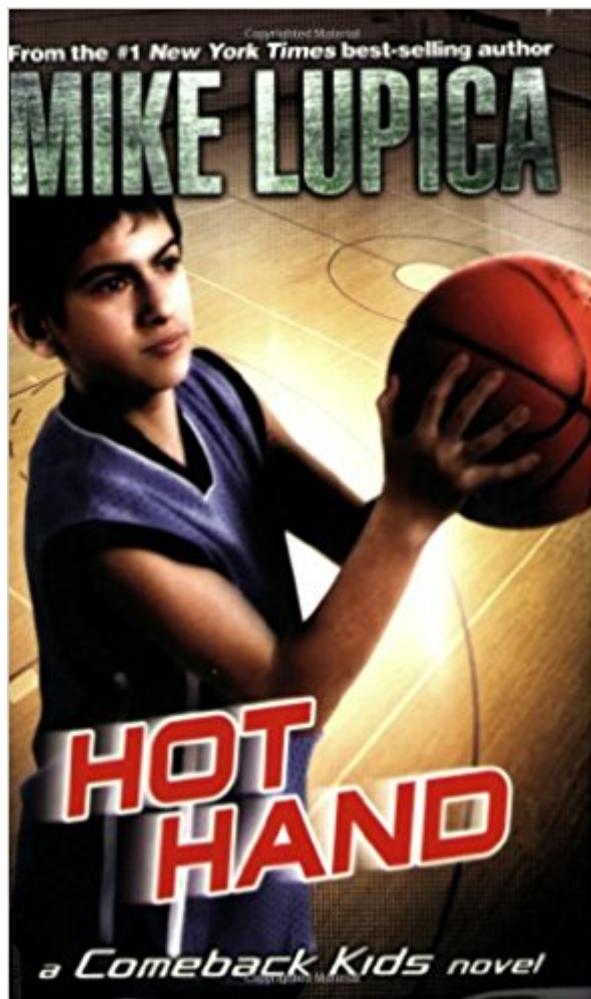


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# Hot Hand (Comeback Kids)



## **Synopsis**

From #1Â Â New York TimesÂ Â bestseller Mike Lupica!It's simple. All Billy Raynor wants to do is shoot. After all, he is one of the best shooters in the league. But with his dad as his coach, and his parents newly separated, somehow everything's become complicated. His brother Ben hardly talks anymore. His mom is always traveling on business. And his dad is always on his case about not being a team player. But when Ben's piano recital falls on the same day as the championship game, it's Billy who teaches his dad the meaning of being a team player.

## **Book Information**

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Series: Comeback Kids (Book 2)

Paperback: 192 pages

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## **Customer Reviews**

Lupica (Miracle on 49th Street) again relays fast-paced basketball action in this involving first volume of the Comeback Kids series. The narrative moves equally sure-footedly off-court to explore the dynamics of 10-year-old Billy's family. His parents have recently separated, and his father, Joey, has moved to another house. Joey is also Billy's demanding, hot-headed basketball coach, constantly criticizing his son for shooting rather than passing during games. Billy's well-intentioned mother works long hours as a lawyer and travels frequently. Younger brother Ben, as passionate about the piano as Billy is about basketball, becomes increasingly withdrawn and, alarmingly, begins to skip piano lessons. Billy comes to Ben's rescue when a school bully picks on him, but

resents feeling that his often-absent parents expect him to take care of his vulnerable brother. Tensions peak when Ben's piano recital and Billy's championship game occur at the same time; their mother is called out of town, and their father refuses to miss the game for Ben's recital. The resolution is pat, but pleasing—although not as pleasing as the sports writing. Lupica moves to the gridiron in the series' Two-Minute Drill, due the same month. These should score big with middle-graders looking for alternatives to Matt Christopher's titles. Ages 8-up. (Sept.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Praise for the Comeback Kids:  
"Lupica portrays the action clearly and vividly, with a real sense of the excitement and unpredictable nature of the games. These are worthy additions to collections seeking to draw in middle-grade boys with an enthusiasm for athletics."—School Library Journal  
"These should score big with middle-graders looking for alternatives to Matt Christopher's titles."—Publisher's Weekly  
"This title is a good choice for reluctant readers with a background in baseball."—School Library Journal

Excellence!

Ok

Great book for my 11-year old sixth grader to read, as he is a standout basketball player, who otherwise HATES to read. He got so into it, and into the suspense of how the big games were going to end! This is a natural book that demonstrates good sportsmanship values, and is tolerable for jock boys who hate to sit still and read.

My son Loves this book!

Hot Hand was such an amazing book. It shows siblings to care for each other and to go out of your way to do something nice for one another. I'm a ten year old boy, I love basketball, and I have multiple siblings just like Billy. I think this book really inspires young readers just like me.

My 11 and 13-year-old boys enjoyed this. They had a hard time following some expressions.

I loved the book, classic read, but the ending I disliked and it made little sense to me how much the dad changed right in time for the final game. Other than that, I would recommend it greatly to young readers.

One of the best books I've ever read. I would recommend this book for all kids that like sports!  
Definitely

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