

Dear Friend,

Enclosed are some promotional materials that will help you prepare and build excitement for Tim Green's upcoming visit.

**PREPARATION IS KEY!** The more your students read Tim's books, the more excited they will be about his visit. Please remember that many of Tim's readers AREN'T sports fans, but they still relate to the human drama in his stories whether they're athletes or not. Also, it's important that your girl readers know that each book has a strong girl character and plenty of action that has surprised countless girl students who've become ardent fans.

**BOOK ORDERS:** The book order form provides your students the opportunity to purchase Tim's books and receive a personalized autograph when he visits your school. We ask you to use your local Barnes & Noble if you don't already have a great independent store you rely on (as many of us do). Some schools do a second order after his visit since many students are inspired by his talk and then want one of his books. We know it's extra work, but the effort really maximizes the opportunity to get kids reading. We've seen the results wherever Tim goes and it's exciting!

**WEBSITE:** We also encourage you and your students to use Tim's website as a tool to learn more about Tim before he arrives. There are links to several video clips that include football highlights, past presentations, and some of Tim's work as a TV broadcaster.

**SHOWCASE:** To create awareness and build enthusiasm surrounding the visit, we will be sending you a promotional package that includes a READ poster. There are additional materials available on Tim's website, [www.timgreenbooks.com](http://www.timgreenbooks.com). Simply click the "media" tab, and then scroll to the bottom of the page for links to his book covers and downloadable photos and materials. You are welcome to reprint any of these items.

We hope you'll find these suggestions helpful to maximize excitement for Tim's visit. These ideas have been developed over the course of Tim's past 1,000+ school visits.

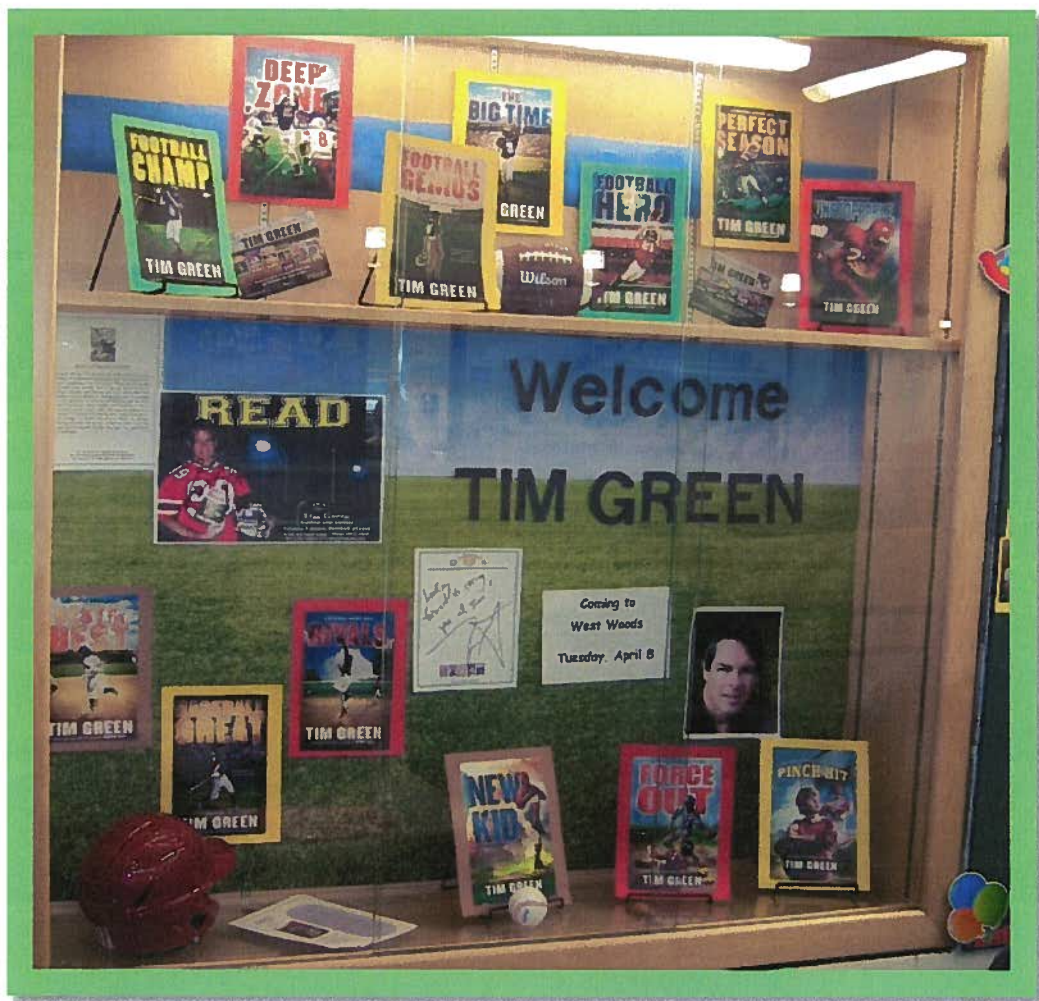
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All our best,

Illyssa and Sue

## SHOWCASE SAMPLES

Here are a few display samples from schools Tim has visited in the past.



**A great way to build excitement leading up to Tim's visit!**



From *New York Times* bestselling author and former Atlanta Falcons star defensive end

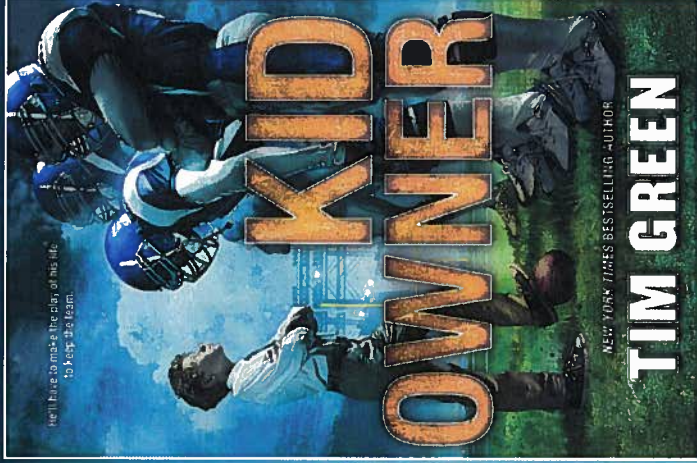
# TIM GREEN

**A high-energy story that's a sports lover's dream come true**

Middle school misfit Ryan becomes the new kid owner of an NFL team, thanks to his estranged father. Follow the captivating action as Ryan calls the plays both on and off the football field.

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talking about **FOOTBALL GENIUS** by **TIM GREEN**



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## **READING IS WEIGHT LIFTING FOR YOUR BRAIN™**

Former NFL star Tim Green's best-selling books for young readers have sold over a million copies and Tim has toured the country speaking at over 1,000 schools. Tim uses all the money he makes from speaking fees to buy and donate books to schools, libraries, and students who can't afford them. His mission to excite kids about reading begins with his message on the importance of education and character and how they equal true success instead of NFL and TV contracts. Tim, a practicing lawyer in New York, tells kids everywhere that reading is like weight lifting for the brain, making them better and stronger to achieve true success. Finally, he believes reading should be fun and kids across the board; boys and girls, athletes and non-athletes rave about the "readability" of his stories.

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for educators to win FREE copies of his latest book!

# Meet Tim Green

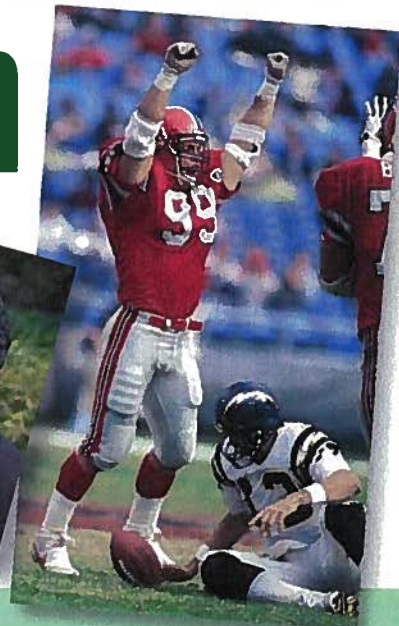
By **Murphy Roberts** KID SCOOP NEWS YOUNG REPORTER

## Tim Green is an athlete, author and lawyer!

A former All-American football player, Tim was the Atlanta Falcons' top defensive player for eight years. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2001.



Tim's first book, *Football Genius*, was a *New York Times* bestseller. He now has two series of young reader novels set in the sports of football and baseball.



### What motivated you to begin writing books for kids?

I had been writing suspense novels for adults with Warner Books when I got a call from an editor at HarperCollins. She'd read a book of mine called *Exact Revenge* and really loved it. She saw I was a former NFL player and came up with the idea to write stories set in sports for kids. She thought it would excite non-readers to pick up a book and it has!

### As your fans eagerly await the release of your next children's book, what details can you share with us?

It's called *Lost Boy* and will be released in spring of 2015. It's the story of a boy whose mother has had a terrible accident. She needs a costly operation to save her life. The boy has to find the father he never knew to try and save her. With only an old love letter and an autographed baseball to go on, he learns his father is a famous major league baseball player. With the clock on his mom's life ticking down, he has to try and not only connect with his famous father, but convince him that he is his son.

### What is your advice to the millions of kids who want to grow up to play pro sports?

I'll tell you what I tell my own kids: the most important thing is to be a good and kind person. That's true success and with it comes relationships with wonderful people you love. Next, education is critical, go as far and as high as you can. I urge my kids to get graduate degrees, not just college. Make sure you focus on both of those things first, then devote yourself to lifting and running and out-working everyone around you in sports. Realize though that to make it to the NFL requires more than just talent and hard work. It takes luck. You have to be at the right place – with the right coaches and teammates AND stay healthy!

### What is your favorite sport to watch? To play? To coach?

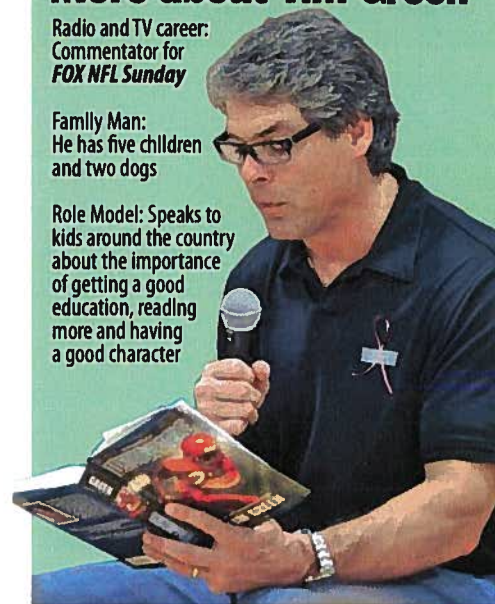
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## More about Tim Green

Radio and TV career:  
Commentator for  
**FOX NFL Sunday**

Family Man:  
He has five children  
and two dogs

Role Model: Speaks to kids around the country about the importance of getting a good education, reading more and having a good character



### About our Young Reporter, Murphy Roberts

"I love sports and I love to read, just like Tim Green. As a child, Green dreamed of becoming a professional football player and a best-selling author. Through hard work, perseverance and dedication, his dream came true! For me, interviewing Tim Green for Kid Scoop News was a dream come true!"

Read Murphy's complete interview with Tim Green at [www.KidScoopNews.com](http://www.KidScoopNews.com)



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## Monster Mean Girl

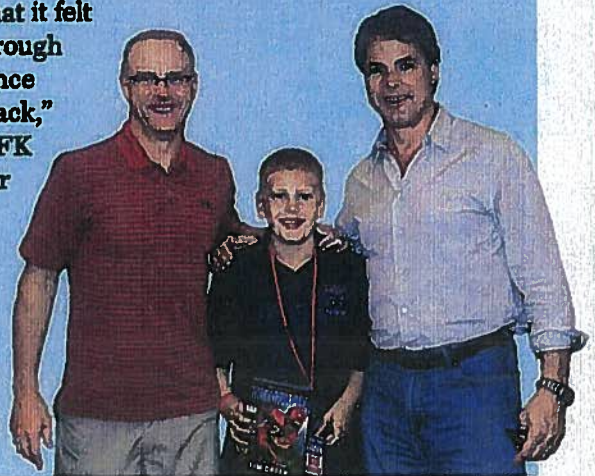
In the new Disney Channel movie *Girl vs. Monster*, actress **KAT MCNAMARA**, 16, plays a classic high school mean girl named Myra. But there is a spooky twist to her character. Myra "gets possessed by a monster, and she becomes even more evil," Kat told TFK. It's up to a teenage monster-hunter to put a stop to the madness. In real life, Kat is no monster. She admits to not always being brave. "But it's okay to have some fear," Kat told TFK. "That's what forces you to challenge yourself." Catch *Girl vs. Monster* when it airs in time for Halloween, October 20 on Disney XD and October 27 on Disney Channel. For more, visit [timeforkids.com/kat](http://timeforkids.com/kat).



## A Hero's Story

In his new book, *Unstoppable*, **TIM GREEN**, at right, tells the story of a 12-year-old athlete who overcomes challenges after losing a leg to bone cancer. The book is based on the life of **JEFFREY KEITH**, left. "Tim captured what it felt like to go through this experience and battle back," Keith told TFK Kid Reporter Zachary Lewis. For more, visit [timeforkids.com/green](http://timeforkids.com/green).

JULIA POKORNY—CT CHALLENGE, BOOK; DON HENRY FOR TIME FOR KIDS



I was born in Italy on August 31, 1870. I was the first woman in Italy to graduate with a degree in medicine. In 1907, I opened a preschool for children. My system for teaching young children bears my name and is still used around the world.

Who am I?



October 5 Mystery Person: Desi Arnaz

## Just Horsing Around

Justin is a 9-year-old artist. His paintings sell for hundreds of dollars. Why is he so special? Justin is a horse.



"When we started, I wasn't sure what he was going to do," his owner, Adonna Combs, told TFK. Art, of course!

JAYDEN COMBS

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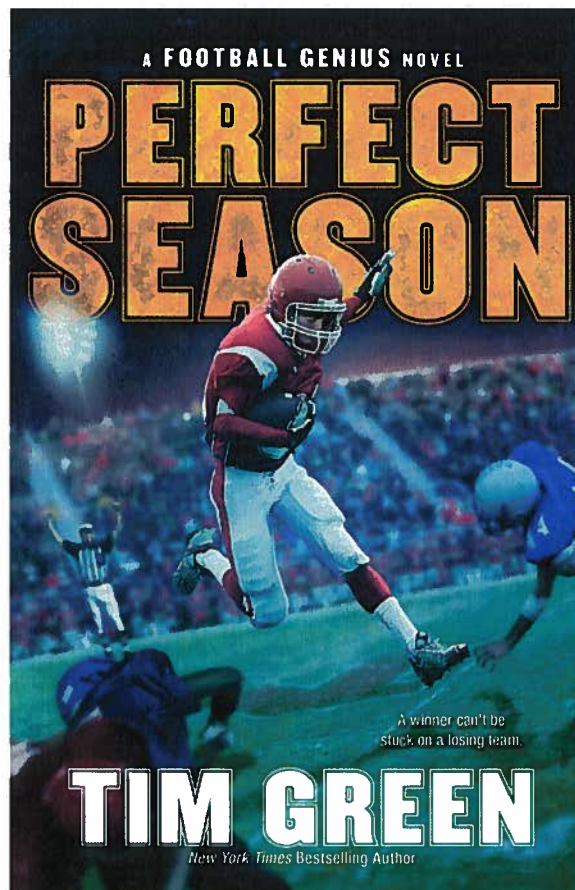




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# Skaneateles author Tim Green speaks with Marcellus students about reading, and working hard!

MARCH 26, 2015

SKANEATELES | C.S. Driver Middle School kicked off its annual weeklong celebration of reading March 16 with a visit from Skaneateles author, attorney and former NFL defensive player Tim Green.

Green, whose crowded resume includes best-selling books, an eight-year run in the NFL with the Atlanta Falcons, a career in sports broadcasting and a law practice, said he traces his every success back to one common denominator: hard work.

“When I was growing up, I wanted to be a football player and a writer,” Green told an assembly of fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders at DMS. “So what did I do? I worked like a maniac. I ran manically. I went to the weight room religiously. You want to be the best? You’ve got to work.”

As a student growing up in Liverpool, he parked himself at a front-row desk, took plenty of notes and asked frequent questions. Green went on to study writing at Syracuse University, where he was an All-American football player for the Orangemen.

After graduation, he was a first-round draft pick. During the NFL off-seasons, he went back to school to earn a law degree and also started writing. By the time he retired from football in 1994, he had published his first book and become a lawyer.

“I wasn’t the smartest or the fastest or the strongest, but I worked hard to be the best I could be,” Green said.

Green appeared in Marcellus as part of People as Reading Partners Week, which featured several activities to celebrate and promote reading, including a book swap and a chance to earn tickets for out-of-school reading.

He encouraged any non-readers in the audience to keep searching for that one book that will ignite their love of the written word — even if it’s a book by another author.

He then rattled off a list of suggestions, including “Holes” by Louis Sachar, “Ella Enchanted” by Gail Carson Levine, “Maniac Magee” by Jerry Spinelli and “Wonder” by R.J. Palacio.

“Give a book five chapters. And if you don’t love it, really love it, then put it down — unless it’s for a school assignment,” Green said. “Go find another one. There is that book out there.”

Voracious readers not only do better in school, but also in life, he said.

“When you read other stories, you get to be other people,” he explained. “All of a sudden, you’re someone with a different skin tone, from a different religion, with a disability. And you learn what it’s like to be them.”

Green is perhaps best known for his series of popular, sports-themed novels for young adults, including “Football Genius,” “Rivals,” “Unstoppable” and “Deep Zone.”

During his DMS visit, he read a chapter from his latest baseball tale, “Lost Boy,” which was published this month by HarperCollins.

“Reading is weight-lifting for your brain,” Green said. “Students who read get smarter. Your scores go up in everything, not just English.”

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BRAIN™



TIM GREEN

Looking forward to seeing  
you soon!

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Green'. The signature is written over the lower portion of the page and extends across the width of the page.

FROM **NEW YORK TIMES** BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
AND STAR NFL PLAYER

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"As close as you can come to NFL action without putting on the pads."

—Bill Parcells, NFL championship coach

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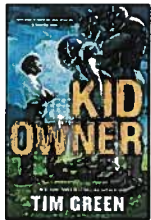
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# Tim Green Student Order

New York Times Bestselling author, attorney and former NFL first-round draft pick Tim Green will be visiting our school! Green has visited more than 900 schools across the U.S. delivering a powerful message about the importance of education, reading books, and good character. In order to guarantee a personalized copy of any of these titles, please return this form along with cash or a check made payable to:

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### **Kid Owner (NEW – Released 9/29/2015) \_\_\_\_\_ Hardcover \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Ryan never knew his dad, nor the fact that he owned the Dallas Cowboys. But when his father dies unexpectedly, Ryan is given a rare and amazing opportunity to be the owner of the NFL team. This is not only a dream come true, but it gives Ryan a chance to make it in middle school without being a total social misfit. It may also help him rise off the bench of his football team and break into the starting lineup. With the help of his friends Jackson and Izzy, Ryan quickly takes advantage of his newfound stardom. He convinces his middle-school coach to use a tricky passing offense that's more suited to his own quick thinking and limited arm strength. But just when he thinks things are looking up, Ryan's nasty stepmother appears and makes a legal play to install her own son as the Cowboys' kid owner. With drama heating up both on and off the field, Ryan quickly realizes he may lose much more than just the Dallas Cowboys.

### **Lost Boy \_\_\_\_\_ Hardcover \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

It's always been just Ryder and his mom. But on the way home from Ryder's baseball practice, everything comes to a halt. An accident sends his mom to the hospital, and now she is fighting for her life. So Ryder goes on a search to find his father, determined to help pay for the expensive operation to save his mother's life. But with only a signed baseball and a letter as his clues, and the help of his next-door neighbor and a New York City firefighter, will everything fall into place in time, or will Ryder become a lost boy forever?



### **First Team \_\_\_\_\_ Hardcover \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paperback \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (available 9/29/15)**

Brock is on the run in this companion book to *New Kid*. 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?

### **New Kid \_\_\_\_\_ Hardcover \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paperback \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

It's hard to be the new kid, both on and off the field. Tommy's the new kid in town—who now goes by the name Brock—and he's having a hard time fitting in. Thanks to a prank gone wrong, he may be able to settle in on the baseball team. But can he prove himself before he becomes a new kid . . . again? New York Times bestselling author and former NFL defensive end Tim Green delivers another baseball tale with sports action and emotional heart that will keep kids on the edge of their seats.



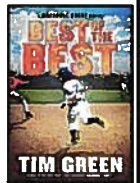
### **Unstoppable \*\*Caudill Nominee\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ Hardcover \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paperback \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

If anyone understands the phrase "tough luck," it's Harrison. As a foster kid in a cruel home, he knows his dream of one day playing for the NFL is a long shot. Then Harrison's luck seems to change. He is brought into a new home with kind, loving parents—his new dad is even a football coach. Harrison's big build and his incredible determination quickly make him a star running back on the junior-high-school team. In no time, he's practically unstoppable. But Harrison's good luck can't last forever. In his most dramatic and hard-hitting story yet, former NFL defensive end Tim Green writes about what it takes to be a winner, even when it seems like fate has dealt an impossible hand. Inspired by interviews with real-life cancer survivors and insider sports experience, this unforgettable story shows a brave boy who learns what it truly means to be unstoppable.

## Baseball Great Series

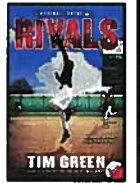
### **Best of the Best (# 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Hardcover \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paperback \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Josh is still flying high from his team's tournament win at Cooperstown when his parents start talking about a divorce. Now his dad is challenging him to play the best of the best at the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. But does he just want to get Josh out of the way? Two things are sure: His father's new girlfriend, Diane, is looking to change things, and Josh is determined to get her and her terrible son out of his life. With the help of Benji and Jaden, Josh races to get the facts that can keep his family together—but it's ever harder to concentrate on the game and make the winning plays that will lead his team to victory. In his compelling style, Tim Green delivers great sports action and more—a fast-paced adventure about friendship, the power of becoming a team, and finding a way to get what you need when you can't have what you want.



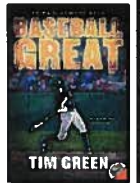
### **Rivals (#2) \_\_\_\_\_ Hardcover \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paperback \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Cooperstown! Josh is thrilled when all his hard training pays off in a big way and his team, the Titans, makes it to a national tournament in Cooperstown, home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame. More is on the line for Josh than just a trophy. Winning would mean everything to his dad—now Josh's coach. Winning could mean a major endorsement deal for the Titans and the attention of big league scouts! After a dirty play and a brutal injury threaten to sideline Josh, he spies suspicious activity at the tournament. He tries to tell his good friend Jaden about what he's seen, but she's too busy spending time with the L.A. Comets' star player, Mickey Mullen Jr., to want to get involved. Jaden says she's doing research for the newspaper . . . but is she? Now Josh has a rival—both on the field and off—as he swings for the fences in a game that quickly becomes more dangerous.



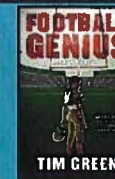
### **Baseball Great (# 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Hardcover \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paperback \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

When the school paper calls him "Grant Middle's best hope for its first-ever city-wide championship," Josh feels like he's starting to get noticed—in good and bad ways. Seeing Josh's talent, his father drags him out of the school baseball tryouts and gets him in the running for the Titans, the local youth championship team coached by Rocky Valentine. All Josh really wants to do is play ball, but now Rocky wants him to gulp down protein shakes and other supplements. Suspicious, Josh and his new friend, Jaden, uncover a dangerous secret—and catch the attention of one man who will do anything to keep them from exposing it.



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Series**



**Perfect Season (# 6) \_\_\_\_\_ Hardcover \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paperback \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Troy's dreams of the big time have backfired. Sure, he's moved to New Jersey to start his new job as "genius" for the New York Jets, but his dad has taken his entire salary, leaving Troy and his mom broke. Now Troy has no hope of going to private school and playing for a football powerhouse with his newfound cousin, Ty. Instead he's going to be part of a team with an unbroken losing streak. Knowing that the road to the NFL begins at an early age, Troy fights back. When he gets Seth to come up from Atlanta to coach his public school team, Troy feels ready for a winning streak—a perfect season. He doesn't guess that he'll be struggling against those who want him to lose. When Troy's talent for calling plays slips and his abilities as a quarterback are threatened, he's got to dig deep. And it will take all of Troy's football genius to turn this team around.

**Deep Zone (# 5) \_\_\_\_\_ Hardcover \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paperback \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

In the deep zone, even the very best player can have a nearly impossible time beating a foe who's ready and waiting... Troy White can predict a football play before it happens. Star quarterback on his state football team, Troy's a natural for the Seven-on-Seven tournament that's being held at the Super Bowl in Miami. With any luck, his "Football Genius" will also be working for Atlanta Falcons on that big day! Ty Lewis is a wide receiver with exceptional speed. His brother Thane who plays for the Jets, urges Ty to get on a Seven-on-Seven team, saying his running prowess will make him a winner. From the moment the two football champs cross paths, Troy and Ty begin to size one another up. Troy is suspicious of Ty's interest in his friend, Tate, while Ty worries his speed will never be a match for Troy's game smarts. But when the two rivals find themselves somehow tangled in the same dangerous web of deceit, they discover that they have more in common than their love of football—and that their pasts are more entwined than either could ever have imagined.

**The Big Time (# 4) \_\_\_\_\_ Hardcover \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paperback \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Things couldn't be going better for Troy White. The Atlanta Falcons' football genius is at the top of his game, helping the team get to the playoffs. Agents and lawyers are knocking on his door with big-money offers for the upcoming season. And his own football team has just won the Georgia State Championship! Troy's celebrating with his friends at linebacker Seth Hallowsay's mansion when another lawyer comes knocking—and he says, "I think I'm your father." In that instant, Troy's life is changed. Powerfully charged from start to finish, this is an amazing portrayal of Troy's struggle to make his lifetime dreams of being with his father come true. Filled with page-turning excitement as a high-stakes deal increases the clash of family tension, *The Big Time* is an unforgettable experience.

**Football Champ (# 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Hardcover \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paperback \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

When Troy White proved his remarkable "football genius" to the Atlanta Falcons, they brought him on board as a team consultant. Now, thanks to Troy's ability to predict winning plays, the Falcons are pulling in victories. Troy loves his starring role behind the scenes and the thrill of having NFL star linebacker Seth Hallowsay (who's dating Troy's mom) to coach his own Duluth Tigers team on their way to a state championship. Then Troy's perfect world comes crashing down. Reporter Brent Peele is out to smear as much mud on the Falcons as he can, and that means going after Troy. The vicious media storm that descends on the football genius threatens not only his job with the Falcons and the Tigers' run at a championship but his mother's career—and Seth's—as well. Together with his best friends, loyal Nathan and feisty Tate, Troy sets out to unmask the dishonest Peele—and save Seth's reputation—no matter what the risk.

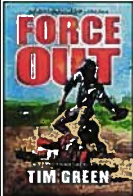
**Football Hero (# 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Hardcover \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paperback \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Ty Lewis can't believe it when Coach V recruits him for the football team. This is Ty's big chance to prove how fast he is on the field, get a fresh start in a new school, and be like his older brother, Thane "Tiger" Lewis, who's about to graduate from college—and is being courted by the NFL. But Ty's guardian, Uncle Gus, won't let him play. Uncle Gus needs Ty to scrub floors and toilets for his cleaning business while he cooks up gambling schemes with the local mob boss, a man called "Lucy." When Lucy hears just how famous Ty's older brother is, he becomes suddenly friendly. Are the questions Lucy is asking Ty *really* about fantasy football . . . or is the Mafia using Ty to get valuable insider info from his superstar brother? Desperately worried, Ty must come up with a plan to save Thane's football career—and, ultimately, his life.

**Football Genius (# 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Hardcover \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paperback \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Troy White can predict any football play before it happens. And when his single mom gets a job with the Atlanta Falcons, Troy knows it's his big chance to help them out of their slump—and finally prove his football genius. But unless Troy can convince star linebacker Seth Hallowsay that he's telling the truth, the Falcons' championship—and Troy's mom's job—are in serious jeopardy.

**Force Out \_\_\_\_\_ Hardcover \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paperback \$ \_\_\_\_\_**



When two friends compete, one of them will be forced out. Joey and Zach have always been best friends. They're also two of the best baseball players in their league, and shoo-ins for the all-star team at the end of the season. Their dream is to play together on the Center State select team, and they will do anything to help each other get there. So when Zach is forced to go on an extra-credit field trip that would make him miss the championship game and his chances to move on, Joey comes up with a risky plan to bail him out. Everything should be fine—as long as no one finds out what they did. Then the unthinkable happens: The boys learn there's only one open spot on the select team. Suddenly Joey and Zach go from being best friends to biggest rivals, and Joey has to decide his next move. He can play the biggest game of his life, or he can use their secret to force Zach out. How far should Joey go to win? In this tense, action-packed story that takes an increasingly common dilemma in competitive sports to new heights, Tim Green perfectly captures the kids who will push themselves to the limit to compete—even if it means putting everything on the line.

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