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# Million-Dollar Throw



## Synopsis

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *HEAT* and *TRAVEL TEAM*. Everyone calls Nate Brodie "Brady" because he's a New England quarterback, just like his idol, Tom Brady. And now he's got a chance to win a million dollars by throwing one pass through a target at halftime in the Patriots; Thanksgiving night game. More than anything, Nate's family needs the money—his dad's been downsized, his mom's working two jobs, and they're on the verge of losing their house. The worry is more weight than a 13-year-old can bear, and it's affecting his playing for his own football team. Suddenly the boy with the golden arm is having trouble completing a pass . . . but can he make the one that really counts?

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 6—Lupica delivers another smooth, well-paced, character-driven novel. Thirteen-year-old Nate Brodie's life would seem to be the stuff of adolescent boys' dreams: he is the star quarterback of his school football team and has a great relationship with his best friend and soulmate, Abby McCall. However, all is not smooth sailing. The Brodies are in danger of losing their home in the economic downturn, and Abby's eyesight is failing due to a rare congenital disease. Nate thinks he may have the opportunity to solve all of his problems when he wins the chance to

make a million dollars by throwing a football through a small target during halftime at a pro football game. Unfortunately, his quarterbacking skills suddenly and mysteriously desert him just as he is preparing for his big moment. With the support of his family and friends, he fights his way back and regains the confidence he needs to face the challenges in his life. While the serious issues raised about the effects of economic uncertainty on families are resolved a tad too easily, youngsters are likely to accept this as just a good, entertaining read. •Richard Luzer, Fair Haven Union High School, VT Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Praise for *Million-Dollar Throw*: "Lupica's football action engages, and his delineation of the athlete's thought process and emotional highs and lows of competition feels visceral and real." • Kirkus Reviews "Lupica explores the themes of believing in yourself and handling pressure. Teens who love sports fiction . . . will find this book a rapid, enjoyable read." • VOYA "Lupica injects plenty of suspenseful sports action into the plot and creates a cast of uniformly likable characters whose faith in teamwork and in each other ultimately earns handsome rewards for all. A natural for graduates of Matt Christopher's sports stories." • Booklist

What I like about books by Mike Lupica, such as *Million Dollar Throw*, is that each story plot involves a character I can certainly relate to. I'm not into football like this Nate Brodie, but I do play baseball, basketball, and tennis. I've read other books of Lupica's about athletic kids who are confident, positive, and determined about making baseball and basketball teams as well as balancing life at home and school with their families and friends. The first book I read by Mike Lupica was *Hero*. The plot of a 14-year-old named Zach, living with his family on 5th Avenue in New York City really touched me. Zach investigating the scene where his father was killed in a plane crash, learning that it wasn't accidental but homicidal made things heat up for action taking. That's what made me inspired by Lupica's material(s). It's very intriguing.

Mike Lupica is my favorite author because most of his book are about believing. In this case it is a thirteen year old boy who gets picked out of a raffle to try to win a million dollars by making a football go through a 28 inch hole. My favorite part about it is that there is a girl named Abby who is losing her seeing ability. Will Nate win all the prize money? What will he use the money for? Find out when you read *Million Dollar Throw*.

Fast shipping, described as stated. Pleased customer.

My 9 year old son loved this book. He was able to predict what was going to happen at the end but he still said it was a great book!

This was a great book. But it was very confusing if you didn't understand football. Overall I liked it and would suggest ages 12 and up to read it

I used to never miss Lupica's column on my commute to work in the 90's. This is one not to miss as well.

This was just a great book for anybody. It also told many very important life lessons. I would recommend this book to anyone that loves sport books.

Every sports fan should read this book it is such a good book I couldn't put the book down when I started reading it

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