

## ***Rally Caps***

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*Rally Caps* is a comedic, heartwarming story about a 10 year old baseball fanatic named Jordan. Full of elite talent, he suffers a broken nose while at team tryouts. This affects him physically, and mentally as fear takes over the game he loves. To attempt to conquer his fear, he goes to baseball summer camp where he ends up befriendng Luca, a young boy with hearing aids. Their newly formed friendship is one that greatly assists Jordan's confidence, and one that truly shows the impact people can have on others. The two young men learn to confidently take on the obstacles of life and show that "it's not what happens, but the reaction to it that matters".

Despite being a baseball book, this is one that can be enjoyed regardless of one's interest in sports. The character description makes the story a relatable one to more than just athletes. When I put myself in Luca's shoes it forced me to reflect on my own attitude towards life; worrying about the little things does no good. I'm a sports lover and baseball fans will appreciate the extensive knowledge throughout the book. If unaware of baseball's history, this is also an enjoyable way to learn. My only dislike is the short length of this entertaining read. Once finishing, my little cousin begged for more after a mere 87 pages.

The targeted audience is middle school aged children. The life lessons addressed make it so that anyone can relate and learn, but especially young men and women. *Rally Caps* would make a wonderful gift to baseball playing kids. I would still recommend checking it out from the library without any knowledge on baseball.

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