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Point Guard (Home Team)



Synopsis

Gus and Cassie have always been on the same team off the field, but in this third novel in New York Times bestselling author Mike Lupica's Home Team series can they stay friends when they're on the same court? Everyone assumes that Gus, whose family is from the Dominican Republic, is a baseball guy. But this year Gus is even more excited about basketball than any other sport he's ever played. He's been practicing some new moves and lately he's more surprised when he misses his shot than when he scores. Plus now that he's convinced his friend Teddy to try out for the team and Jack's shoulder is healed, it looks like Walton's home team will be unstoppable. But this isn't going to be the season Gus expected, because their team is getting a new player and she just happens to be one of his best friends. Gus knows Cassie is more than good enough to compete on the boys' team, and besides they really do need a point guard, so why isn't he able to shake the feeling that she belongs on their bleachers rather than their bench? And to make matters worse, with their center Steve Kerrigan constantly making comments about his Dominican heritage, and Steve's dad voicing his views on immigration as he runs for office, Gus is starting to wonder if he really belongs in Walton after all. Can Gus find a way to bring the home team together both on and off the court, or will all these prejudices block their shot at a winning season?

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

"A whirl of fast-break hoops action threaded with provocative personal issues." (Booklist January 2017)"A fast-paced, deeply enjoyable story" (The Huffington Post March 8, 2017)"If you have any fans of basketball, this book is a must have!" (School Library Connection August/September 2017)

Mike Lupica is the author of multiple bestselling books for young readers, including the Home Team series, QB 1, Heat, Travel Team, Million-Dollar Throw, and The Underdogs. He has carved out a niche as the sporting world's finest storyteller. Mike lives in Connecticut with his wife and their four children. When not writing novels, he writes for Daily News (New York) and is an award-winning sports commentator. You can visit Mike Lupica at MikeLupicaBooks.com.

Bought it for my third grade granddaughter who plays travel BB. I read it too and was thrilled with the themes of the book and accurate details of playing travel basketball. Loved the themes of friendship and girls being treated fairly. Great match for young basketball players who has some basic knowledge of the game. Inspirational book for my granddaughter.

My son says if you like basketball, it makes you want to play basketball. He loves it.

Excellence!

Lupica really seems to be able to get inside the head of a 13-year-old, at least the way I remember that age. A page turner, almost as good as the first two books of the series.

Great book. Quick delivery.

Ya!

I was hoping for the usual uplifting Mike Lupica style and content. Some of it was there, with emphasis on close family ties, friendships, teamwork, real-life lessons on prejudice, etc. But the gratuitous New York Times-style slams against President Trump were totally uncalled for, and factually vacuous. To use this trusted platform of youth fiction to introduce such slanderous material

is without merit. I was frankly shocked that an author I have admired and trusted could and would stoop to the level of the Fake News media he works for. I can only hope this was an aberration, or that he was coerced to add these diatribes by his publisher, under threat of his job. It ruined Point Guard for me, and I will not be passing it on to my grand-nephew as I have done with all his other titles. This one goes into the trashcan. Sorry, Mike, but you blew it big time!

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