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I read this book because I play soccer & thought it would be interesting. At first it was kind of slow, but around 3/4 of the way it got a lot better. I am a girl, and it was from a boy's point of view so I didn't like that. But it has a really good theme to it, and is well written. Definitely not one of the best books I've ever read though.

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I really liked the book, specially because it was about sport and that is one of the thing I enjoy the doing the most, and second, it was about soccer which is my second best sport. The story really just hooked me in on every chapter. i've read Rich Wallace's writing before and the way he write is just how I like it. I reccommend this to people that like a good book and sports.

I think that "Shots on Goal" was an excellent book. It was great for anyone at the high school level. You don't even have to have to like soccer. he sees perfectly into the sife of most high schoolers dealing with issues such as drugs, girls, and friendship. Overall I would give the book a rating of ten on a scale of one to ten. I think that Rich Wallace should keep on writing.

This is a short book about Barry Austin. He lives in a tiny suburb with his mom, dad, and older brother Tommy. Barry plays soccer as well as working as a dishwasher with his best friend Joey. Barry's problem begins with Shannon, the girl that Joey KNOWS Barry likes. All of a sudden Shannon is hanging all over Joey, and Barry is left with Eileen. On top of that, their soccer team was doing well, but now it is beginning to look like the team doesn't stand a chance against Greenfield. What will they do? I found this book to be rather dull. The plot sounds vaguely familiar to a soap opera on TV, and is about as interesting. Maybe it is the plot itself, but neither Barry nor Tommy is very realistic, and their situations are even less realistic. I believe that Rich Wallace has a lot of potential, but I don't understand why he would waste it like this. I would not recommend this to very many people.

Barry, a high school student, struggles between friends and playing soccer. Sturbridge is where he lives and their soccer team has a chance at winning league this year. His best friend Joey, one of the best soccer players on the team, has trouble-staying friends because of their soccer playing.

Joey is a ball hog and doesn't pass. Joey thinks that Barry (Bones) and the team aren't playing there hardest. Joey and Bones also have trouble with girls because they both like the same girl and they both get with her. Bones has to deal with pressure from his mom, the soccer team, and Joey.

This story is real easy to read. The words aren't hard and the book just flows through the story. The soccer screens are great. They really tell you what is happening and you can picture it in your head. It talks about stuff that real teens would do like have a party the weekend your parents go away and the jealousy between friends. It shows a great struggle between two friends that are trying to stay great friends. It even shows them getting so mad at each other that they start fighting. It shows problems in the soccer team, some wanting it really bad and others out there just to play. The parts I didn't like is after some chapters it had some inside opinions, poem like things, I didn't get them or like them. They confused me. I didn't know who wrote them and why there were writing them.

With the same "you are there" immediacy that characterized his first novel, Wallace returns to the small-town setting from Wrestling Sturbridge; this time the game is soccer. Geared mostly for boys (the female teens in this novel are reduced to cats with sharpened claws), this play-by-play account of sophomore Barry (Bones) Austin's second soccer season balances sports action with introspective moments off the field. After finally breaking last year's losing streak (2-11-1), the Sturbridge High players are suddenly at 3-0 and psyched to win the league championship. But the coach says they must first "work together" as a team and overcome "personality conflicts"--not an easy task for Bones, whose best friend Joe (a more aggressive forward) captured the attentions of flirtatious Shannon just when Bones was about to make his move. Wallace's ear for locker-room banter and knowledge of fragile adolescent egos shine through in his vibrant characterizations of young contenders. Young adults will gleefully cheer Bones on as he grows both as an individual and as an athlete, and hurdles personal obstacles to attain victory. Ages 12-up. (Sept.)

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I've heard it said that most people who write for kids have a fixed point in their childhood where their most significant memories lie. A piece of them has remained that age, has continued to see the world through the eyes of that child. It's where their emotions run hottest, where their impressions are most vivid.

For me that place is the high school years, the years of Ben in Wrestling Sturbridge and Bones in Shots on Goal. It's the moments of absolute torture waiting for the girl to answer the telephone, or of gut-twisting anticipation just before a race. It's the white-hot fury in the rush toward the finish line, the rare but deserved feeling of confidence when you step to the line for a game-winning free throw, and the satisfying range of emotions after a loss or a draw or a triumph.

I was successful as an athlete in high school and college and beyond, but what I feed off now are the alone times: the training, the psyching up, the self-definition. The way Ben prepares himself in the locker room before going to the mat with Al, coming to the realization that I've been waiting a long time to walk out there in a match that means everything; my whole career. Al's, too. I earned it and I want it.

These guys have reached pivotal moments in their lives, not just as athletes, but as people. They've reached places where they've wanted to be, but it's terrifying just the same to be there. Because you can't duck out; you can't say it doesn't really matter what happens. Because it does.

I wonder sometimes if I'll ever move away from my teenage years, in either direction, and write about little kids or adults. There's this fiery orb of matter centered on the years from fifteen to eighteen, and I don't think it will expire in my lifetime. So the likelihood is that any future novel I write will draw most of its heat from that period.

I kept intense diaries during my teenage years, packing them with the ups and downs of my daily existence. I captured the boredom and frustrations of life in a small town, the angst and embarrassments of my first dealings with girls, the desire and growing confidence that came with gradual success as an athlete, and the enormous fun of hanging with a group of funny, frustrated, kinesthetic guys. I turn to those diaries sometimes when I need to relive an emotion for a scene in a novel. And I find the same guy I am now—a lot more naive, a lot more ego-driven, but essentially the same individual.

High school can be a time for joy, angst, growing up, or retreating back into childish ways. For Herbie and Joey, this is a time for all of these and more. Best friends, always rivals on the soccer team, are now rivals for Shannon. Can you support your best friend and still be at odds with one another? When is the right time to put things into perspective, to just "grow up", or "deal with it"? Boys will especially enjoy the play-by-play action of the soccer games while reading this tale of rivalry and friendship.

Gr 5-10--Life in a small town in Pennsylvania isn't too exciting for 15-year-old Bones and his buddies, but they find ways to amuse themselves. They focus on their soccer, hang out by the Turkey Hill convenience store, and watch girls. Bones and Joey have always been close friends, but suddenly things are different. It starts over a girl but quickly escalates into every part of their relationship--from soccer to their part-time jobs. The tension spreads to the rest of the team, causing problems between teammates and making the coach furious. It takes a while for them to resolve their differences, but both boys come out of the experience with some new knowledge about their lives, and about themselves. Wallace has created a cast of characters that is three-dimensional and interesting. The situations and emotions that Bones experiences are all very real, and young people will relate to them. This is a book that will appeal to many different readers, although non-sports fans may get lost in some of the detailed descriptions of the soccer games. The writing is simple enough to entice reluctant readers. A deftly written book, and a solid addition to any YA collection.--Dina Sherman, Brooklyn Children's Museum, NY

Friends and soccer nuts since grade school, Barry and Joey bring new life to a team that was 2-11-1 last year, but their relationship is undergoing a power shift. Joey's need to dominate is getting on Barry's nerves, on the field—where his reluctance to pass the ball is costing games—and off: He cuts in on Barry's pursuit of Shannon, a luscious schoolmate. The more the buddies drift apart, though, the harder Joey plays, and through a series of exciting games he takes the team to a climactic try at the local league championship. Meanwhile, Barry arranges to be alone with Shannon at a party, and Joey retaliates by getting him fired from the inn where they both work. The friends' rift is healed by an exchange of knuckles and twin attacks of common sense. Wallace's teenage characters—all involved in athletics—are drawn from life and mostly likable; adults stay in the background, but Barry enjoys an unusually close relationship with his savvy college-age brother, Tommy, a font of good advice. Thanks in part to occasional descriptive asides, Sturbridge takes on a distinctive character, too: It's a small, ethnically diverse, sports-focused town, limited in its opportunities but not as confining as it seemed in the previous book. Engrossing fare.

I really enjoyed this book Being a teenager and also on the high school soccer team and dealing with home stress and school (Such as boys homework and Spanish) It was good to see the other people that are out there just like me and that have a related situation. Yes the book dose have language that is not for younger kids!

My 11-year-old son brought this book home from the school library. I was shocked at its' content. It contains material unsuitable for young readers. It contains the following: considerable profanity, references to cross dressing and transvestites, and even refers to 'doing it' and 'screwing.' This is just to caution you in the event you care about what your child reads.

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