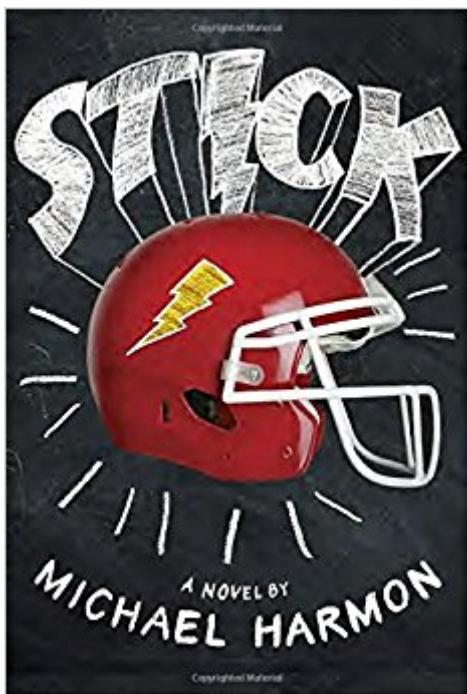


The book was found

Stick



Synopsis

Stick is the best wide receiver in the history of his high school—the football seems magnetically drawn to his hands, hence his nickname. Preston is an outcast, and his pipsqueak stature and nerdy social status couldn't be further from a star athlete's. Stick puts on his football costume every week to make others—his teammates, his dad, everyone but himself—happy, but he's fallen out of love with the sport and feels that he's lost control of his future. Preston puts on his homemade superhero costume every night to help others, too: to avenge his father's murder, he's determined to right the wrongs he sees in his neighborhood and regain control of the flawed world he sees around him. A twist of fate brings this unlikely pair together in a friendship that is as odd as it is true. Each can see the other better than he can see himself, and in these unexpected reflections lies a chance for mutual redemption.

Book Information

Hardcover: 240 pages

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers (August 4, 2015)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0385754361

ISBN-13: 978-0385754361

Product Dimensions: 5.8 x 0.8 x 8.6 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.6 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.3 out of 5 stars 7 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #138,580 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #37 in Books > Teens > Literature & Fiction > Sports > Football #215 in Books > Teens > Literature & Fiction > Boys & Men #272 in Books > Teens > Literature & Fiction > Social & Family Issues > Emotions & Feelings

Customer Reviews

Gr 10 Up—Brett "Stick" Patterson has a love/hate relationship with football. He loves the game itself but hates the win-at-all-costs attitude that prevails on his high school team. He hates even more the way others—especially his power-mad coach and abusive, alcoholic father—exploit his talent. Nerdy Preston Underwood comes to Brett's attention as the boy is being pelted by eggs thrown by Brett's bullying teammates. Brett fails to intervene but is intrigued by Preston's serene attitude in the face of such abuse. The two form a relationship as Preston tutors

Brett in math and also pushes him to confront the issues in his life that he has been avoiding. Preston has issues of his own: his father was murdered before his eyes during a robbery. Brett quits the football team and with the help of a sympathetic guidance counselor, transfers to another school where he is able to join a team coached by a fair-minded man. Meanwhile, Preston takes to the streets at night dressed in a superhero costume trying to thwart crime (to atone for his inaction in his father's death). Brett's former teammates attack both of them in their rage at his defection. There is way too much going on in this novel for any of the important issues raised to be treated with any depth or complexity, and the scatological language would limit the potential audience to older teen readers, even as the vocabulary, sentence structure, and general level of sophistication suggest a lower reading level. **VERDICT** An additional purchase only. —Richard Lizer, Fair Haven Union High School, VT

"This delivers the feel-good satisfaction of an afterschool special while forgoing the saccharine aftertaste for some solid satisfaction." • Bulletin, starred review

I wish this were also in paperback version so I could get additional copies for my 8th-grade classroom. It's not your typical sports book--it's so much more. First of all - I (as a well-read adult) enjoyed it. But more importantly--and trying not to stereotype--a number of my football playing reluctant readers LOVED the book. One actually gasped in class while reading it and called out loud to me, "No, Mrs. J - WHY?" But he kept reading, and loved it. It's thought-provoking, real, and ultimately satisfying. Besides wishing it were in paperback, the other thing I wish is that I had a better answer for kids who want another book similar to this one. Let me know if you have any read-alikes.

I love Michael Harmon's novels, been reading them since 10th grade (5/6 years), and Stick is no exception. Long story short, Stick was funny, intense, and overall an easy to read book. You can definitely tell it's a Harmon novel, and if you are a fan of his prior stories, you won't be disappointed.

Excellent book by an excellent author. I enjoyed each turn in the book as well as the very well developed characters. I have read all of Michael's books and I would recommend each one, not only to young adults but to "older" adults as well.

My son is reading the book he seems to like it

Excellent read!

I read a lot of books for all ages and rarely write reviews, but this one calls for one. It's basically a fourth-grade level book (in terms of plot and writing) with swear words on almost every page. Every character is a stereotype, and everything is spelled out repeatedly in case the reader can't figure it out. No inferences required. This is a good example of a high-interest, low-skill (hi-lo) book for older students with low reading skills.

really cool book

[Download to continue reading...](#)

How to Install Kodi on Fire Stick: Install Kodi on Fire Stick: Step-By-Step Instructions with Screen Shots! (2017 Kodi User Guide, fire tv stick, kodi book, kodi fire tv stick, kodi stick) Fire Stick: The Ultimate Fire Stick User Guide - Learn How To Start Using Fire Stick, Plus Little-Known Tips And Tricks! (Streaming ... TV Stick User Guide, How To Use Fire Stick) Stick Dog 3-Book Collection: Stick Dog, Stick Dog Wants a Hot Dog, Stick Dog Chases a Pizza Fire TV: Fire Stick: The Ultimate User Guide to Fire Stick To TV, Movies, Apps, Games & Much More (how to use Fire Stick, streaming, tips ... (User guides, internet, free movie Book 2) Stick Sketch School: Mastering the Art of the Stick Figure The 10 Best Stick Fighting Techniques: A Practical Approach to Using the Kali Stick, Police Baton, or Nightstick for Self-Defense (The 10 Best Series Book 4) Food on a Stick Cookbook: State Fair and Carnival Food on a Stick Recipes Fire Stick: How to Unlock the True Potential of Your Fire Stick (including Amazing Tips and Tricks, the 2017 updated user guide, home tv,digital media) Fire Stick: How to Unlock Fire Stick: Simple Step by Step Instructions on how to Jailbreak a Firestick (the 2017 updated user guide, tips and tricks, ... tv, by echo,digital media,internet) How to Install Kodi on Firestick: The Ultimate User Guide How to Install Kodi on Fire Stick (the 2017 updated user guide, tips and tricks, home ... (user guides, fire stick,) How to Install Kodi on FireStick: 2 Manuscripts: Ultimate Guide to Install Kodi on Your Fire Stick & Get the Most From Fire TV Stick in 2017 Fire Stick: How To Unlock The True Potential Of Your Fire Stick - Plus Amazing Tips And Tricks! How To Setup Prime On My TV: Prime TV, Echo, Stick, Fire Stick, Smile Big Stick Combat: Baseball Bat, Cane, & Long Stick for Fitness and Self-Defense Fire Stick: Start Using your Fire TV to the fullest: Best Ways to Unlock Fire TV Stick (the 2017 updated user guide,home tv,tips and tricks,digital ... prime,by echo,expert,internet) Home Quick Planner: Reusable, Peel & Stick Furniture & Architectural Symbols Stick and Rudder: An Explanation of the Art of Flying Stick Control: For the Snare Drummer Stop Smoking: The True Story of a Chronic

Smoker Who Kicked the Habit for Good With No Cravings or Weight Gain (Illustrated With Stick Figures) The Spirit in the Stick

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)