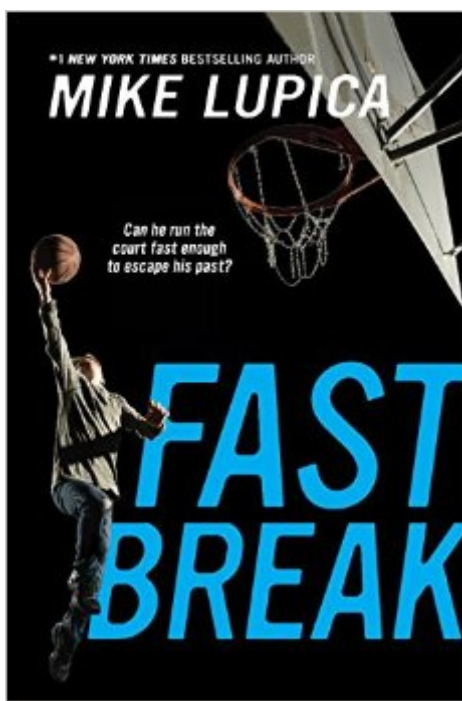


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Fast Break



Synopsis

From the #1 bestselling author of *Heat*, *Travel Team* and *Million-Dollar Throw* comes a feel-good basketball tale reminiscent of *The Blind Side*. Forced to live on his own after his mom dies and her boyfriend abandons him, 12-year-old Jayson does whatever it takes to get by. He will do anything to avoid the foster care system. He manages to get away with his deception until the day he gets caught stealing a new pair of basketball sneakers. Game over. Within a day a social worker places him with a family from the other side of town, the Lawtons. New home, new school, new teammates. Jayson, at first, is combative, testing the Lawtons' patience at every turn. He wants out, yet the Lawtons refuse to take the bait. But not everyone in Jayson's new life is so ready to trust him. It's on Jayson to believe that he deserves a better life than the one he once had. The ultimate prize if he can? A trip to play in the state finals at Cameron Indoor Stadium—home to the Duke Blue Devils and launching pad to his dream of playing bigtime college ball. Getting there will be a journey that reaches far beyond the basketball court. "Eager fans will find this a slam-dunk. A must-purchase." "Booklist" Lupica's announcer-like delivery will have you breathless, on the edge of your seat, cheering."--Florida Times-Union

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Customer Reviews

The best one yet. I don't follow basketball but I couldn't help rooting for Jayson and the Bobcats. I wanted to play on the team AND sit in the stands with Jayson's new family. Loved the characters.

This was an outstanding book. It was similar to *Blindside* only this story is about a white, homeless, young man who becomes a member of a black family. It was a very good read for all ages.

Good story with a gr8 ending. This book had everthing a good book needs to be awesome! I hope Mike can make another book of the game at NC and how he fares with another season with his new family and his team with friends along the way. Thanks!! From~ One Happy Reader!

This book has a good plot, and a likeable main character. Realistic and believable. I did think that the character of Zoe detracted from the story. I would rather have had more about Jayson and his teammates off the court.

I purchased this book as a Christmas present for my son. He enjoys Mike Lupica tremendously. If your child loves sports, I would highly recommend this product.

My 11 year old daughter is obsessed with Mike Lupica. His books deal with a lot of important issues and include good female characters as well.

This was a great book because it had a great storyline and i would recommend it to those who love ssports and basketball.

Idk why I'm writing this review I am just waiting for my mom to get back in my room because I really like this book & I don't read much I'm too busy playing sports but this was a good read.

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