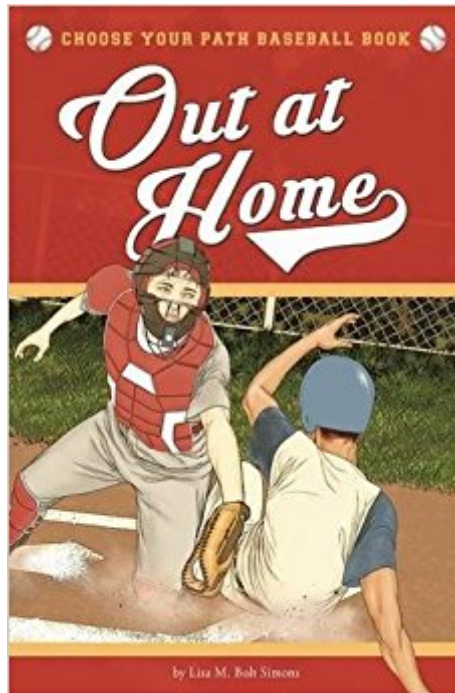




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Out At Home: A Choose Your Path Baseball Book (Choose To Win)



Synopsis

You may have read sports books before, but you've never read one like this.

You're the main character, and life's not easy. You've been in and out of foster care for much of your life. At least you have baseball. It's the one thing that keeps you in school and out of trouble. But will you stick with the team when your living situation changes for the worse? And with a new kid in town who also plays shortstop, does the team even need you? Out at Home isn't like other baseball books for kids. With an interactive format, your choices affect the story's outcome. Plus, it's a game within a game: Collect points for your decisions in order to upgrade your character's baseball skills. So read the book by Lisa M. Bolt Simons, collect the points, and choose to win!

Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 13 years

Grade Level: 3 - 8

Customer Reviews

Lisa M. Bolt Simons has been a teacher for more than 20 years, and she's been a writer for as long as she can remember. She has written more than 20 nonfiction children's books, as well as a history book, Faribault Woolen Mill: Loomed in the Land of Lakes, and she is currently working on several other projects. Both her nonfiction and fiction works have been recognized with various accolades. In her spare time, Lisa loves to read and to scrapbook.

Originally from Colorado, Lisa currently lives in Minnesota with her husband, Dave, and she's the mom of twins, Jeri and Anthony. She was a busy sports mom for over a decade.

This is a wonderful read. Your kids will love it. So will you. It's an interactive story where the reader gets to make decisions and goes to different pages depending on their choices. The transitions are seamless and the story is captivating. This is very thoughtful, honest and intelligent writing and I can't wait to read Ms. Bolt Simmons' other work.

ENJOYMENT...that is what I experienced as I read this book! I am a teacher, nanny and aunt to two teenage boys who play baseball. This was my first "Choose Your Path" reading experience and I am impressed! Finding books that teenagers are interested in can be hard, but I feel this book will hit the interest of many including my nephews. It is truly a baseball book, but there is so much more to it! It showcases reality of a boy whose life has many hardships and family struggles. Then his passion and love for baseball guides him through his choices and keeps him coming out on top! Sports really does help so many teens, and I like that this is the theme for this boy too. I also like how I was not only reading this for enjoyment, but curious throughout and thinking about what will come next and the choices to make. It was a page turner and I did not want to put this book down! This book mixes reality of a young boy with baseball and the point system also adds a fun factor as you read. I would definitely recommend this book to others and I am looking forward to introducing it to the kids that I know!

I have been a lifelong baseball fan and grew up loving choose your own adventure type books. I thought that this book would make a great read for both my own children (ages 11 & 8) and my 10 year old students in my classroom. I decided to use the book as a family read aloud to see if the content and interest level would work for the students in my classroom. Both of my children have loved the point game within the book and have been really engaged with the story so they are better able to "make the right choice." The author uses easy to understand baseball language to make the story believable. She also makes the reader really feel like the story is being told from Alec's perspective, an everyday 5th grade boy. The story content is real life and not your run of the mill sugar coated story. It will definitely lead to great student/teacher discussions when I use it in my classroom. As both a parent and teacher I highly recommend this book!

Lisa Simons' Out at Home is reminiscent of the play by play sports books written by Matt

Christopher. The baseball language and details of the plays in the innings are realistic. The twist is the interactive piece of choosing your actions in each chapter - actions about baseball plays and about personal decisions with your family, your friends and your teammates. Simons writes about issues that are real and allows you as the main character to have a variety of emotions and reactions to the issues. A great book for discussion about choices, not only the consequences of your choices but the many details that can influence those choices. The recording of points for choices throughout the book is something I've not experienced before and sometimes it got in the way of the story for me. I'll definitely recommend to colleagues.

Out At Home follows Alec through baseball struggles and struggles at home. Alec's parents struggle with addiction, something many of today's youth are encountering and can relate to. Choices are a big part of the book, with the parents not always making good life choices. I missed the first talent points and that threw me off a couple of times. Those "try again spots" sent me rereading. As a teacher I think students would have a hard time putting down this high interest choose your path story.

I liked the fact that this book does not put rose colored glasses on reality. The family in this book are real people with real problems. The choices the reader is presented with seem obvious at first, don't necessarily turn out the way you'd expect. It is a fast paced, and at times, heart wrenching read. My students will really like this book and the choices they are given.

Started reading as soon as it came in the mail, and couldn't put it down!! Finished it that day. Loved the choose your path format, and that the storyline was about a very serious and real situation. It was entertaining and captivating - I can't wait to read the others, and to share these with my godson.

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