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Hit & Miss (Jeter Publishing)



Synopsis

The second middle grade book in the New York Times bestselling Jeter Publishing imprint, *Hit & Miss* is a baseball novel inspired by the youth of legendary sports icon and role model Derek Jeter. “Just try to make solid contact, stay level and in control. Positive thoughts only, right?” That’s the advice Derek’s father gives him about batting—and a lot more. It seems that Little League season is here. Throughout the long Michigan winter, Derek thought that Opening Day might never come. Now at last he can pursue his dream of one day playing shortstop for the New York Yankees. As luck would have it, he’s on the Red Sox this year, and they seem to have more talent than the Tigers, the team he was on when last season ended in disappointment. His best friend, Vijay, is with him again, and Derek gets the same number—13!—that his father wore in college. Now if the new kid with the chauffeur turns out to be a player, well, the Red Sox might just win it all. But as Derek finds out, both baseball and life are hard. Before the season is over, he’ll break out of a slump, bring his teammates closer together, learn a new sport, solve the mystery of why his sister Sharlee seems so quiet, and suffer the consequences for violating “The Contract” he had signed with his parents. Before he can move closer to his dream, there are many lessons to be learned.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

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my 11 year old son hates to read. i purchased the three books available in this series because other reviews said it was a good choice for reluctant readers. he has been begging for more books in the series and loves them. his teacher even emailed to say he was so involved in the book, he didn't realize class had started. there is also not so subtle brainwashing that i have attempted to do as a parent (support your sister, treat your teachers and parents with respect, take pride in your work) that he has started to talk about. highly recommended as a book for young boys and as a book to read with kids and discuss the story.

My grandson loves this book. He is 9 years old and is a baseball fan. This book provides a lot of good judgement and morals that youngsters need to develop.

My 10 year old great-nephew loves these books. He's a typical boy...so getting him to read is sometimes a difficulty...with these books the task is much easier.

Helped my 10yr old grandson. He started hitting better when he read that when Jeter was in a slump he told himself to stay balanced and only swing at strikes. The book talks about relationships and conflict resolution with peers.

I bought this book for my son who loves the Yankees (and sports in general) but hates reading. He

read it and liked it! 5 stars for getting my son to read!

Just as delightful as The Contract. My son is the same age as young Derek in this book, and every bit as baseball crazy. We've typically read a chapter a night curled up in bed. While we want to see how it ends, we are savoring each chapter. Can't wait for the third book in the series.

This was a gift for our 12 year old grandson. I read it first and appreciated the lessons taught! Our grandson has read two of Derek Jeter's books now and has commented both times as to how much he enjoys the story and what he's learned. Well done.

My son loves this series - he wouldn't put the books down! I've started reading it as well and it is well written for the 8 -12 year old. Motivational and inspiring.

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