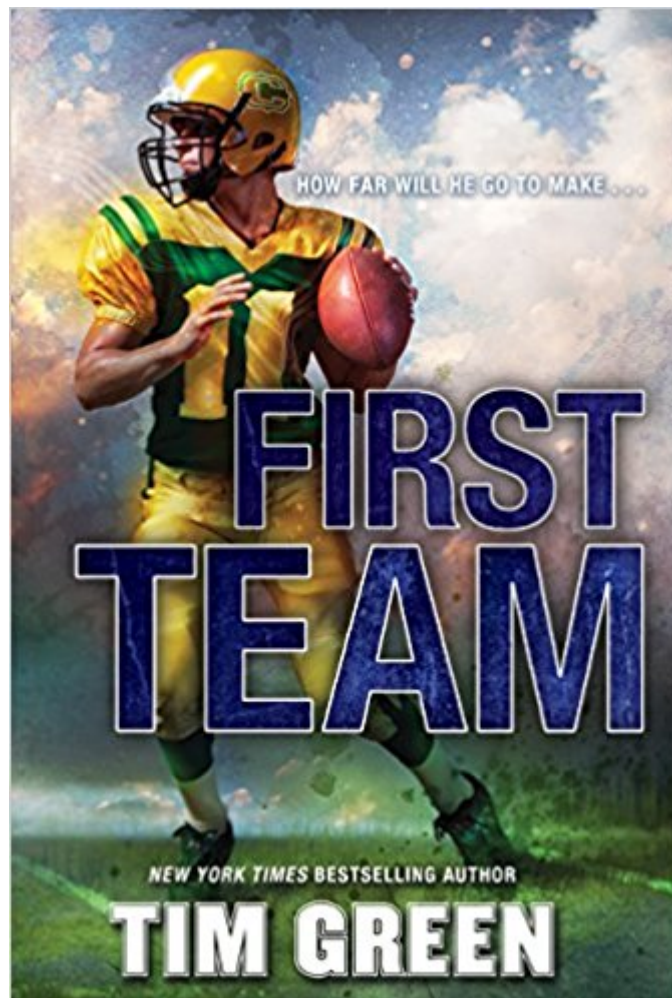


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# First Team



## Synopsis

Brock is on the run again in New York Times bestselling author Tim Green's companion book to *New Kid*. Perfect for fans of Mike Lupica or Dan Gutman's *Baseball Card* Adventure series. With his strong left arm, Brock knows he can be a great quarterback, and with the help of his new friend, Mak, he has a plan to make the first team. But the coaches have plans of their own, especially for the kids from the wrong side of the tracks, which is exactly where Brock now lives. As Brock is trying to fit in, his father's past is catching up to him—and one chance meeting causes everything to come crashing down. Will Brock finally be able to navigate his new life, or will his past force him back on the run?

## Book Information

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Gr 5—Picking up right where *New Kid* (HarperCollins, 2014) left off, the shadowy "bad guys" are chasing Brock and his dad out of town. Another vehicle blocks their escape route and rams them down the side of an embankment. They not only escape unhurt, but also manage to evade the bullets being shot at them. Brock's dad stops their slog through the woods in the pouring rain to check his GPS on his cell phone. They are conveniently close to the runway where the man has parked an airplane. That's when Brock learns that his dad knows how to fly and isn't afraid to play a game of chicken with their assailants, who may be Russians or the "agency." There's plenty

of action here, only it's not quite adrenaline-inducing because, while there is menace, there is no bite. The unidentified pursuers are just too inept and Brock's dad is just too lucky. The contrivances become increasingly difficult to believe and are not relegated to the espionage. Readers are expected to believe that the pitching prodigy is also a football prodigy, a quarterback no less. The mentor is the high-school star quarterback son of his dad's love interest. The issue of classism in the football-obsessed town they settle in would be interesting if the coaches were not cardboard stereotypes. A bewildering twist at the end may portend a third book. —Brenda Kahn, Tenakill Middle School, Closter, NJ --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

—“This story of friendship, fresh stars, and belonging has appeal that continues far past the end zone.” (ALA Booklist) —“Timeless. An exciting continuation of Brock's adventures on and off the field.” (Kirkus Reviews) —“Perfect for fans of Mike Lupica or Dan Gutman.” (Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA)) —“An entertaining novel.” (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)

GREAT kids book.... Heck no, it was a GREAT "anyone's book!" Tim includes just the right components to make a story worth turning each page. He gathers character names from the public which instantly bonds his readers and his works.... Keep up the good work, Tim!

This was another huge hit by Tim Green I love his books. I don't even like to read but when I get a Tim Green book I can't put it down. Especially this book. I have no dislike about this book. Defiantly worth getting.GREAT BOOK!!!!!!!

We will read these long into high school and beyond. What a fabulous weaver of characters and moral values. Thank you.

This book is the best-selling books out there when u read it you will be shocked.Buy it it's very interesting

Bought as a present for 15 year old grandson who loved it

Can't go wrong with Tim Green books. My 11 year old loves this series!

This was a great book. You would have to have read the last one to understand it but this was a touchdown like that one was a homerun.

I would recommend this book. I enjoyed the balance between the suspense from the dad and his job to the football that Brock was involved in.

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