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What happens when a star player ends up on the worst team? He either learns to lose or he stops playing the game he loves. These are the choices facing Jake, who has gone from champion to last place, testing his sportsmanship every time his soccer team gets waxed. It is his teammate Kevin who shows Jake that being a good captain means scoring and assisting off the field as much as being the star player on it. The latest in #1 bestseller Mike Lupica's Comeback Kids novels is a cheer-worthy ode to the one sport played by more kids across the country than any other--in the summer of the next World Cup.

## Shoot-Out Details

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# **From Reader Review Shoot-Out for online ebook**

## **Angel Velasquez says**

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Shoot out by Mike Lupica is a great book and i love it and the story is about a kid called Jake and his best friend Quinn. Jake is in the school soccer team and Jake has a lot of friends in the team.

One day he found a kid sitting down way back of the bus with no one the kid was called Kevin he was a good kid but when his mom died he was sad and he did not need any friends to talk , Jake wanted to be great friends with Kevin. In the first practice Jake asked kevin if he wanted to hang out kevin did not said anything.

When Jake went to kevin's house to play with kevin but kevin started to fight about with jake so then jake went with Quinn to play soccer.

The next day kevin said sorry on the game the coach put kevin to shoot the ball to the goal and kevin did not wanted to do it then jake told him to trust on himself and he did and he shoot the ball and goal.

I like this book because its a sport and how you work as a team.

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## **Mary Anne says**

Play by play descriptions of soccer games intertwined with a middle school boy making friends in his new town, learning to enjoy playing the game just for the game, not just to win.

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## **Tyler 11-12 says**

Great book! Good detail! Entertaining! Also very intresting!  
I reccomend tis book!

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## **Adrian says**

I love underdog sports books, and this didnt disappoint me. The young man is only 6th grade we must remember and his maturity is off the charts. The things he does to make both himself and his team better is usually only done by high schoolers or even only collegiate athletes. Lupica did a great job of showing how an exceptionally talented young man can be a true team leader.

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**Ethan says**

Shoot-Out by Mike Lupica is a story about a kid named Jake who has moved to a new town and to a new soccer team. Jake loved soccer at his old town and there his team was the best in their region. The new town that he moved to is the worst in the region. Now Jake, a star midfielder tries to make his team better with the help of his best friend Kevin. I would recommend this book to people who like soccer because it's an amazing story about soccer.

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**Chanel Judkins says**

I might have just liked this book because I can relate to it so well. It is about a kid who is an amazing soccer player, but moves and gets on a team that is really bad. The only part that doesn't fit is that I am not an amazing soccer player. Also his team scores at least one goal every game. Either way, it is a super quick read and the kid in it is an amazing person. It was really fun and I would recommend it if you wanted to read a book you could finish in an hour.

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**Youraj 11-12 says**

1 loved it  
2 great  
3 It was about my favorite sport soccer

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**Renee says**

3.5

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**Hope says**

cool book.

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**A says**

Nice story for elementary boys who like sports... in particular soccer.

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### **Ben Lopez says**

This book was a good book, The main character's name is Jake, Jake is trying to help his new soccer team because he has moved from the championship soccer team to the worst team in the division. In the story It is difficult for him because sometimes he wished he didn't move. I thought this was a good book because Jake doesn't care about himself, but about other people too. Overall it is a pretty good book I recommend for you to read it.

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### **Devyn Estrela says**

Jake Stuart doesn't mind moving to a suburb of his old hometown. He finds a new friend, Quinn, and he hangs out at the local library. What he does mind is his new soccer team. They stink. He's used to being a good player on a good team. Now he's the star player of a losing team. The coach encourages Jake to be a leader. He also try to make the boy become alongside a teammate named Kevin who has just lost his mother. Jake is repeatedly frustrated by rude replies when he tries to help or talk to Kevin. The team continues to flounder, and Jake feels he's losing his love for the game. Despite a poor season, Jake is energized when his team has a chance to play his old school. His former teammates razz him, thinking there's no way Jake's team can win. An impassioned game ensues, and Jake offers the final, game-breaking kick to Kevin. Despite his nervousness, Kevin wins the game. He, Jake and the team revel in that moment of victory.

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### **Joseph says**

I like the book because it had good quality and a great story line. The book is nice and we got to keep it. It was pretty cool book the characters were smart and awesome. I really think that you should read the comeback kids novels. All made by Mike Lupica.

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### **Annette says**

Do you have a young athlete who is looking for some fun books to read? My 7 year old loved this book, as did I. So many great life lessons were shared through the text. It exhibits healthy relationships between family, friends, teams, coaches and teaches character through sports. The story is engaging and the sport was action packed. I am definitely going to read more books by Mike Lupica with my kids.

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### **Lucas Royal says**

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Have you ever played or known someone who loves soccer? Most likely, in the realistic fiction book by Mike Lupica Shoot Out the main character whose name is Jake loves just that. Jake lives and breathes the sport and played for one of the best teams in his area until he had to move away. Once he did move away he

decided to join a new team which was a challenge for him because his new team was not as dominant as his old club, they lost or drew most their games, which frustrated Jake. One of his teammates named Kevin taught Jake how to be a great captain for the squad by persevering and helping his teammates grow and get better off one another. I truly enjoyed this book, it influenced my decision to do FC Barcelona because it was about soccer and I play soccer so I wanted to learn more about a famous soccer club.

I did enjoy this book, it was really relatable and easy to read because of how Mike used descriptive words to describe Jake's movement on the field. For example it says "Jake totally loved this part, running in the open field even before he got in the box, before things got a lot more crowded..."(Page 2) I like this so much because I can relate to the way he describes the game. Another reason I enjoyed this book was because of its story line, it was very creative in the way that you can see Jake's frustration as he watches his new team suffer defeat again and again. For example on it says "No it was not Belmont Jake disliked it. it was their so-bad-it-actually-hurt twelve-year-old travel soccer team.", you can tell how passionate he is to win it makes him physically upset to lose. (Page 11)

The topic I am doing my research on is FC Barcelona. This book influenced my decision to do this topic is by inspiring me to learn more about one of the "European giants" which are considered to be the best and most expensive clubs on the planet. During my time doing this project I want to learn about their youth program of FC Masia, some of the players and their history with other clubs such as Lionel Messi and how he devoted himself to the same club since he was 19, Their rivalry with Real Madrid, and the basic history of how the club was founded. Overall I think this will be a fun project to do because it relates to my love of Barcelona and soccer in general.

I enjoyed the book and I am glad I can enjoy learning about Barcelona soccer club. I do recommend this book to any other sports fan out there. This is because it is very in detail and interesting for kids our age. One change I would have made to the book was for Mike Lupica to get into a little more backstory into the secondary characters such as his coaches and parents. .

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