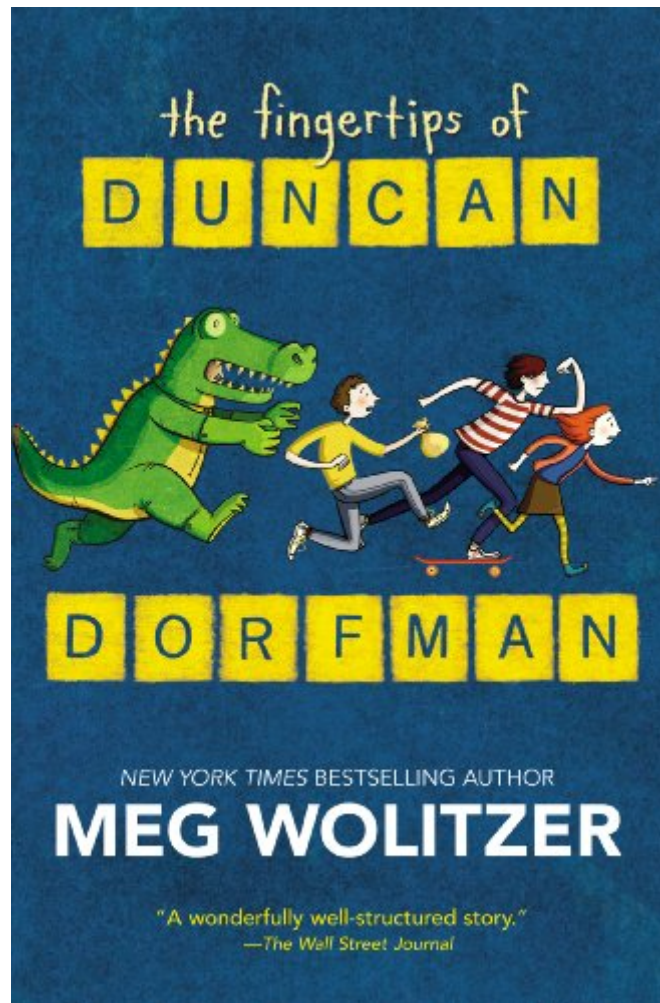




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The Fingertips Of Duncan Dorfman



Synopsis

Friendship, family, and high-stakes Scrabble come together in this compelling novel from a bestselling author Duncan Dorfman, April Blunt, and Nate Saviano don't seem to have much in common. Duncan is trying to manage his newfound ability to "read" with his fingers. April is striving to be accepted by her family of jocks. And Nate is struggling to meet his father's high expectations. But when a Scrabble Tournament brings them together, their stories intertwine. Driven by competition, drama, and just a touch of magic, the story will have readers flying through the pages, anxious to discover who will be the real winners . . .

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Customer Reviews

This middle grades novel is told from three different points of view: Duncan, a 12-year-old from Pennsylvania; April, from Oregon; and Nate, from New York. All three have learned to play Scrabble extremely well: so well that they participate in the national Youth Scrabble Tournament in Florida. Each plays with a partner. Each plays for a different reason. April plays because she absolutely loves the game . . . and, she wants her sports-loving family to accept her talent as something worth

cheering about. Nate plays because his father, Larry, forces him to. Twenty-six years earlier, Larry had also participated in the Youth Scrabble Tournament: he and his partner lost the championship round by one point. Now Larry acts as if his entire happiness depends on only one thing: Nate winning the championship. Duncan, a new kid in his school, plays for another reason altogether. First, he thinks he's playing so that the other kids won't consider him a loser. A nobody. Then he thinks he's playing so that he can give his share of the winning team's money (\$10,000 total) to his mother. But really, Duncan learns he's playing in order to do the right thing, not the wrong thing. And in order to learn who he really is. This is a wonderful story, with strong, interesting 12-year-old heroes. The writing is also wonderful: smooth and funny. The story and writing remind me very much of the writing of E.L. Konigsburg. In addition to the superb story and commendable writing, there's a bonus: the reader picks up many tips for playing Scrabble. Highly recommended

My son chose this book. He really enjoyed the story. The book held his interest throughout. The storyboard funny moments as well as moments that made him think. This was a good choice for him for his summer reading book.

I am a Scrabble fanatic and this was the first fiction book I have come across. It is a book written for children ages 10+, but as a middle-aged mom, I found it very entertaining. The story line is original. Not only did the book have a happy ending, it helped remind readers to do the right thing! Very enjoyable!

I really liked this book. It's great for the 8-12 year old set. It reminded me of a View from Saturday by E. L. Konigsburg, not just because it's the same idea of kids forming a friendship while preparing for a competition, but because the friendships are more important than the competition. I recommend it to parents to read with their kids or for kids who want to read about other kids or learn more about Scrabble.

Meg Wolitzer is one of my favorite adult authors. This departure from her grown-up stuff doesn't disappoint. The characters are fun, relatable, but complex. There are great surprises and the story wraps up with a perfect ending.

it was a really good book. I got sucked into it fast and I truly really like the story. I would recommend this to a lot of people who want a truly good story.

I don't know how I failed to notice that this was a YA book when I bought it on my Kindle, but nonetheless, I enjoyed it completely. Especially if you enjoy Scrabble, you'll enjoy this story.

Love all things Meg Wolitzer -- from her middle grade to her adult books. They make great gifts, and are always a pleasure to read.

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