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Bumped Up (The Volleyball Series Book 1)



Synopsis

Alarm. Breakfast. Bus. Bio. Spanish. Socials. Study. Lunch. Calc. Humanities. Bell. And THEN the day starts. Knee pads, ponytail. Full court. No drama. But drama is just the beginning when senior Annette Reynolds recruits incoming freshman Payton Moore to play for the varsity team. Payton quickly finds that her superior basketball talent doesn't translate to the volleyball court, resulting in a divided team and a rift between Payton and her best friend Renika, whose natural ability for volleyball earns her a starting position on the varsity team. Will Payton get it together in time to help her team make it to State or will she be left behind while Renika gets Bumped Up?

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Customer Reviews

When I think of sports fiction for youth, I think of authors like Matt Christopher or collections by Jake Maddux. Most of them are for a young male audience, but I have a girl interested in sports and she is going to need more books for her. Bumped Up by Pam Greer is the first in the Volleyball Series. Payton and Neeka are active in sports, especially basketball, but the developing high school volleyball team is looking for new players, and Payton's skills on the court have caught their eye.

Neeka, who is not as coordinated in basketball, joins the JV team at her friend's request and finds that it is something in which she excels. This book is appropriate for tweens and teen. It covers the sport of volleyball as well as issues in high school and dealing with family problems. It's a great read at 5 stars!

If you played sports in high school this book will bring back a lot of memories. I forgot about some of the drama that went on with my volleyball team but while reading this book it all came flooding back to me, I feel like I just took a trip down memory lane. I really enjoyed reading this book because it was so relatable to me. Like Neeka I also had a supportive-but-often-annoying big brother and a best friend who excelled at sports, making me feel torn between being happy for her and jealous of her talent. As I read this story I grew pretty attached to the characters, especially Neeka. When I finished this I felt like I just said goodbye to new friends. I consider a book really good if I get that feeling of longing after it's over. Thank goodness there are two more books in this series.

Bumped Up is an interesting, well written book designed for teens. It focuses on the friendship between two girls and how their involvement in sports affects that friendship. One of them is a natural athlete, while the other is always standing in the shadow of her friend. Things begin to change when the less athletic girl discovers she excels at volleyball, leaving the other girl struggling to keep up. The book details how this puts a strain on their friendship as well as the team as a whole. It made an older person like me remember my own high school experiences. I quite enjoyed it.

such a great and detailed book! I recommend this book to people who have a interest in volleyball! this book is a great book to learn from aswell.

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