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# Night Hoops



## Synopsis

Nick Abbott and Trent Dawson have nothing in common but basketball. Or so it seems. But as the basketball season progresses, their lives become unexpectedly intertwined. In this story of an unlikely bond, award-winning author Carl Deuker explores that dark and confusing place between loneliness and friendship, between faithfulness and betrayal. Filled with gripping game play, the novel will leave readers wondering how much they themselves would reach out to a kid like Trent.

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## Customer Reviews

Carl Dueker creates a well-written story about a young boy's love for the game of basketball and his everyday life. Nick Abbott is a sophomore in high school and wants to be the star basketball player more than anything. He faces several problems in his life. For example, his parents are going through a divorce. Also, Nick has to face his angry neighbor, Trent Dawson, who is also on the basketball team. The boys start to become friends as they practice playing basketball every night on Nick's backyard court. Nick starts to grow up in many ways on the court and off of it while he is dealing with his new life changes. The main message of the book is that it is very important to make adjustments during the course of a game, as well as, to learn that adjustments are important in life, too. Night Hoops was a really great book and I recommend this to all boys. This is a great novel about basketball and friendship. I really understood this book and what Nick was thinking the whole

way through. Carl Deuker shoots and scores with this book, Night Hoops!

This book has good points and bad points. One of the good points is the fact that its a story about two completely different people who are brought together by their common interest in basketball. Another good point is that one of the characters father keeps pressuring him into basketball but instead he follows his dreams and plays the trumpet in the school band. Some bad points are that the book is too predictable. For example like they win a basketball game by a buzzer beater shot. Another bad point is that the book moves kind of slowly. I still enjoyed the book very much.

I felt ashamed during reading this book. In the book, Night Hoops the main character Nick tries hard to go into varsity basketball and tries hard to be friend with Trent. After reading this book, I learned that working is the shortcut to success. Nick gets bad news that his parents are divorcing, but he still practices with his friends and gets ready for tryouts. Nick makes the team, same as his friend Luke. Also his neighbor Trent makes the team and everybody in the team hates him because Trent and his brother are bullies. Trent begins to come to Nick's backyard at night to play basketball. Suddenly Nick joins and they become friends. Nick and Trent begin to play basketball as a team and they win the championship. Trent also thanks Nick for helping out with his school work and his personal things about his brother. They become best friends. I recommend this book to kids who love basketball or kids that have problems with their friends. Also this book never makes you bored and it's a great story. It was also great that a normal nice kid like Nick was the main character.

Basketball, Passion and friendship is what this book is about. Nick Abbott is your average basketball loving 9th grader who decides to try out for the varsity team at Bothell High School. But just like the game, Nick's life has some twists and turns, some low points and high ones. How will he handle the neighborhood bullies, Trent Dawson and his crazy brother Zack? And what about his father and his trumpet loving older brother? MOST important, what about the part that decides his future, the tryouts? This book kept pulling me in, and I wanted more. Nick's life revolves around basketball, but with it come some unexpected surprises, that make you love Nick and his world even more. From a girl's view, this book deserves five stars, and I think that a guy who loves, or even doesn't love basketball, would really like this book.

This book was as good as a sports novel got. Nick, Trent were awesomely developed characters and I rooted for both of them through the book. The other players were likeable (generally) and you

understood the way they fitted in, and interacted with the two main protagonists. As a huge lover of pick-up basketball (not good enough for the big stuff haha) I was sucked into this one. It described everything I lived about the sport. A great story is at the center of all the sports drama, and it doesn't disappoint. In no way can this be mistaken for a cheesy sports inspirational story. It's that good. Every basketball fan, whether they be adults or teenagers should come take a look at this one.

As you enter the book of Night Hoops you will forget all other books you have read in the past. As you step into Nick Abbott's life it goes beyond the game of basketball. It is the good moments and the bad for Nick and his friend like Luke. This mostly takes place on and off at Nick's house in Seattle, where all of Nick's friends come to play, because he does have the best court there. This book also has its share of diabolical characters such as the Dawsons pertaining to Zack and Trent that live right nextdoor to Nick, his mom and his older brother Scott. Nick fights through having divorced parents and almost never gets to see his Dad anymore, which is hard for Nick to do because his Dad is also in love with the game of basketball and he taught him the way to play the game. When Trent and Nick were playing basketball at Nick's house one day and Zack called Trent over to show him something that was in his pocket but Nick couldn't see before Zack ran off. I won't tell you what was in Zack's pocket or any other details in this very powerful book I hope you are going to find out on your own.

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