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Perfect for fans of Mike Lupica's sports books and Dan Gutman's Baseball Card Adventures, *New York Times* bestselling author and former NFL player Tim Green gives readers a thrilling new addition to his bestselling Baseball Great series.

Josh's life has just fallen apart. His father will no longer be coaching the travel baseball team and is moving to Florida, forcing his mom and little sister to move into a small apartment on the wrong side of town. To make matters worse, the new coach of the travel team is an unforgiving drill sergeant.

But then Benji tells Josh of a home-run derby in which the winner gets a brand-new house. All Josh has to do to qualify is hit twenty home runs during his travel-team season. With Benji and Jaden's help, Josh is hoping to hit it out of the park and save his family, because if he strikes out, he may just lose everything.

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Tyler Johnston says

I recommend the book Home Run to kids 6-8th grade that love sports and read about baseball. The book took place mostly in Josh's home town Syracuse. This book was about a boy that completely loved the game of baseball and was really good at it too. When he started playing travel baseball he had to get used to the coaching staff and traveling to different towns, sometimes far away even other states just to play one game. This book was outstanding to me because the author used great description about Josh a 13 year old boy. Also I can relate to Josh with my experience in baseball. If you are like Josh this should be the next book on your list to read. I hope you take my advice and read this book and enjoy this as much as I did.

Christian Koklys says

I just finished reading Homerun, by Tim Green. It was the best book i have read in a long time. The main character Josh just finds out about a contest to win a free house for his struggling family, But he needs to hit 20 homeruns to qualify. Josh's dad soon gets a job offering with the manager of Crosby College, which forces Josh to move.

I really liked this book because it had a really good story to it. Their was action, drama and baseball involved. This book motivates me to play more baseball. This book had great character development in it and also was very entertaining for me to read. I never wanted to put it down.

I would recommend this book to baseball fans that want a good book to read. To read this book, you need mild knowledge about the game and how its played, but otherwise it was an extremely good book.

Ian Hewitt says

I thought the book was pretty good. It was easy to understand and not to much to keep track of. It is about Josh and his baseball team trying to win with the teams new coach. I recommend this book to anyone who likes baseball.

Jordan G says

Quarter 3 Book Review

The book I read was called "Home Run" by Tim Green and the lexile level is 690L. The main characters are Jaden, Benji, and Josh. Josh's parents got divorced and his dad got a college coaching position in Florida for baseball. He forced Josh to go with him to Florida and to live with him but after his mom called him and said they are going to lose the house he came back to Syracuse. It all came down to the last at bat in the last game he hit his home and got to go to the derby.

The book "Home Run" has a good meaning to it. The theme of it is that when things get hard always keep going. An example of that in the book is when Josh doesn't want to go to Florida and just wants to stay with his friends and play baseball in Syracuse. The theme helps to make Benji and Jaden not stop. Example is

Benji forgot his slip that his parents needed to sign and he didn't get it signed so coach made him run all practice and if he wanted to quit running coach wouldn't let him. Jaden had to write a new story since coach got mad at her for trying to write a story about him and how he was a hero but that ended tragic. I thought the book was fairly easy to understand. The book was easy to read but it was a good story though. I wish the ending would have had more of explaining about what happened in the future after they won the house. My favorite part was when Josh hit his last home run because it was off the best pitcher in the tournament and he won the game with it. The way I can make connections is from playing baseball and getting a walkoff hit. I think this was a good book but a little easy for me but I definitely recommend it.

Austin B says

I just finished the book Home Run by Tim Green. It was one of the most favorite books I have ever read. This is one of the first books I have ever read from Tim Green. He has a interesting story and he also puts in a life problem that could mimic a real life situation.

When Josh the main character has to focus on getting through his parents going through a divorce. When they do get divorced his dad moves to Florida. Josh at first has to go with his dad there but then Josh doesn't like it there so he moves back to New York. He is very good at baseball. He is on a special private team. When his best friend Benji tells him about a home run derby he has to get twenty home runs in order to qualify to play the home run derby. His mom has to move to an apartment because she lost her job and is running out of money. So Josh wants to get twenty home runs to qualify because if he qualifies he has to hit one over the fence into a bathtub and get it in there to win a brand new free house. He wants to do it for his mom.

I would definitely recommend this book to baseball players and people dealing with there parents going through a divorce. I would recommend this book because it shows that if you are dealing with a life problem you can get around it just like Josh did. The book can be confusing sometimes but sometimes it won't. The book is a bit longer but if you have time you can read it. It is believable because it can be possible to get twenty home runs because if you have three months to get that and being a good baseball player then it can happen. The ending was good but it stops, keeping you thinking. My favorite part was when he hit his twentyth home run. I made a connection by playing baseball myself. Tim Green has long but very interesting and good books.

Isaiah D says

Isaiah Davis

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I like this book because It brings me back to memories in the summer. It's about baseball, and going to Cooperstown New York and i went there in the summer. In the book there in a baseball game and Dan's dad is not paying attention to the game. Dan said dad pay attention to the game and he started paying attention. The reason was so concerned is because he was not giving signs to any of the players. All the players were getting out and this was a very big Baseball Tournament. My favorite character is this book is Dan because

he really shows how he like baseball because he told his dad to play attention to the game. I enjoyed this book because it brings back memories and I like Baseball. A good Quote that Dan said was “Even know we lost we are still a winner”.

Zach says

It was a great book

Ryan E says

I loved this book and highly recommend it to any sports fans. I loved how connectable the characters were and how I actually felt empathy for them. Josh was stuck in quicksand with his father moving to Florida for a job, to his mom losing hers, all the while he is competing to win a new house. This is an amazing book and it is funny and touching.

Victor N. says

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The genre of Home Run, by Tim Green, is realistic fiction. Josh’s life is turned upside down when his father decides to take a job in Florida and stop coaching Josh’s travel ball team and give Josh the decision of staying with his Mom, his baby sister, and all his friends to have a chance to be a baseball great. But when he finds out that his mom is going to lose her house, things go from bad to worse. Josh finds himself in a small apartment in the bad part of town, when his best friend Benji, tells him about a home run derby with the winner, getting a brand new home. All he had to do was hit 20 home runs in the travel ball season.

Shayla says

I thought this was a good because i love baseball it's my 2nd favorite sport. My 1st is football because i grew up watching it. My favorite football team is NDSU same with baseball but i don't watch them play baseball i watch the Minnesota twins same with my sister. But she likes UND and we argue who's better.

Freddie Lopez says

The book I finished reading is called home run by Tim green.The book is about the main charecter josh and his family.He goes thru struggles like his parents getting divorced.This happened because Josh hit a tournament winning home run and his father got a job at a college in Florida.Josh's dad levels to Florida with Josh but they just divorced.Joshs dad has to pay child support.Joshs old house was almost sold.Josh goes back home to his house and his home never gets sold.He also goes back to his old baseball team the Titans.

Austin A says

Home Run by Tim Green was phenomenal book, and I'm glad I read it. I have read many of Tim Green's books before and they're all incredible. Although the lexile level is only a 690L, is was still pretty good. 690L is a little low for my reading level but I still find all his books so entertaining. Home Run features Josh, a very good baseball player for his town, who's dad gets a new job far away and has to leave their family. Doing this forces them to move because they can't afford their home anymore. They move to an old run down apartment, and Josh has to hit twenty homers to qualify for the Home Run Derby. This derby would give him a chance to win a new house for his family, but he gets into a few pickles on the way.

I think the theme of the book was to never give up on yourself, no matter what happens. Josh got into a lot of bad situations but he ended up getting through all of them and making his life incredible. He almost wouldn't have won that house if he gave up. He tried and tried to get Jaden's phone, and he needed one more home run, and Jaden arrived at the last minute and Josh banded his twentieth homer. "When Josh got off the phone he handed it to Coach Swanson and started to beg. "Coach, please. She's on her way, but they were taking a shortcut on Route 219 and some bridge was closed so they had to go back, and I don't know if they'll make it before the game begins"(p.299). Josh needed the phone to prove to Coach Swanson he wasn't trying to get coach in trouble, and he couldn't play until coach had the phone. Although Josh gets discouraged throughout the story he still makes up for it and does great things. Never giving up on yourself is something everyone needs to do.

Overall the book was great I loved how intense it got at some points in the story. It was easy for me only because I think of myself as a higher level reader and the lexile level was only 690L. It was almost one hundred percent unpredictable because you never knew what was going to happen next. It was pretty believable as well because this kind of stuff actually happens to some people who are really good at baseball. My favorite part of the book was when Josh didn't get to play in some of his games because he needed twenty home runs but wasn't able to get them because of a pickle he got himself into. I liked it because it was so intense if he was going to make it or not. I would recommend this book to less advanced or younger readers, because it has almost no words that I didn't know and it wasn't too long so it was pretty easy to read. If you love sports, especially baseball, you would love this book. This book was super good and I would suggest you at least give it a try.

Brayden Strait says

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Home Run by Tim Green, is about a boy whose parents are divorced. His dad isn't paying rent for his mom so his house gets put up for sale. He ends up on the wrong side of town in a run down apartment, but he hears about a competition where if you hit 20 home runs in a season you get flown out to Houston to try and win a house. The only bad part is that you have to make it into a bathtub to win it. On the last pitch he hit it

as hard as he could and it flew straight towards the bathtub. The hit looked good. I would recommend this book for people 5th grade and up. It is a fairly easy and quick read, but it is very entertaining and you will have trouble putting the book down.

Frank DelPonte says

In a sequel to *Rivals*, Tim Green creates *Home Run* captivating the audience in a novel that continues showing Josh's advanced skill in baseball, but in addition shows Josh's personal life much more than ever seen before. This book mainly takes place in Josh's home in Syracuse, but also includes Florida, Bricktown, and baseball fields everywhere.

Josh's father decides to take a coaching job in Florida and leave the Titans, his wife, his young daughter, and Josh back in Syracuse. Josh, who is extremely upset, plans to run away in an attempt to bring his parents back together to find him. This idea backfires and Josh winds up going to Florida with his father. After a short period of time in Florida, he gets a call from his mom panicked because without Josh's father helping her pay the bills, she will lose the house. After this call, Josh goes back home to Syracuse and hopes to win a Home Run Derby in which the grand prize is a new home. Josh's friend Jaden is trying to win a journalism scholarship but her story includes news about the new coach that the coach doesn't want to be released into the public. The coach then said, as long as she writes that story, Josh will continue to sit on the bench. If Josh can't play in the games, then he will not be able to qualify for the derby because you must hit 20 homeruns to make it in. Will Josh be able to satisfy his needs and Jaden's needs at the same time?

Tim Green uses vocabulary that is easier to understand so that people that are a bit younger can read his books, as well as some people in their adulthood. His language is very colloquial, meaning used in ordinary or familiar conversation; not formal or literary. Compared to Tim Green's other novels, this one could be considered slow-paced. This novel includes a lot more of Josh's personal life instead of his baseball career which makes the pace of the book a bit slower than usual.

Even though the early stages of the book are a bit more depressing, later in the novel we see optimism out of Josh. He believes that his baseball expertise can help his mother get a brand new home and make their lives all the more easier. My favorite part of the book was when Josh was confronted by his coach and was told to stop Jaden from writing that story or he will sit on the bench. This had to be my favorite part because it was late in the season and he was so close to 20 home runs, and this suddenly happened. This added a lot of drama because someone had to change their aspirations for the other to accomplish their goal. I did not have a least favorite portion of the novel even though some situations were more entertaining than others. If I could change one thing about the book, it would be the new coach. He doesn't really know too much about baseball and his army background shows when he forces the players to work out during their practices instead of working on their baseball skills.

If I had to pick a theme I would say it would be to never give up. This would be the theme because even when Josh is put in horrific situations, he always remains optimistic and believed that he could do something to put his family in a better situation. Tim Green successfully conveys this theme because he always puts Josh in sticky situations but he never hangs his head and gives up, he always attempts to make the situation better.

I would unquestionably recommend this book or just the Baseball Great series to anyone. Tim Green is one of my favorite authors and I'm never dissatisfied after reading any of his books. His books are geared towards sports fans that are not only looking for sports, but also some drama in between games. No matter how young or old one is, Tim Green's books are enjoyable and a pleasure to read.

James says

The book Home Run by Tim Green is the fourth book in the Baseball Great series. The book follows Josh, a great baseball player, who has always played on a travel team, the Titans, coached by his father. Now his father got a job coaching for a team down in Florida and has to move away and his mother and sister are staying in Syracuse but are moving into a new apartment on the wrong side of town. Josh must now enter a home run derby and win his mother a house on the good side of town where he can live happily. This book was very good and was very engaging because I love baseball. The author was trying to convey a theme that nothing is more important than family and you have to do everything you can to keep your family together. I would recommend this book to anyone who is a fan of sports books and especially baseball.
