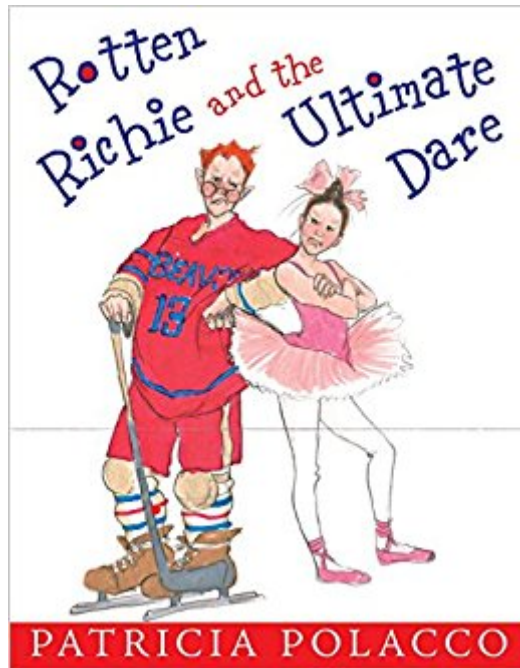




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# Rotten Richie And The Ultimate Dare



## Synopsis

Seems like Richie's entire goal in life is to make Trisha's impossible. Especially when he takes to teasing her about her beloved ballet class. Trisha knows how much work it takes to be good at ballet – much more than the stupid hockey Richie plays! So she challenges Richie to perform in her ballet recital, and Richie agrees, under one condition: Trisha has to join his hockey team for the big game!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 1-4 When Trisha's family moves from Union City to Battle Creek, her older brother makes her life miserable. He embarrasses her at school with rude, gross behavior at every turn, and they fight over which is better, ice hockey or ballet. At last she triple dares him in front of his friends to perform in her ballet recital. He has to accept, but does so only on the condition that she play on his ice-hockey team in the upcoming game. She learns the hard way how brutal the sport is, but manages to make the winning goal. Then it is her brother's turn to live up to his part of the bargain. At first he is a laughingstock, but when the male lead hurts his ankle and cannot dance, Richie comes through, and he and Trisha declare a truce. To this day, he calls her Slapshot and she calls him Dance King. This book is vintage Polacco, with pleasing pencil-and-marker illustrations that highlight each amusing moment. The endpapers display photos of the author and her brother,

embellished with funny sketches of the characters. The sibling relationship is realistically depicted with honesty, childlike humor, and dead-on dialogue. This story can be enjoyed independently or shared aloud; either way, youngsters will easily relate to the rivalry, the dares, and the resolution. An outstanding book from a popular author. Eve Ottenberg Stone, Cooper Lane Elementary, Landover Hills, MD Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Gr. 1-3. The interests of young Trish and her elder brother align squarely along the sugar-and-spice, snips-and-snails divide: Trish adores ballet, while hockey is Richie's obsession. When Richie mocks his sister's upcoming solo, behavior consistent with his antics in companion book *My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother* 1999), the resulting tiff escalates to a commitment from each sibling to try out the other's activity in public (Trish at a hockey match, Richie in a recital). Mutual respect is forged as each character tackles the challenge, with Polacco's exaggerated, plastic figures expressing both the fierce conflict and the broad gestures on stage and ice. This isn't a particularly nuanced addition to Polacco's growing collection of stories culled from personal history, and its sources are frustratingly unclear; the book is categorized as fiction even as photos on the endpapers purport to document the hobby swap. Even so, sibling rivalry in the "triple-dog dare" mode will resonate with many children, and Polacco's fans won't want to miss the latest offering starring the beloved storyteller as a hot-tempered, wisp-haired girl. Jennifer Mattson Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

I am a teacher and I adore this story. At my school we do a Patricia Polacco author study and I always try to include this title. Students LOVE to see what happens as boy and girl are "dared" to switch roles. It is very appropriate for my third graders who cannot stop laughing, especially when Richie has to dress up and perform ballet. Besides being a fun read, I also use it as a way to teach comparing and contrasting. We also discuss the themes of family, and respecting differences. Other Patricia Polacco stories I would recommend include: *My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother*, *Thank you Mr. Falker*, and *The Keeping Quilt*.

My brother and I were rivals in a way - not the same as were Trish and Richie, but we were nonetheless. I was so taken back to my childhood! The pictures of Trish and Richie on the endpages are priceless. Polacco continues her tradition of writing and illustrating books (good ones, too, not drivel) based on her family life. I found myself nodding my head in agreement about the

daring, the jealousy, and situations she found herself in because of their rivalry. I think I'll get this book for my brother for his birthday this year! (We are full grown with children of our own.) If you are a fan of Polacco's stories or art, you will not be disappointed.

My students loved listening to this story about a rival between brother and sister. It really helped get their ideas flowing for personal narratives.

Her books are all wonderful. Purchase them all for you library. Must read for grandkids of all ages.

Wonderful-as all Polacos books are

Perfect condition!

Another wonderful book by Polacco! A must for classroom libraries and your own at home! I will absolutely use this book as a read aloud with my Patricia Polacco author study as well as a part of our Social Studies unit on family relationships!

Love it!

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