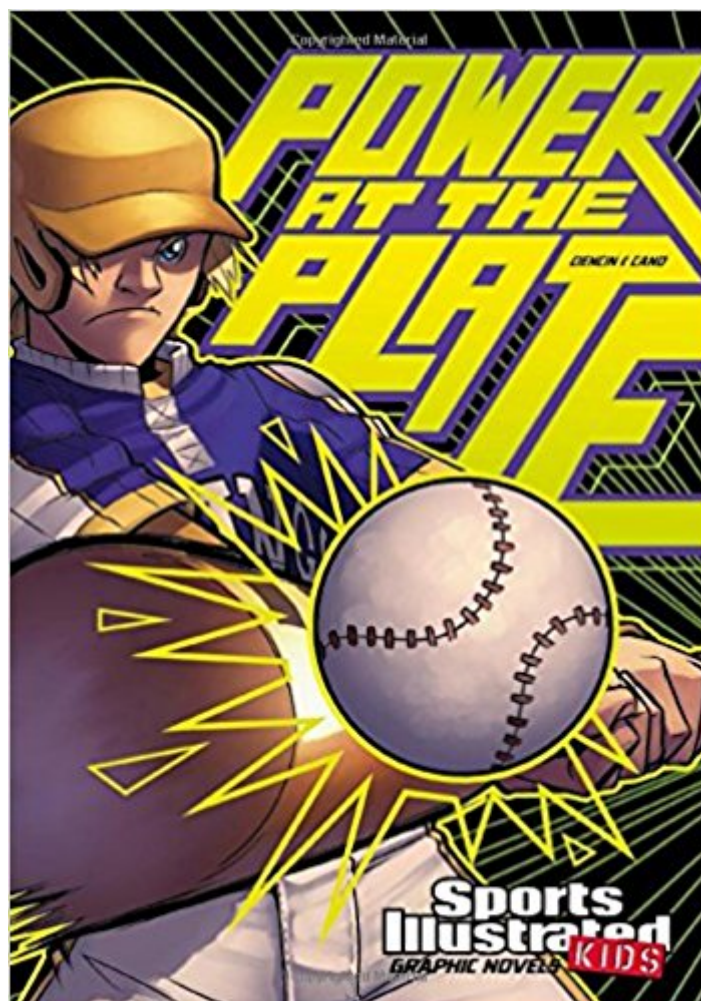


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# Power At The Plate (Sports Illustrated Kids Graphic Novels)



## Synopsis

Jake Thorson, the Vikings team captain, gets all the credit. He leads the team in home runs, and everybody loves him for it -- that is, everyone but his brother, Luke. Luke isn't popular, and he hasn't hit a single home run -- but he does have the team's best batting average as well as the most stolen bases. However, those types of things don't really get you the attention that a homer does, and Luke's tired of standing in the Jake's shadow.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 14 years

Grade Level: 3 and up

## Customer Reviews

Ok, let me start out by announcing that I am NOT a sports fan. I'm not into sports...not a sports person whatsoever. You may have guessed this by the fact that I run a network of nerdy websites. I mean, I review books....what'd you seriously expect, right --Book LegionSports Illustrated Kids, in conjunction with Stone Arch Books, created a series of sports related fictional comic stories for elementary and middle school kids. The comics are designed to teach lessons on teamwork, sharing, anger control, bullying, fair p --The Graphic Classroom Blog

Scott Ciencin is a New York Times bestselling author of children's and adult fiction. He has

written comic books, trading cards, video games, television shows, as well as many non-fiction projects. He lives in Sarasota, Florida with his beloved wife, Denise, and his best buddy, Bear, a golden retriever. Aburtov has worked in the comic book industry for more than 11 years. In that time, he has illustrated popular characters like Wolverine, Iron Man, Blade, and the Punisher. Recently, Aburtov started his own illustration studio called Graphikslava. He lives in Monterrey, Mexico, with his daughter, Ilka, and his beloved wife. Aburtov enjoys spending his spare time with family and friends. Fernando Cano is an emerging illustrator born in Mexico City, Mexico. He currently resides in Monterrey, Mexico, where he works as a full-time illustrator and colorist at Graphikslava studio. He has done illustration work for Marvel, DC Comics, and role-playing games like Pathfinder from Paizo Publishing. In his spare time, he enjoys hanging out with friends, singing, rowing, and drawing. Zoar Huerta (also known as "Charecua") studied Communication at Universidad Veracruzana. She currently works as a penciler and illustrator for Graphikslava. She works for some local magazines in her spare time and is a rookie penciler in the comic book industry. Zoar is always looking for more illustration work in order to pay for her expensive and exotic lifestyle. Angelica Bracho was born in Monterrey, Mexico, where she later studied Visual Arts. Today, she's part of the Graphikslava illustration team. Her work has been published in magazines, and she has illustrated some IDW Publishing titles. She loves to present her illustration work at alternative Mexican art galleries.

My grandson (9) really enjoys this book and reads it over and over. One thing he likes is that the details of the game of baseball are accurate. He is a baseball buff and knows the ins and outs of the game, and doesn't enjoy books where the authors' accounts of the game are not accurate.

Present for a 10 yr. old baseball player.

Reason for Reading: I have read a couple of books from this series and was very impressed with them. This series of hi-lo easy readers for reluctant readers or those with LDs is impressive in its execution. Appealing to young to mid-teens this story centres round two step brothers who do not get along, ages 14 & 15, they play on the same baseball team with the eldest receiving all the glory. The youngest is a good player but he feels as if no one ever pays any attention to him as he's always living in his brother's shadow so he sets out to destroy his brother's lucky charm and prove he can play a good game and get the attention himself. Typical teen situation, behaviour and language. An uneasy relationship is worked out through honesty and good sportsmanship in the

end. The story will appeal up to age 15 and yet the reading level is very low, listed at RL: 1.6 and GRL: J. A well worked out, interesting story, that will appeal to its targeted audience.

Power at the Plate by Scott Ciencin is an exciting graphic novel about baseball. Jake Thorson is the best hitter in the league, but his stepbrother cut a hole in his bat Stormbreaker so it would break. If you like baseball I highly recommend this book. It was a good read. Review Written by Nathan Rice, age 8

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