josh gets curious and asks his friend to ask her doctor dad if they are legal. To find out if the pills are illegal and if the team gets destroyed because of it, read Baseball Great by Tim Green.

Anthony B says

“Lets go,” the umpire said to Josh.

Josh nodded and stepped up to the plate. He glanced at the loaded bases then at the two outs up on the scoreboard. The pitcher reared back and jerked sideways. His arm whipped around and came Josh’s way. Most people would see it like they’d see a snake flick its tongue, but Josh saw more. The ball left the pitcher’s hand with a perfect spin, a fastball to the outside edge of the plate.

Josh swung big, and connected with a crack.

The ball took off.”

This is only one of many spectacular scenes in the book *Baseball Great* by Tim Green. If I had to rate this book I would rate it a 5 out of 5 stars because it was very suspenseful, it was very inspiring and it showed that you should stand up for what’s right even if it hurts.

First, I would rate this book a 5 out of 5 stars because it was so suspenseful in parts like on page 227 it says: “Josh saw the text that had been sent to his phone number, even though it wasn’t possible. He punched the menu on his phone and brought up his sent items. The mailbox was empty.”

In this part of the story it was very exciting for me because Josh then realizes that his baseball coach Rocky had took his phone out of his locker and sent his best friend Jaden a message that said to meet him at the school at 8:30pm. Josh then realizes that he wants Jaden’s phone because Josh and Jaden had caught him dealing steroids and caught him. They took a picture of him with the drugs. Rocky meets Jaden at the school and steals the phone but doesn’t go far with four flat tires and is caught by the cops. This scene was the most suspenseful scene in the book from my point of view.

Next this book deserved 5 out of 5 stars because it was very inspiring. It was inspiring because Josh is only 12 years old and he wants to be a baseball great. Josh is playing with 14 year olds who are much bigger and stronger than he is, the 14 year olds are also using steroids to get better and Josh doesn’t. At the end of the book on page 149 a Nike sponsor comes up to him and wants to sponsor him and his team he says:

“I want to talk to you,” he said “and your team.”

Joshes dad nodded.

“We want to sign up your team. Sponsor the whole thing. The full package, just like we were going to do with Rocky. Coach salary, all that.”

Later on he tells Josh that he wants to sponsor him individually and start earlier like Tiger Woods did. He also says that Josh is on his way to being a Baseball Great. This part in the book was really inspiring because Josh could finally say that he made it and he did what he wanted to do and that was be great at baseball. The last reason this book is a 5 out of 5 star book was because this book showed that you should do the right thing even if it hurts. Josh did the right thing by telling the police about Rocky even though that his dad a former MLB 1st round draft pick works for Rocky now. At first Josh doesn’t know what to do but in the end he does the right thing and tells the police everything that happened. On page 135 they have a meeting with everyone’s parents and all of the police, they tell them what happen and the whole story. In conclusion this book is defiantly one of the best books I’ve ever read in my life I recommend you read it. So what do you think happened in the end? Will Josh ever become a baseball great? Well read it to find out.

Brandon Jones says

Josh and his friend Benji both love and play baseball. During school ball, Josh's dad picked him up and took him to play for a new team, a U14 in a separate league. After his first practice, seeing his team doesn't like him, he makes the team. He later on goes to their first team and wins, with a walk-off single. At practice the next day, they went to a laser tag place, and met one of the bullies in school, named Bart. Just as he's about to get beaten up, Jones swoops in and saves Josh from a beat down. Next week, Jones gives him a medicine, but is really steroids. Josh doesn't take them, but finds the coach who has been getting them, takes his photo

with the roids, and sends it to the police, showing that the team has been cheating all along.

Blake Carpenter says

Baseball great is a book about a preteen boy named Josh. Josh is very good at baseball and plays shortstop and is a really good batter. Josh's best friend names are Benji and Jaden Jaden is new to the school and she writes the paper she wrote an article about josh saying ow good he was. There are three conflicts in the story. The 1st one is Josh's dad a first round draft pick for pro ball got cut and he wants josh to go to a team of 14 year olds and hes 12. His friends are not happy with him because he left the school team and hes the best player. But his friends get more mad when Rocky Josh's coach starts a 12u team and they take the best pitcher from the school team but josh had no idea and everybody is mad at him. He solves it by telling people that its not true he didn't know now he has friends back. Another conflict is a bully that josh could beat up but does not want to because he doesn't want the trouble the bully keeps trying to pick fights with josh because the bullies girl friend flirts with josh and she likes him so the bully always tries to start fights with josh. The way he deals with it is when he is at the mall Josh has to use the restroom and the bully is in there to josh's teammate comes in the restroom and beats the kid up. The last problem is that josh's coach Rocky is giving steroids to his team so he can win. one of josh's teammates tries to give him steroids but josh's didn't know what they were and went to Jaden's house because her dad is a doctor and has a book of every drug and pill. He finds out that it actually is steroids and has to stop Rocky. Josh and Jaden make a plan to stop rocky and this is how there going to solve the problem. there going to go to the hospital and take a picture of rocky during the deal and threaten him to stop or they'll tell the police. When they do take the picture they meat up at the baseball field and call Rocky and tell him. Rocky tells them that he will. At practice Rocky gets on josh's phone and texts Jaden to meat him at the school she thinks its josh but its Rocky. Josh follows him and Bengi lets out the air in his tires. Rocky gets in trouble with the cops and goes to jail. I recommend this book to anybody who likes baseball!

Matt B says

I like it it keeps you interested one high point to the next.
