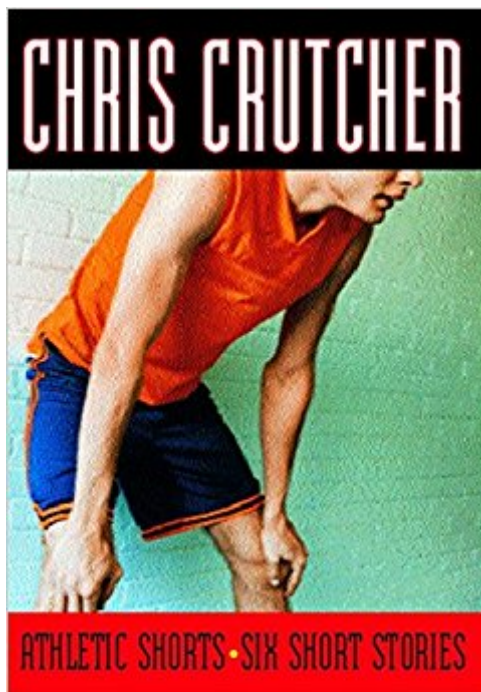


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Athletic Shorts: Six Short Stories



Synopsis

These six stories from acclaimed author Chris Crutcher are about athletes, but are not simply sports stories. Here he presents characters from some of his best-loved novels, as well as creating some unforgettable new personalities, in tales of love, death, bigotry, heroism, and coming of age. Ages 11+

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Customer Reviews

If the stereotype of the "bonehead jock" is ever to be defeated, it will be at Crutcher's hands. In these six short stories, he and his athlete protagonists take on such weighty issues as racism, homophobia, sexism and the teenager's essential task of coming to terms with his parents. At the same time the author makes the world of sports compelling enough to engage even the most sedentary readers. Three of the stories revolve around characters featured in Crutcher's *The Crazy Horse Electric Game*, including the memorable eccentric known as Telephone Man. Also starring in his own story is Lionel Serbousek, the orphaned artist and swimmer of Stotan! In the book's final tale, Louie Banks (from *Running Loose*) is befriended by a young man with AIDS and must cope once again with the untimely death of a loved one. The stories' locales--mostly small towns in Montana and Idaho--are vividly evoked, and make a satisfying change from the well-known big cities and bland suburbs where so many YA novels are set. Ages 12-up. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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the big questions of life as well as with athletic prowess, told with good-natured aplomb and gritty honesty. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Book is a little mature for some readers. Some sexual content that may make some people uncomfortable is in the book

Excellent Book!

Since I teach reading and sometimes it is difficult to find books teens enjoy - especially guys - Crutcher is a classic hard core guy writer. He doesn't mince his words and his characters are always real. He writes about real guys and my guys love his books

I purchased this book for my 9th grade classroom library. Chris Crutcher hits the controversial topics so well. Though I haven't read all of his other works, this seems to be a great follow-up book to revisit his characters. Another Crutcher book to open up the mind and start conversations.

Some great stories. Short and to the point. Makes you think. What's nice is they're short and easy to read.

So relatable so enjoying i just couldnt put it down one of the best novels about sports of any kind

I bought this for my son to read at school. They needed a book to have to read when they got all their other work done, and he enjoys books about sports so I thought he would like this one. He said he did enjoy it.

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