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Million-Dollar Throw



Synopsis

From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *HEAT* and *TRAVEL TEAM*. Everyone calls Nate Brodie "Brady" because he's a New England quarterback, just like his idol, Tom Brady. And now he's got a chance to win a million dollars by throwing one pass through a target at halftime in the Patriots' Thanksgiving night game. More than anything, Nate's family needs the money—his dad's been downsized, his mom's working two jobs, and they're on the verge of losing their house. The worry is more weight than a 13-year-old can bear, and it's affecting his playing for his own football team. Suddenly the boy with the golden arm is having trouble completing a pass . . . but can he make the one that really counts?

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Nate Brodie is the star quarterback of his eighth-grade football team, nicknamed "Brady" because of his golden throwing arm and his being Tom Brady's biggest fan. One day he goes to buy a special autographed Brady football, and enters a contest where he wins the chance to throw a pass through a target for one million dollars at halftime of the New England Patriots' Thanksgiving night game. But Nate's got big personal problems. His dad's out of a job, his family going to lose their home, and best pal Abby is

going blind. Then his arm deserts him. Can Nate fix things and triumph on his big night? Mike Lupica tells you—brilliantly—in this deeply moving story that is a winner in every way. A strong and solidly-crafted plot, with beautifully drawn characters. Adults and kids will both really enjoy this. It is Mike Lupica's masterpiece!

Not only did thirteen-year-old Nate Brodie have an extraordinary throwing arm, he also had a deep sense of compassion and empathy. So when his best friend Abby started to lose her vision to a retinal disease, Nate struggled desperately to support her in any way he could. When Nate's father lost his job at the large commercial real estate company and both his parents had to take on multiple lower-paying jobs, Nate did his best to accept their new schedules and the difficulties they had making it to his games. He could even come to terms with the placement of their house on the market because of the pressure his family was under, pressure his dad blamed on "never having enough money and starting to think you're never going to have enough again." When Nate won a raffle giving him a chance to win a million dollars by throwing a football through a target at an upcoming Patriots game, he realized the prize money could solve all his family's financial problems. Everyone around him knew he had the raw talent to make that throw, but Nate started losing confidence when he allowed all the worries and the pressure to get inside his head and in the way of his magic arm. How would he make that million-dollar throw if he could not even keep his position as starting quarterback on the school team? This riveting sports novel is bound to grab the attention of young readers seeking strong characters and an interesting plot. Thrown into the mix is an important lesson in economics related to the constraints placed by a tighter budget on a family's purchasing power and ability to spend time with each other. The book will undoubtedly meet the high standards that kids now expect from a Mike Lupica novel.

In Mike Lupica's thrilling book, Nate Brodie, is the star quarterback on his eighth grade football team. Everybody calls him Brady because of Nate's a huge fan of Tom Brady. Nate's best friend named Abby, is going blind but loves to support Nate. There is this contest and Brady enters it and wins it but has to go to New England to throw a ball through hoop to win a million dollars and a signed football from Tom Brady, Nate's idol. There is a couple problems though, Nate's dad, lost his job, and Nate's family has to sell the house, and Abby is completely blind, and is uncertain if she will be able to make the game so she could support Nate while he made his throw. It turns out Abby is able to go and Nate makes the throw and wins the million dollars! He also wins a signed football from Tom Brady, his idol! I chose this book because I love sports and I love to read about them. I

would highly recommend this book if you are also a sports lover. I thought it was great book because it shows that dreams sometimes do come true. It was also an easy read and very hard to put down, I just wanted to keep reading.

My son had to read this book for his summer reading. He said he was an interesting book. I would say this book was very interesting to him because he normally does not read anything but he read the whole book. I would recommend this book to any young sports person.

This book is about Nate Brodie, an elite 8th grade quarterback, who is also called Brady by his friends. Nate entered a competition, where he would have to throw a football for 30 yards into a tire and win 1 million dollars. While this is happening, his throwing arm for some reason is failing on him, and he is going through many financial issues. Also, his best friend Abby is going blind. Through these struggles, it makes Nate feel more pressured to win the money. Will he win the money? Or will he not? Read to find out. I think that anyone over the age of 10 will enjoy this book, especially if they are a sports fan.

Even though this is young adult fiction, and about sports, I enjoyed it as much as, or maybe even more than, my 10-year old son! It was the kind of book you just can't put down. Nate and his football buddies and his best friend, Abby, are also great role models for tweens and teens, boys and girls.

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