

How Lamar's Bad Prank Won a Bubba-Sized Trophy

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The book is written in chapters for readers 8 and up. The content is about Lamar, and his friends are seeing how they can get girls to pay attention to them. Lamar suggest to the friends that they should go bowling that is where all the girls hang out as Lamar is very good at bowling. There is jealousy among the friends regarding their girlfriends. The story addresses the difference between girls that if you ask one out they tell each other about the incident and then make fun of them. The story points out that Lamar has not had much success in finding a girl who likes him. It appears the bowling alley is the place to hang out. Lamar is obsessed with bowling and is very good at the sport. The bowling alley is where Lamar finds his recognition as he is very good at bowling. The father compares Lamar with his brothers who play basketball and have won several trophies. Lamar is not interested in basketball; he wants a trophy to go beside his brothers for bowling.

The book content is rather mature for the reader of 8 years of age which is the recommended age to read this book. I do not believe that 8 year olds should worry about girls. The story is good based on the subject content of family and being involved in a sport that you enjoy. The reading age should begin at teenage. The book has chapters of reading with no photos. The book is about how a parent compares one child to the other child regarding their interest. It illustrates how parents do not always approve of the sports choice and often does not recognize the choice to being a real sport. The parent (his father) is narrow minded to thinking that a scholarship can only be obtained in sports by being involved in basketball, baseball, or football. Lamar shows his father that he is very good at bowling by winning a large bowling tournament and receives a very large trophy.

The story describes the characters very vividly and in great detail. The setting is a small town in the Midwest state of Indiana. The author describes the characters including their physical features. The author illustrates that the young bowler must write an essay to gain entry into the tournament. The author is bringing out to the reader as to how to achieve your dreams and do not allow ridicule or hard work to stand in your way. The author is expressing to the reader as to how to compete and be proud of your accomplishments. The book also illustrates a sport icon of bowling that his motto is to stay in school and his values to become successful. The book illustrates how a young man is good at bowling but has difficulty in getting a girlfriend. The character bowls strikes at the lanes but strikes out with the girls.

I would recommend this book to the teenager who is having difficulty competing with siblings who have different interest which are not always the favorite of their parents. The book is also for the young man who is having difficulty finding their place in the pre-adult world. This book illustrates how to not allow anyone to prevent you from going after your dreams to be the best at what you enjoy.

Recommended Titles:

The Dangerous Days of Daniel X, by James Patterson

Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading, by Tommy Greenwald

Lost in the River of Grass, by Ginny Rorby

The Trouble with Half A Moon, by Danette Vigilante