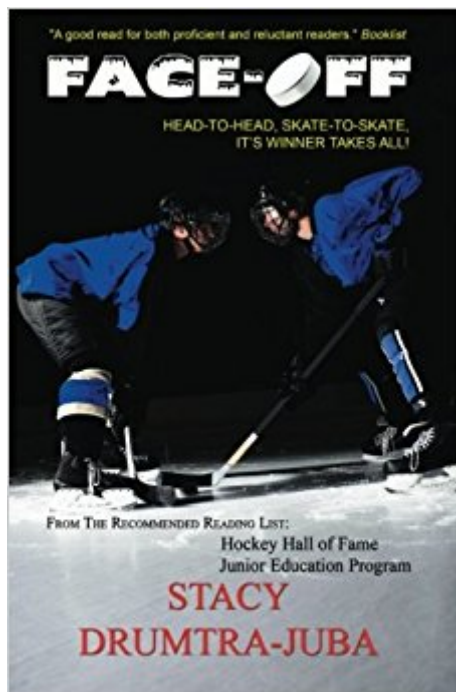


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## Face-Off (Book One)



## Synopsis

Head-to-Head, Skate-to-Skate, It's Winner Takes All! What might have been a dream come true has turned into a nightmare. Brad's twin brother T.J. has gotten himself out of the fancy prep school his father picked for him and into the public high school Brad attends. Now T.J., the bright light in his father's eyes, is a shining new star on the hockey team where Brad once held the spotlight. And he's testing his popularity with Brad's friends, eyeing Brad's girl and competing to be captain of the team. The whole school is rooting for a big double-strength win...not knowing that their twin hockey stars are heating up the ice for a winner takes all face-off. Re-issue of the hockey classic, originally written when the author was a teenager. This young adult novel has entertained thousands of young readers and appeared on many reading lists. Among its many honors: - The Hockey Hall of Fame's Junior Education Program included Face-Off on its recommended reading list for the junior and intermediate levels. - Recommended in the sports category of Best Books for Young Teen Readers: Grades 7-10 by John T. Gillespie This new edition contains a bonus excerpt of the sequel: Offsides (Face-Off Book Two) and the young adult paranormal thriller Dark Before Dawn.

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## Customer Reviews

Hockey fans will be attracted by the cover and held by the game descriptions, and those who like realistic fiction will appreciate the complexity of the boys' home life, with battling parents, hero-worshipping younger siblings and a father who expects too little of one twin and too much of the other. A good read for both proficient and reluctant readers. Booklist Lots of action and emotional upheaval ensure that this will be a popular book for boys as well as girls. This reviewer's YA Book Review Group gave it nine points out of a possible ten for 'Good Read' status. VOYA

Stacy Juba got engaged at Epcot Theme Park and spent part of her honeymoon at Disneyland Paris, where she ate a burger, went on fast rides, and threw up on the train ride to the hotel. In addition to working on her Storybook Valley chick lit/sweet romance series, set at a theme park, Stacy has written books about ice hockey, teen psychics, U.S. flag etiquette for kids, and determined women sleuths. Get your FREE Storybook Valley Welcome Kit on her website.

Fast moving young adult novella centering around the issues of sibling rivalry, family relationships, the sport of hockey, coming of age, and divorce. The McKendrick Family is undergoing a crisis. Parents are constantly fighting and are on the verge of divorce. A.J. McKendrick is an out of work architect struggling to make ends meet, placing additional strain on the marriage. High school juniors and fraternal twins, Brad and T.J., strive to shine in hockey, but T.J. has the better grades. Dad places unrealistic expectations on T.J. When finances force the parents to remove T.J. from private school, the brothers are faced with a new situation for rivalry; how to play together on the same hockey team. Their younger brother Chris gets into fights in school and attempts to run away. All this emotional stress plays havoc on the lives of the family, their school, and their friends. In addition, there are the coming of age issues related to romance and future career plans. The short tale offers a lot to young teen readers. It is packed with action, emotional tension, details about the sport of hockey, and well-defined characters facing issues with which the reader may empathize. This book would be a good choice for a reluctant reader as the tone is conversational and smooth flowing. Juba immediately draws you in and holds your attention. Highly recommended for teens, particularly boys who love sports.

Kids loved the audio book and it was entertaining for the adults as well. Made a long car ride pass by quickly.

I'm a HUGE hockey fan, and it's not everyday that I get the opportunity to read about my favorite sport. When a great story line element is thrown into the mix--suspension--you can bet I will love it. I'm a new fan of Juba's, but it's like I've been reading her writing for years. What I like most about it is that she can make two POVs completely different. I find that hard to do in my own writing and I don't see it executed in many other books so well, but Stacy Juba has proven that it is possible. I also want to commend her on the dialogue. As one of the hardest things to do when righting YA, Stacy Juba really makes high school dialect seem normal, which, as we all know, isn't so normal at

all. The tension is real. That is the utmost truth. I've come across certain books and many high rated novels that I can never seem to get excited for. Half of the time I can't even figure out what the climax is about, mostly because it was such a let down. Face-Off was a little on the softer side for me, as it had no connection to my usual readings. Nonetheless, it was a special read and reminded me of how one's love for writing can start off so simple and blossom into something wild and unimaginable within years of experience and learning. It's a good message that Stacy Juba gives out, a rare one indeed that is neither present nor hidden in most stories. The climax was there and so in your face that you couldn't miss anything.

It was a good book. There could have been more conflict. Other than that, great read! Go Bruins! Go hockey!

The plot was wonderful if you love hockey. I would recommend this book to any young adult looking for a good quick read

I really enjoyed this! It's not my typical type of read, and I'm probably not it's intended audience, but that just goes to show how wonderful Stacy Juba's writing is! Face-Off is about a group of brothers that are going through some tough things in their lives, but hopefully with each other and their love of hockey they can come together to overcome any obstacle, but some sibling rivalry gets in the way. Brad and TJ are the eldest of the 4 brothers, and they are twins, TJ goes to a private school, while his brothers all go to public school, but a situation in the family causes TJ to have to switch schools to the school with his brothers. TJ was the star hockey player on his private school's team, and Brad is the star player on his team, so when TJ transfers and joins Brad's hockey team, Brad isn't too happy about it. I loved the bond that all the brothers have, and I happen to love the hockey aspect! This read would be great for both males and females, and Stacy Juba writes wonderfully real characters. I also listened to this in audiobook form, and the narrator did a great job at fluctuating their voices so I could tell all the characters apart, and the narrator maintain a steady voice level. I look forward to reading more books by Stacy Juba!

I was given an advanced copy of this book and am voluntarily reviewing...Amazing and fast moving young adult book. Not my usual type of book. I really enjoyed. This was the first book I read by the author. Not your typical hockey story. It's about the McKendrick family. They of course have their issues as a family. I enjoyed getting to know the family. How the oldest boys were trying to help

and protect their younger two brothers from their parents non stop arguing and just now decided on separation. I really felt the love and compassion of the brothers for one another. Being a very difficult time and adjustment for them all. I found a quick and easy read. I was k retested to see what happens and where going. I recommend to teens and YA. No graphic sex. No extreme violence. A really nice change...I will read any sequels and other books by Stacy Juba. I found a knew author to read.

Really good YA short read about a family of four brothers, the twins in particular. TJ and Brad are juniors in separate high schools, one in private and one in public school. Mom and dad are yelling at each other all the time and financial problems cause TJ to leave his school and start attending public school with Brad. This is not really the beginning of problems, but you get the idea. Wonderful dynamics between the brothers and a great quick read. I voluntarily reviewed this book after receiving an advanced reading copy.

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