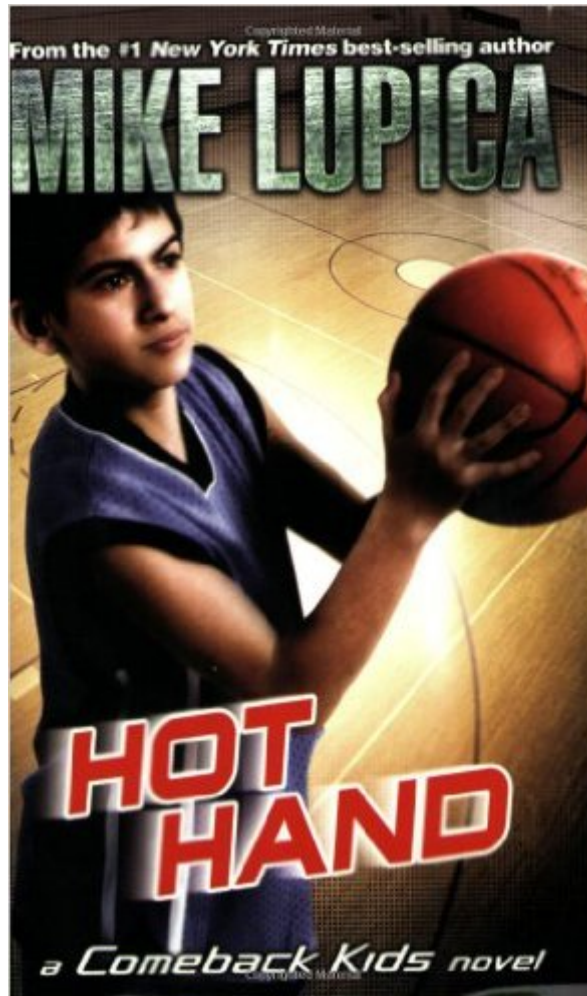


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## Hot Hand (Comeback Kids)



## Synopsis

From #1 *New York Times* bestseller Mike Lupica! It's simple. All Billy Raynor wants to do is shoot. After all, he is one of the best shooters in the league. But with his dad as his coach, and his parents newly separated, somehow everything's become complicated. His brother Ben hardly talks anymore. His mom is always traveling on business. And his dad is always on his case about not being a team player. But when Ben's piano recital falls on the same day as the championship game, it's Billy who teaches his dad the meaning of being a team player.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

As a Language Arts teacher, I am always searching for books that will get my young male charges into reading, especially those kids who think that athletes don't need to be able to read to succeed. Telling them this just doesn't work, but getting them to read things they can relate to does! *Hot Hand* is one of those books. Billy Raynor is a ten year old basketball player. He's good, really good, but he has a problem: Basketball is a team sport. He's got another problem: His dad's the coach of his team. Oh, and he has a few more problems, too. His dad and mom are getting a divorce, his piano prodigy brother, Ben, is losing interest in playing, his mom is never home, and the local bully won't leave Ben alone. On the plus side, Billy and his best friend, Lenny, have vowed that their Rec

League team will go undefeated for the season, and it looks like they're going to make it. Mr. Lupica has written a book that will hold a young boy's attention, while imparting some important life lessons. The vocabulary is fairly easy, but the author seamlessly introduces important words and defines them throughout. The book's characters aren't stereotyped the way they are in some of this genre's. Billy has real emotions, and Ben . . . ah, Ben. He's really taking things hard. The only person who is flat is Billy's sister, Emily. She's in high school, and all she does is talk. But it works because that's exactly what Billy's perception of her would be. The story isn't filled with stats and play-by-play, but there's enough to hold a young person's attention if that's what he's into. Of course, this book will interest girls, too, there's no reason why it wouldn't, but the target audience is boys. In short: this book is going into my classroom library. Nice job, Mr. Lupica. bw5/525 jul 2008

Great book for my 11-year old sixth grader to read, as he is a standout basketball player, who otherwise HATES to read. He got so into it, and into the suspense of how the big games were going to end! This is a natural book that demonstrates good sportsmanship values, and is tolerable for jock boys who hate to sit still and read.

Hi I am a student of Victoria the buyer of this book and my literacy teacher. If you are a teen kid who is in love with basketball or just likes it a lot then I recommend this book to you. This story takes place in a house and on and off the basketball court. The main character is Billy Raynor and his main conflict is that he is not a team player and seems like he just can't get along with his father on and off the court no matter how hard he tries. The coolest thing about my book is that the author doesn't just say Billy's team is winning; he puts more effort and details in it such as 30 secs. left in the 4th quarter with Billy's team winning by 4 the score is 50-47 and Billy's team has the ball. So if you think the review is good then you should see how good the book is!!!!!!

Hot Hand: Mike Lupica's Comeback Kids Ten year old Billy Raynor only lives for one thing, and that's basketball. When he's on the basketball court with his buddy Lenny and his team the Magic, he's truly happy and it seems like all of his problems disappear. Or at least they would if Billy's dad wasn't also the team's head coach. Worse, Billy's parents have just separated and his dad has moved out of the house. And Billy's dad won't get off his back about his playing, insisting that Billy shoots too much and is trying too hard to be a sports hero instead of a team player. Both Billy and his father want to see the Magic go all the way to the championship this year, but even if the team makes it, will the two of them still be father and son when it's all over? Billy's difficult relationship with

his father takes center stage in this novel. Billy's dad is stubborn, opinionated, and has his own ideas about what Billy should and shouldn't do. He often doesn't listen to Billy, and clearly has his own problems to worry about as well. In short, he's the kind of dad we all can be sometimes. While Billy and his father are antagonists throughout the novel, Billy nevertheless still yearns to make him proud. Lupica's depiction of a difficult father and son relationship is quite realistic of their conflict while also avoiding demonizing either Billy or his father. He also portrays how children can often feel trapped within situations larger than themselves, especially those situations (like separation) that may never have a happy ending. The level of the text is appropriate for young readers, and this is an excellent book for a child (especially a boy) who loves basketball or sports, who is caught in the midst of his parents' separation or divorce, or who has a father who may sometimes ride him just a little too hard when trying to teach him important life lessons.

Billy passed? Mike Lupica's book *Hot Hand* was a great book. Billy Raynor is a basketball player in the Rec. league. His dad was his coach and was extremely tough. Billy would make all his shots but, his Dad would scream at him because he would never pass. I agree with his Dad but, not with his punishments. He kicked Billy out of a playoff game. Billy's parents are divorced and he was having a tough time. Billy got suspended from school because he got into a fight. Ben, my favorite character, was a piano prodigy. Billy had a championship game on the same day as Ben's piano recital. The family worked together and found a way to go to both events but Billy had to miss part of his game. At the game, Billy came out hot but, with seconds left his Dad called timeout. "I am going with the hot hand. Yours." He said. One reason I enjoyed this book is because basketball is my favorite sport. This book is great for anyone who loves basketball. Lupica has a great flow throughout the book, keeping it interesting. Also, read *Two-minute drill*. A Great book for sports fiction lovers!

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