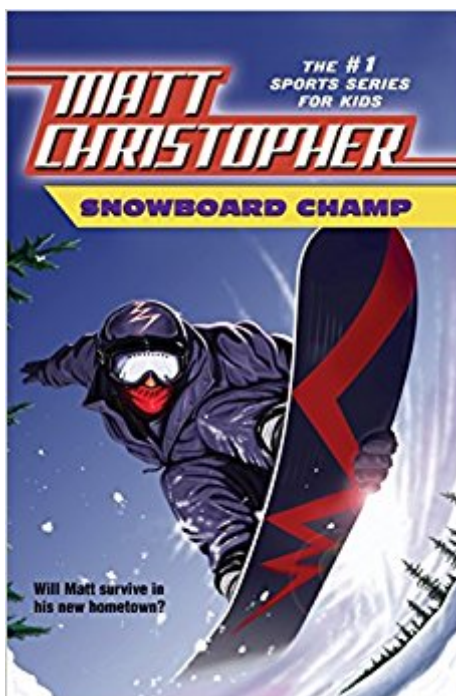


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Snowboard Champ (Matt Christopher Sports Fiction)



Synopsis

While his mother is working overseas, Matt Harper is living temporarily with his uncle in Dragon Valley, where he practices his snowboard technique and contends with a local bully.

Book Information

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When Matt Harper's mother accepts a mysterious government job overseas, the boy must leave his home in Chicago to live with his Uncle Clay for a year in Dragon Valley. He is not happy but decides that he'll be fine as long as he can hit the slopes and snowboard. Then he runs into Riley, the best snowboarder and most popular boy in the eighth grade, and soon rumors are being spread about his past that he was in a gang, did drugs, and that his mother is in prison. Matt must find a way to prove his innocence before Riley's campaign ruins him. The story is formulaic and laden with clichéd language but it might appeal to sports-minded reluctant readers.
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Matt Christopher is the best selling name behind more than 100 sports-themed books for young

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My fourth and fifth grade reluctant readers loved this book. It got them reading on their own time. I've ordered more sports books by Matt Christopher because I had such a positive response.

This book is called Snowboarding Champ. The author of this book is Matt Christopher and it has one hundred sixty pages. I gave this book a four rating star out of five. This book is about a boy named Matt Harper who has a mom and dad that are divorced. His mom works for the government and he lives with her in Chicago. His dad however, has another wife and Matt doesn't like her. Matt's mom has to go on a secret job and Matt has to leave Chicago to go to live with his Uncle Clay's house during the winter in Dragon Valley where it snows during the winter and is hot during the summer, which isn't really a bad thing. His Uncle Clay is like a kid and loves to snowboard. Since Matt was at a new place he would have to attend a new school. At the school there was a kid named Riley who was very popular because of his snowboarding skills. While Matt was at school, Riley started to pick on him because he might be a threat. They challenged each other to a contest and Riley won by a little but everyone knew that the judges lied. There was a competition at school and this was a chance for Matt to prove himself to all the kids but someone had gotten him into so much trouble that he wasn't allowed to attend. After his uncle had yelled at the principle the school let him attend. Matt had ended up winning the whole competition and someone reported that Riley had committed the crime and not Matt. Riley's parents also busted him and sent him off to military school. While Matt is sitting at his Uncle Clay's house he gets a letter from his mom saying that she is trying to get money to feed the poor for many poor little states in different countries. He thought that was a pretty cool job and bragged about it to everyone at school where he now belonged. My recommendations for this book are anyone who likes to snowboard or who likes adventure books.

When Matt Harper steps off the plane, he knows his life is about to change. For one thing, he'll be living with his uncle for a year while his mother works for the government in a mysterious job overseas. For another, compared to Chicago, Dragon Valley is tiny. In fact, everybody seems to know everybody else's business. But as long as Matt can hit the slopes with his snowboard, he figures he'll get along okay. That's before he has a run-in with Riley, the eighth grade's most popular boy and the school's best snowboarder. Soon rumors are being spread about Matt's past-that Matt was in a gang, that he did drugs, that his mother is in prison. Will Matt be able to prove his innocence before Riley's campaign to ruin him snowballs out of control?Overall:Book is great! It's

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