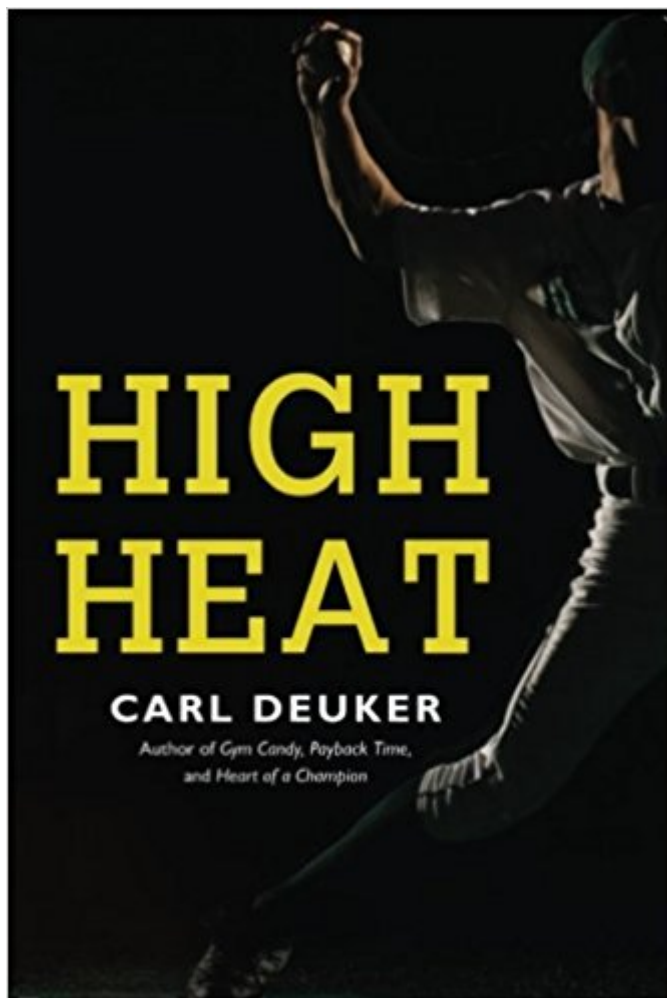




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Synopsis

Like the game of baseball, life is quirky and unpredictable, as Shane Hunter discovers in the spring of his sophomore year. Suddenly and without warning his life of privilege is turned upside down. And just as suddenly, life begins to seem utterly without fairness or purpose to him. Exciting, well-written sports scenes transport readers right into the stands while complex issues engage their hearts and minds. For here is a novel of loss, of morality, and of the rare, redemptive power of baseball. Can speaking the truth really determine lives? Just how does one accept, move on, and begin doing the right thing?

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Grade 7 Up-Shane Hunter's life of privilege disintegrates when his dad is arrested for money laundering and commits suicide. The teen, his mother, and his younger sister are forced to move out of their palatial home and into subsidized housing in a tough part of Seattle. Shane has a difficult time adjusting, and is eventually arrested for stealing beer from a convenience store. As part of his probation, he must help repair a local baseball diamond. There, he meets the coach of his public school's baseball team, who encourages him to try out. A crucial moment comes when Shane, a relief pitcher with a blazing fastball, faces the team from his old private school. His anger rises to the surface, and he delivers a fastball directly at the head of Reese Robertson, the kid whose family

bought Shane's house. Reese is hospitalized, and although Shane affects a lack of concern, he is so rattled that his pitching skills deteriorate. The rest of the novel follows his attempts to get both his arm and his life back on track, and the uneasy bond he forms with Reese. Deuker avoids easy answers in the book's ambiguous but truthful conclusion. Non-sports fans may find too many game descriptions to hold their interest, but devotees will be rewarded with a story that delivers baseball action along with a rich psychological portrait, told through a compelling first-person narration. Todd Morning, Schaumburg Township Public Library, IL Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Gr. 5-8. Time and baseball work to ease a teenager's hurt in this intense, narrowly focused novel. Shane attends exclusive Shorelake High and enjoys his role as fireballing short reliever on the school's championship baseball team. All of that is swept away when his father commits suicide. Suddenly, Shane is living in public housing, and he takes a brief hiatus from baseball before trying out for his new school's ragtag team. Then, facing Shorelake, Shane throws a vicious beanball that puts star player Reese in the hospital. Shane insists (until almost the end) that it was accidental but is dismayed to discover that he's lost his fastball. Reese, too, has lost his prowess, and the two become wary allies, dedicated to helping each other come back. Shane's inner recovery is mirrored in his gradual return to form on the mound amid a welter of blowouts, close games, and sudden reversals of fortune that propel his team into the state playoffs. Readers who prefer their Hollywood endings unalloyed may be disappointed that Reese experiences no parallel recovery, but there's enough taut sports action here to satisfy the most avid fan. John Peters Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

As a person who loves the game of Baseball, I had been looking for a good fiction book about the sport that also has a good plotline. "High Heat" definitely met my expectations. Shane is a great pitcher until a fateful day when he hits an opponent in the head with one of his pitches. Also, troubles in his family force him to move and further contribute to his problems not only on the field, but off of it. Luckily, he meets a new Baseball coach whose words of wisdom help Shane try to deal with his issues and change himself for the better. I thought this book was great in that the Baseball action described was very interesting. Also, the way Shane's inner turmoil was described felt very realistic and authentic for how a teen might feel who had gone through similar experiences. A wonderful book which I greatly enjoyed. I would highly recommend it.

This is hands down one of my favorite books. If you enjoy a good sports novel with an underlining message, this is right up your alley.

A very intriguing book, keeping you wanting more. Unfortunately, it ends a little abruptly. But still, a very fun, exciting, and interesting novel.

This author has great books for boys, very interesting!

Lots of drama and you will scream while reading this. Hope that you baseball lovers will read this because it was good.

I teach middle school and bought this for my students. It was a really good book. It's more about the characters than sports, but it has held my students' attention...what more could I ask!

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