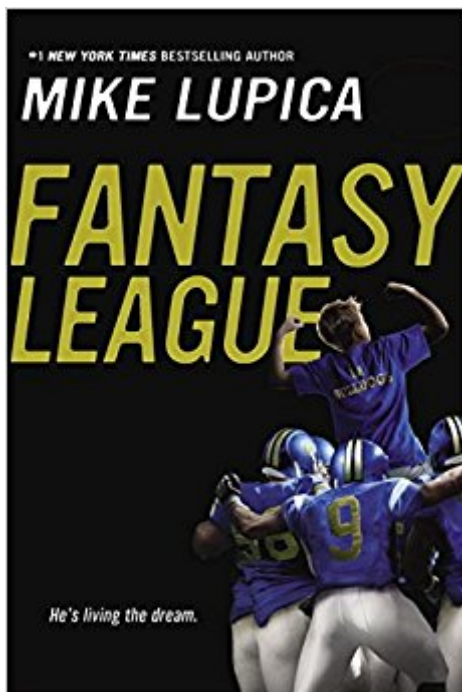


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# Fantasy League



## Synopsis

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of HEAT, TRAVEL TEAM and MILLION-DOLLAR THROW comes a story of every football kid's dream come true. A 12-year-old Charlie is a fantasy football guru. He may be just a bench warmer for his school's football team, but when it comes to knowing and loving the game, he's first-string. He even becomes a celebrity when his podcast gets noticed by a sports radio host, who plays Charlie's fantasy picks for all of Los Angeles to hear. Soon Charlie befriends the elderly owner of the L.A. Bulldogs -- a fictional NFL team -- and convinces him to take a chance on an aging quarterback. After that, watch out . . . it's press conferences and national fame as Charlie becomes a media curiosity and source of conflict for the Bulldogs general manager, whose job Charlie seems to have taken. It's all a bit much for a kid just trying to stay on top of his grades and maintain his friendship with his verbal sparring partner, Anna. Like the best Disney film in book form, like Moneyball for kids, Fantasy League is every football kid's dream scenario. "Lupica is the greatest sports writer for middle school readers."

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Praise for FANTASY LEAGUE: "This Moneyball story with kids is on the

money."Ã¢ââ Booklist, starred review"Fantasy League" . . . " is the feel good book of the year."Ã¢ââ VOYA "This will be devoured by young football fans, who appreciate intricate game details and won't mind a touch of heartwarming sentiment."Ã¢ââ School Library Journal Mike Lupica has been named to 70 state awards lists, including multiple Texas Bluebonnet Award nominations. " "

Mike Lupica is the #1 bestselling author of many popular books for young readers, including QB 1, Heat, Travel Team, Million-Dollar Throw, and " The Underdogs. He has carved out a niche as the sporting world's finest storyteller. Mike " lives in Connecticut with his wife and their four children. When not writing novels, Mike Lupica writes for New York's Daily News, appears on ESPN's The Sports Reporters and hosts The Mike Lupica Show on ESPN Radio. You can visit Mike Lupica at [mikelupicabooks.com](http://mikelupicabooks.com)

Once more, it's kids on a roll to out-think the adults, but with several storylines at once. A new NFL football team has landed in Los Angeles. and Charlie, our hero, figures that he can do a better job putting together a winning team than the adults who've muffed the first two seasons. (It doesn't hurt that his friend-who's-a-girl's grandfather owns the team!) At the same time, he's in a nail-biting Fantasy League competition showdown. And let's not forget that he's on a youth football team of his own, vying for the championship! You never know what's going to happen next. Perfect for the 10-to-14-year-old audience and those who remember what it was like.

In this book, Fantasy League, there is Action, Emotion, and Intelligence like you wouldn't, or couldn't imagine. This book is about a boy named Charlie Gaines who only has a mom to be his care taker and friend, until Anna Warren and Joe Warren. In this amazing and thrilling book, Anna and Charlie are best friends living a normal school life, except the fact that Anna's family owns the made up NFL team, the L.A Bulldogs. And Anna's Gramps, or Joe Warren, owns it all. Plus, if it isn't relevant, Charlie is the Fantasy King, and when the two paths of Joe Warren and Charlie cross, it is a true friendship at first sight. All Charlie and Mr. Warren do is talk football, when Charlie suggests a player to Mr. Warren, and Joe actually takes the suggestion and Charlie becomes famous in sports for helping the Bulldogs and giving them some wins. This cycle continues until something terrible happens to Joe Warren, and that is the emotional part. This Mike Lupica books is one of my favorites because it is not told by Charlie or anyone, it is told by an amazing point, telling you only what Charlie is thinking, but not anyone else. I recommend this book to people that love a good

climax late in the story and love reading about great friendships. And football, of course.

My son read this book so quickly - he simply could not put it down. He said that the main character, Charlie, was amazing and reminded him of his best friend at school. Finding books that my son loves and has characters like Mr. Warren who was an older man but was pivotal to the plot was a nice addition. Too many books for youths portray adults as essentially broken individuals requiring a child to fix some crisis or event. This book was more balanced and included the brain to brawn element that allows both athletes and non-athletes to enjoy the read. Mike Lupica creates a story that young readers love whether they are into fantasy football or 'real' football.

Charlie and Ann's relationship was fun to watch Their interaction was exciting. Excellent story line by Lupica. I recommend the book to teens and adults. It's that good.

This was purchased as a gift for our grandson. I had heard a radio personality talking about it on the radio and I thought this would be perfect for him. He loves sports and reading and has fun creating his own Fantasy Football Team to play along with his dad and uncles and we just knew this couldn't miss. Well, we were right . . . he loved it!!

My daughter liked the book !

I loved the beginning and middle of this story. It is touching, light, well written and characters well developed. The story was losing my favor as it started tugging at my tearducts. In the end, my first analysis was the correct analysis. It is good!

It was really good. It left at a point and left you in suspense. I have read almost all of Mike lupicas books.

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