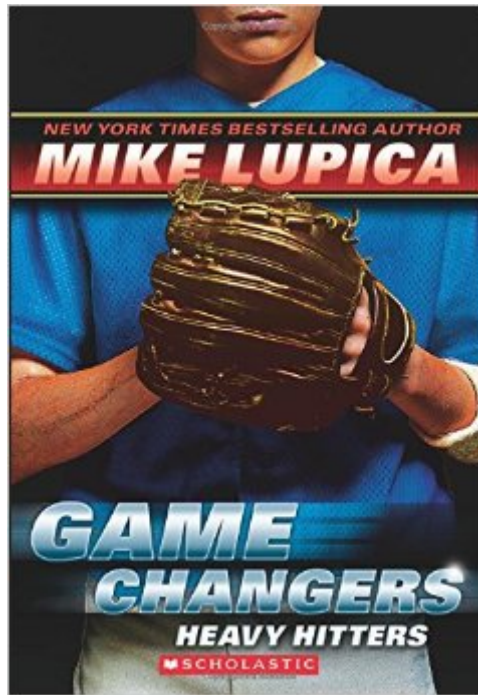


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# Game Changers #3: Heavy Hitters



## Synopsis

Mike Lupica presents the third book in his NEW YORK TIMES bestselling Game Changers series, now in paperback! Ben and his friends, the Core Four Plus One, are so excited to play in their town's All-Star Baseball league. But in the first game of the season Ben gets hit by a pitch. It's never happened to him before and it shakes him up. Another player on Ben's team, Justin, is acting really weirdly. Ben's known Justin for a while and they're friendly but he's not one of Ben's closest "boys." Justin is the team's best hitter but his behavior on and off the field is erratic. Ben discovers that Justin's parents are getting a divorce and Justin is thinking about quitting the team. Like good teammates do, Justin helps Ben deal with his issues at bat while Ben is there for his friend while his family is struggling.

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## Customer Reviews

Game Changers has been an excellent book series that I read throughout this school year. When I had to read a book in class, I read this series. What I really like about this series is that is that when Ben is having some troubles, he always figures out how to get through them. (Spoiler alert DON'T read this if you haven't read this book) I just finished my baseball season and my team was undefeated. We went through a lot of struggles like for instance one of our team's pitcher's broke his

ankle in a pre season game. But when we were in the semi finals, we were down 5-0 and it was our last up to bat. One of our team mates that hadn't hit a homerun all season hit 2 in that inning that scored 6 runs for us in that inning that won us the game. We made it to the championship game and were blown out significantly by the Tigers (We were the Pirates) 10-4. That ended our undefeated season. The thing that made it worst was that this wasn't new to the Pirates. They lost in the semi finals last year after having an undefeated regular season. Well, for my first year of playing baseball, it was a pretty good year. I was so surprised when I was reading about all of the stuff Ben and the rest of the team was going through and I related to that. Well I hope this review was helpful enough to help you decide to read this book or not. But suggest you do because you won't regret it.

Every kid who steps up to the plate swinging a bat likes to hit the ball. Singles through the infield. Fly balls traveling through the air challenging the outfielders. Even home runs sailing out of the ball park and thus cheering thousands of baseball fanatics. There is something exciting watching a batter hit that little white ball with the stitches all over the place. And so every kid seats on the players bench in the dugout waiting for his chance to be a hero. However, there are some discouraging moments for some when they are side-lined from the opportunity to play. In this story, the Core Four Plus One, as they are known to be called, are excited about the team playing in the towns All-Star Baseball league. However, suddenly, unexpectedly, Ben, one of the Four gets hit by a pitch, and his friend, another member of the four and best hitter on the team, starts acting weird. The team now faces a dilemma. A devastating blow to their ego has the team wonders how to solve this problem. And so unfolds another exciting baseball story. Once again, Mike Lupica, using a baseball platform, gives baseball fanatics an action packed, excellent story. Readers will be able to explore the reality of binding friendships along with solving a problem in a game they have grown to love. An anxious audience who loves a great baseball story won't be able to put this book down. Marvin P. Ferguson, author of BOYS ON THE GOLD COAST.

i have read all the game changer books this one sends a really good message (alert if you do not want to know how it ends dont read this sentence) you cant win em all very good book i would reccomend it for 8 and up great book for sports fans

Mike Lupica's Game Changers series is well written for the young sports fan. He keeps the story moving and interesting. He includes life lessons that are learned through team sports. Well written

This book is a good continuation of the series by Mike Lupica. Really cool about baseball; different sports, but the same players. We've got a waiting list for it already!

this would be perfect for person who is unmotivated and is going through a situation like Justin to just overcome it and forget about it till it happens

this book is great a good read cant put it down good reading for anybody definitely recomend has a great story linemike lupica is a great author

Really great book. I enjoyed it. I kind of got confused who was moving back somewhere, until Justin explained that his parents are getting divorced.

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