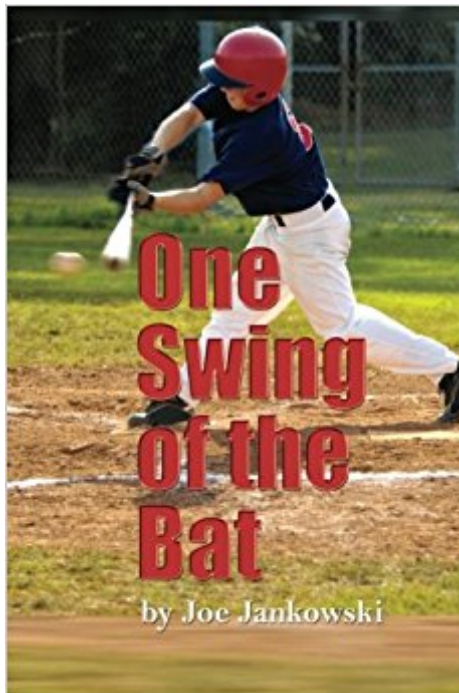




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One Swing Of The Bat: A Christian Novel (For Middle Grade Readers)



Synopsis

Twelve year-old farm boy, Billy Braddock, is an old-fashioned, hard-nosed baseball player, a power hitting outfielder and a rec league all-star. But is he good enough to make an elite travel team composed of the very best talent in town? Billy, and his best friend, Toby Ryan, resolve to find out. They put in long hours of practice and compete hard to secure roster spots on the Fairfield Yankees, one of the premier teams in the Capital City Suburban League. Catch all the exciting action as the season unfolds and Billy begins to learn about God's plan for his young life, the awesome power of forgiveness, the dangers of "following the crowd," and, finally, how he measures up against the nastiest pitcher anyone has ever seen!

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Customer Reviews

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Our 12 yr old, baseball playing son read this book and enjoyed it. He said this book is about getting

on a good team, having a good attitude about baseball, and that baseball is not just about talent. He said he means there are many things about baseball other than just playing a game. He enjoyed this book and loves reading about baseball greats. Some other books he recommends are: Shoeless Joe and Me, Jackie Robinson & Me, & They Came From Centerfield by Dan Gutman who has written the Baseball Card Adventure series. We've found when we provide him with well-written books featuring things he's really into (baseball, football) then he is much more quick to pick them up and get into them. Another good one he enjoys is Bud, Not Buddy.

"One Swing of the Bat: A Christian Novel (For Middle Grade Readers)" is an excellent book for young readers. It is very realistic in its portrayal of the characters. It develops a theme of integrity, hard work, and compassion through the young characters that is sorely needed in today's world. Unfortunately most of the adult characters are a true representation of some of today's coaches, parents, and athletes and the emphasis on winning placed on our young athletes today. Sport is character building, but I am afraid that too many characters are being built through sport instead. A great read and Very well written. Mr. Jankowski is becoming an excellent writer as evidenced by his new book, "The Bruise Brothers".

Great book for those baseball lovers: Dads, Moms, Coaches, 2nd to 6th grade children. Shows character building, team camaraderie, loyalty to friends and teammates, hard work on and off the field, and the love of God. I have a 2nd grade grandson who loved the book and a friend who's in her 70's who also enjoyed reading it. She's asking for more books by this author.

I really enjoyed this book! I love baseball and I'm going through the same things the main characters experience. This author really has some descriptive details and good story lines. I'm 12 years old and highly recommend this book to anyone my age that loves to play & learn about baseball. Hey Joe, keep writing awesome books about baseball!

Exactly the type of literature I would want my future son to read. It embodies the values that are often lacking in modern books.

I am a 13 year old. It was a really good read, especially because I like baseball so much. I would highly recommend it.

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