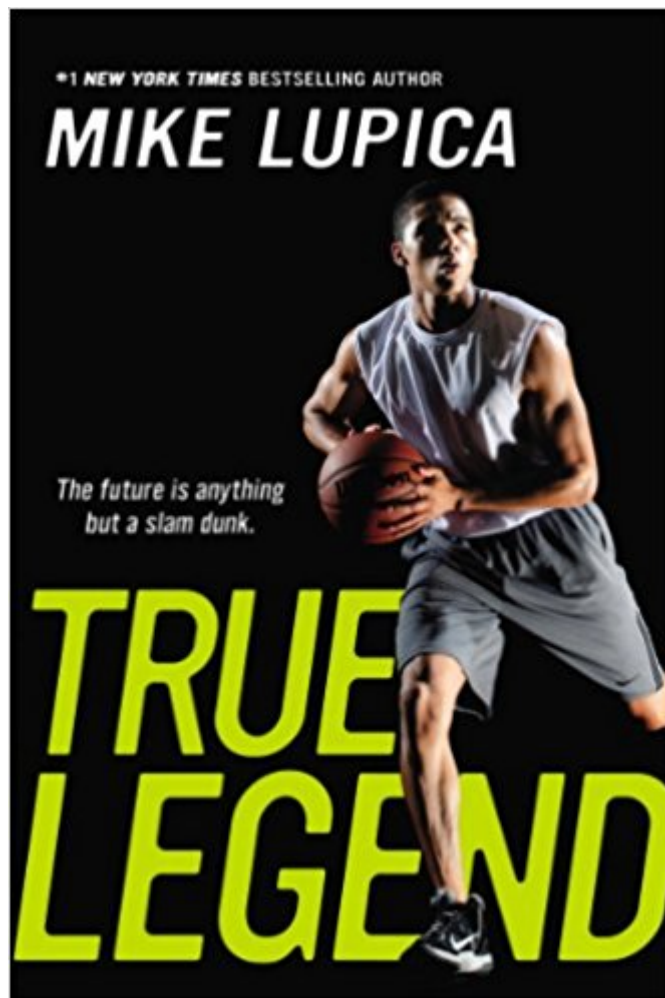




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#1 New York Times bestseller Mike Lupica makes his return to the basketball court! There's a reason teammates call him "True." Because for basketball phenom Drew Robinson, there is nothing more true than his talent on the court. It's the kind that comes along once in a generation and is loaded with perks--and with problems. Before long, True buys in to his own hype, much to the chagrin of his mother, who wants to keep her boy's head grounded--and suddenly trouble has a way of finding him. That is, until a washed-up former playground legend steps back onto the court and takes True under his wing.

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Customer Reviews

Praise for True Legend:****"The perfect trifecta of deep knowledge and portrayal of the history and culture of basketball, keen insight into the obstacle course of motivations and temptations facing a talented young man, and perfect-pitch sports writing. . . Lupica is the greatest sportswriter for middle-grade readers, and this book, True Legend, is a reminder of his dominance."****

VOYA, starred review"“Lupica scores another winner with this cautionary tale. . . Loaded with action-packed, suspenseful basketball sequences, crisp dialogue, sharply drawn characters, and keen insight into contemporary basketball culture in America, Drew’s story

illuminates the realities and choices facing gifted young athletes." • School Library Journal "Written in a fluid mix of slightly distant exposition and terse dialogue, the tale features plenty of suspenseful, expertly depicted hoops action along with choices both wrong and, ultimately, right made in the face of glittering temptations." • Booklist • Awards

Mike Lupica lives in New Canaan, Connecticut, and is the host of The Mike Lupica Show on ESPN Radio.

I have read all of the other Mike Lupica books and this was the last one that I hadn't read and it was so good. Talks about how a star player is treated and how to stay out of trouble. So good

bought for my son he likes this author

as expected

True Legend, by Mike Lupica is about Drew Robinson. Drew is a really good basketball player, he's a junior at Oakton Academy. He is the top recruit for high school basketball. Drew likes to shoot around at this place called Morrieson Park and there he meets a washed-up playground legend from Sacramento, Urban Shellings. He was previously thought to be dead from a fire but it was his brother who really died and they assumed that he was the one who died. He didn't confront the police because he wanted to just get away from his past, his ruined brilliant career. Now Drew faces a similar situation and he doesn't want to end up like Urban.

Drew Robinson is ranked number 1 in the country at basketball. Throughout the book he shows the challenges, and the perks of this. They combine this with a good best friend, a ghost like old basketball legend, and a girl that he has a crush on. This is the best basketball book I have ever read and I recommend to anyone who is a basketball fan. It's another best seller by Mike Lupica. A slam dunk by far.

this is the best by Lupica by far. The character, Drew Robison, is very relatable to a kid athlete. Very good

Good read for youth. My 13 year old grandson loves basketball and this book tells a good story as

well as important lessons in life to be learned'. His comment was, " that was a really good book"! He loved it and read it quickly!

My 7 year old loves this book. He's an intermediate reader who enjoys reading 3rd-4th grade level books. This one was perfect for him. It's an inspirational story about how to overcome fear and self-doubt. Highly recommend.

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