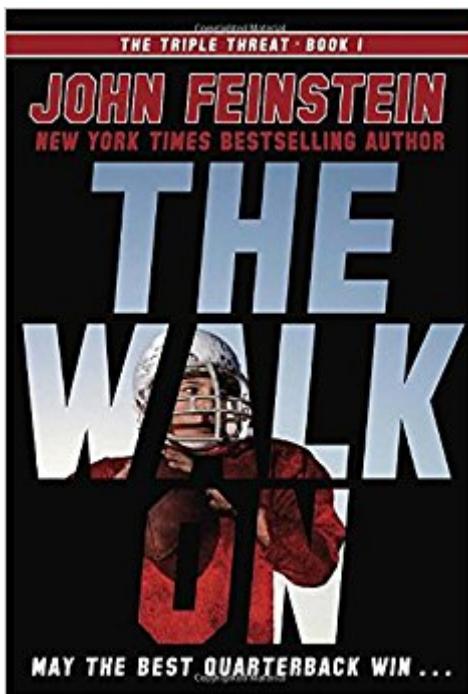


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Synopsis

Bestselling sportswriter John Feinstein kicks off a new series for middle grade featuring Alex Myers, a student athlete who tries to take on the sports establishment in his new town. Alex Myers is a quarterback, but from the first day of football practice, it's clear that that position is very much filled by the coach's son, Matt. Alex has the better arm, but Matt has more experience—and the coach's loyalty. Alex finally gets a chance to show what he can do when Matt is injured, and he helps win a key game to keep the Lions' bid for the state championship alive. But just when his star is rising, Alex gets blindsided—the state has started drug testing, and Alex's test comes back positive for steroids. Alex knows that's not right. But he doesn't know if it's a mistake—or if someone wants to make sure he can't play. . . . John Feinstein has been praised as "the best writer of sports books in America today" (The Boston Globe), and this first installment in the Triple Threat series is his most thrilling and suspenseful novel yet. Fans of Mike Lupica, Tim Green, and Paul Volponi will want to check out *The Walk On*, and its companion, *The Sixth Man*. A cliffhanger of a football novel bristling with social, personal, familial and ethical issues to complement the gridiron action. . . . All the goods for the sports enthusiast—and more. —Kirkus ReviewsFrom the Hardcover edition.

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didn't open for another week, but football season began on the last Friday in August, so tryouts and practice started early. Alex had two days to show coaches that a freshman should be practicing with the varsity. He is a new small fish in a strange and larger pond. He is trying to adjust to life without his dad and the friends he had to leave when he moved with his mom and his sister. He is a nice guy who has to ride around on a bicycle because he is only fourteen and isn't old enough to drive. I have a weakness for sports stories. The characters are always well described and have clearly stated goals. They want to win, make the team, and get the girl. I love clearly stated character goals. The writing was well done. The game action was well written and kept the pace going. The dialogue was believable for the characters. Here is an example of the action description: Alex stepped up. He noticed that Coach Hillier had Jonas ninth in line, meaning he would be Alex's third and last receiver. Alex took the toss that Coach Hillier was making to start each play-sort of a standing snap-then dropped back a couple of steps and easily targeted the 45-yard line, the ball dropping gently into the receiver's hands. Coach Hillier looked at him and just said, "Nice, Alex." in a voice so soft Alex was pretty sure he was the only one who could hear it. If you like action, you'll like this story. If you like suspense, you'll like this story. If you like stories about high school sports, you'll like this story. Not only that, you'll like the other two in the series. I give this story a five out of a possible five. I like all three things: action, suspense, and sports stories. I like rooting for the underdog, the third string quarterback who is new in school and wants to make the team. I'm not going to tell you if he gets the girl.

My son really enjoyed it!

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My son loves this author. Easy to read and engaging. Looking forward to purchasing other books in this series.

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