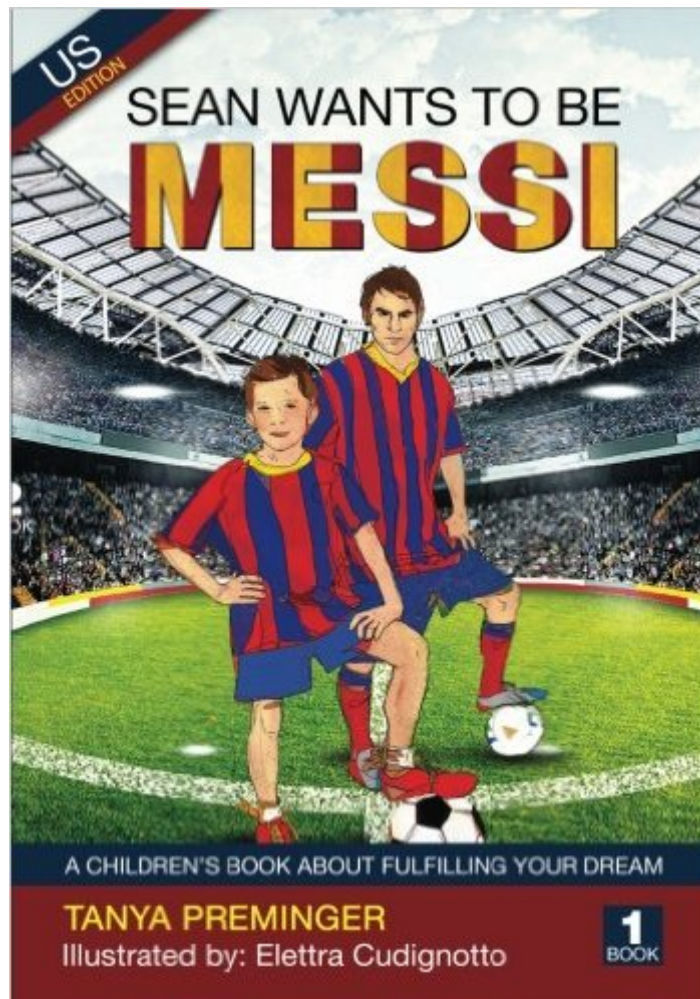


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# Sean Wants To Be Messi: A Fun Picture Book About Soccer And Inspiration. US Edition (Volume 1)



## Synopsis

Sean, a whimsical 2nd grader, wants to be the great Leo Messi, and heâ€™s working hard for his cause. He battles fears, bullies, nagging parents, and tiresome teachers in pursuit of his dream to become the best soccer player in the world. A childrenâ€™s book about soccer, math, and practice. Not necessarily in this order :) Beautiful illustrations by Elettra Cudignotto.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

My kids love soccer, so this book was a good choice for my daughter since she is also in second grade like Sean. Even though she is not as familiar with all of the professional soccer leagues, she did like this story. At first she thought it was about a messy boy, but now she is interested in finding out more about Lionel Messi. One of her favorite parts about the story was the illustrations. We could both visualize the games and scrimmages from the description. We talked about each chapter and Sean's feeling and why he acted the way he did in new situations. With topics like bullying, dealing with fears and challenges, and setting goals, there is a lot that we can discuss with our children. As a mom and an educator, I could relate to working with a child who was very active and often had difficulty focusing on school work. I would definitely consider other books by the author with characters about the same age and more themes for my child.

This is a wonderful book for emerging readers. (Almost) everyone has some fears or insecurities. Do we let them rule our lives, or do we try to overcome them in order to achieve our dreams? In this

book Sean loves soccer, but is too afraid to try and join a team. He attempts several times, each time retreating because of his fears. Eventually, however, he overcomes his fears and goes on to the field, and scores! This book can serve as an excellent conversation opener for younger children who need examples of others overcoming their fears and doing well. Definitely a worthy addition to my household of 3 boys.

Sean Wants to Be Messi is an inspiring, relatable story for any young sports fan. It is funny, thoughtful and a great way to open kid friendly discussions on getting frustrated, trying again, work ethic, believing in yourself and having a dream. As parents we are not perfect and I appreciate the reality of the adult characters, the conflicts we face and the fine line between encouraging and allowing a child to be who they are in the moment. Beautiful illustrations and of course the book is a double score for any Messi fan!! Buying another copy for my nephew and all the little soccer fans in our lives, the personalized version, will make for an extra special gift.

As the owner of a summer camp, I was looking for some good books to add to our SEL (Social Emotional Learning) library. I was recommended this book and we're adding it to our collection. This book is a great one to read with any primary aged child, boy or girl. You can hook them with the soccer/sports angle, but the book is a great tool to talk about tough emotions like shyness, fear, frustration and uplifting ones like confidence, kindness and love. Great for facilitating a discussion about role models and family roles as well. Highly recommend for parents or schools and organizations with readers of different levels.

I am pleased with the item I have purchased it was delivered on time and was exactly as described by the seller. My son loves reading this book being a fan of Messi it truly inspires him. Do look forward to shopping again. Thanks!

If you and your kids want to enjoy a great book about soccer, Sean wants to be Messi: A fun picture book about soccer and inspiration for children ages 5-9. US edition is the ONE! It is entertaining for both child and parent as the reader follows Sean and his mother through Sean's daily love (some might say obsession) of the game of soccer. We read together as Sean struggles with math in school, and finds his redemption in the game of soccer. For those who don't know of Lionel Messi, the world-class star soccer player for Barcelona, he is not only one of the best players ever to run the field, he is also a nice guy. My eight-year-old son does not play soccer, but he is now interested

after having Googled Messi's name and learning about him! He thought that Messi was a funny name at first, but he's used to it now, opening his mind up to a whole new world of cultures and societies and languages! The two of us have not only learned about soccer and math, but also about the countries where this most popular sport in the world is played.

This book and the situation described is realistic and brings back memories!!! Ms. Preminger has done a wonderful job in capturing a real life issue that many parents face when helping a child overcome a fear. A great bedtime story book to be read over and over again.

"We really enjoyed the book, even though our kids don't like football it resonates a good lesson which is familiar to all children and parents alike- to pursue your dreams and work hard. A good lesson for parents- to listen to their children and find out why they behave the way they do, just like Sean distracting behavior is underlined by fear of failure, he faces it and wins. I like the ending where his passion for football gets him to do his math work- that is how we should engage with our children and their school work. The illustrations are lovely, makes the book come alive."

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