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# Stone Cold



## Synopsis

"All I want is to play cards, to run my fingers over those slick, hard surfaces, to feel that cold power flowing in and out through my hands and eyes." In a stirring story of obsession, Denn Doyle learns that he has a natural talent: he can beat anyone at cards. His peers, even older, experienced players. Soon his easy-found success has him riding high, but his family, his academic future, and his girlfriend are at stake. Is it worth the price? Shuffle the cards. He's ready to show you.

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## Customer Reviews

Everybody's good at something...and Denn has finally found out what he is good at...it's not soccer, playing the piano, or calculus...it's playing poker. Denn is so good he is winning thousands of dollars, buying expensive gift for his girlfriend and even cars, but his relationships with his friends, parents and his girl are becoming distant---cold. Denn is certainly raking in the cash, but is he trading money for the important things in life? A surprise ending will have you wishing Denn all the luck in the world...because he'll need it!This book starts rolling and never stops despite the pages stopping you'll be left with the thoughts and images forever.Do yourself a favor and read this book and watch a masterpiece of characterization unfold.

Sixteen-year old Dennis Doyle is learning about an important tool of independence - money. Like

many young people, his first job is mowing lawns. He's good at his job, and keeps track of his profits down to the last cent. He learns that money can give him some control in his life, which is something he's been looking for since his dad left him and his mom. We get to know Denn Doyle so well very early in "Stone Cold", especially since the book is in first person through Denn's perspective. Pete Hautman does such a good job portraying the stage of life Denn is in - somewhere between child and adult, and we can't help but laugh with Denn, and really like him. Denn's newfound interest in money and the control it gives him leads him down a path we readers know he shouldn't go down, but can't help but wonder if we would take the same path if in his shoes. It starts with a simple card game, but Denn wins, and he's hooked. He plays more and more, dreams about and studies poker, and we readers experience Denn's addiction, his obsession, and what it does to his life, and his youth. Before we know what's happened, Denn Doyle has left childhood far behind, and we get quite a hint at what adulthood has in store for him. "Stone Cold" is such a moving depiction of adolescence and addiction, and though I must admit it saddened me, it also had me laughing out loud more often than most books I've read. It's a good one - for both young adults and adults.

The book Stonecold was a great story. It was about a kid who failed out of law school and his friends got him into poker. He continues to win big and figures out he is really good at it, then he loses big, he loses a 30,000 jackpot on a bluff. His dad gets irritated and tells him to quit poker and go to law school again. He quits just like his dad wanted but soon realizes that he loves poker too much and decides to go back to it. He enters in a tournament in Vegas for a shot to beat the King of Poker. The King goes all in but this time he doesn't fall for a bluff and goes all in too. He wins and ends up with 3 million dollars and is the new King of poker. This is a must read book!

The book Stone Cold, also known as No limit was a great book. It's about Dennis Doyle, the main character. He works hard and loves earning money for himself but when the law business is not working out he turns to something quite the opposite, Poker. In the book he finds out how good he is and can become at poker, but he does learn lessons about poker and life. "Money isn't everything," Dennis quotes later in the book. I liked this book because there were quite a few twists and surprises. I would give it four stars.

The book I read was called Stone Cold, By Pete Hautman. I liked this book and I think it would be a great book for anyone who likes poker. The book is about a teenager named Denn Doyle who is about sixteen years old, who plays poker and finds out that he loves it. He is just an ordinary kid

who does lawn work and loves money. One day he is doing lawn work when a kid he knows asks him if he wanted to come over later and play poker and Denn says why not. When he starts playing he realizes he is good and he loves how much money he gets and how quick he gets it. Soon he quits doing lawn work and gets addicted to poker. Soon nothing else is important to him and his friends and family start to drift away from him. This book didn't have pictures but the author was so good that the pictures you imagine are better. This book also had a good cover. Anyone who likes poker would have taken this book if they saw the cover. The cover has a kid on the front with a stack of poker chips and cards in front of him. I liked this book because when the author wrote it was like you were in the book.

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