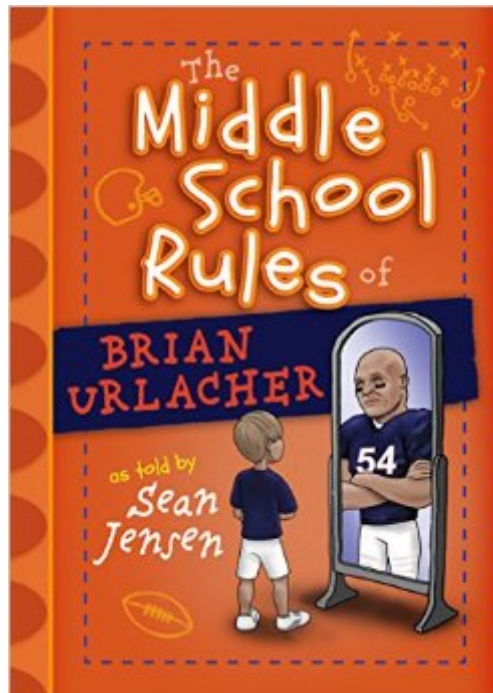


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# The Middle School Rules Of Brian Urlacher



## Synopsis

For more than a decade, Brian Urlacher was the face of the Chicago Bears "one of the NFL's most storied franchises. An eight-time Pro Bowl middle linebacker, Urlacher established himself as one of the league's preeminent defenders with his athleticism, intelligence and ferocity. He is widely expected to gain entrance into the Pro Football Hall of Fame when he is eligible in a few years which is not bad for an athlete from Lovington, New Mexico, where his coaches did not even see college potential in him until his junior year of high school. The Middle School Rules of Brian Urlacher features the real-life childhood stories and exploits of young Brian Urlacher and illustrate how they shaped him into the world-class athlete he became. The first of The Middle School Rules series, these books not only entertain, but also inspire greatness in the next generation by highlighting the importance of being your best, overcoming adversity, and reaching your dreams through discipline and hard work.

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## Customer Reviews

Not your typical grade school biography, this book, focusing on the childhood and teen years of football great Brian Urlacher, weaves together meaningful childhood experiences and events that influenced and shaped his character. Adults will appreciate the message of how hard work and self-discipline were critical elements to Urlacher's success and kids will appreciate reading

about the real life choices young Brian made to overcome setbacks, losses and difficult situations. The author does an artful job of keeping the narrative flowing while also providing sports fans with some fun blow-by-blow action from Brian's games. Non-sports fans will find something here too as Brian deals with universal themes for kids such as sibling rivalry, balancing workload with extracurricular activities, and discipline. Packed with full color graphics but no shortage of text, younger (or reluctant) readers will be pulled along through the story by its abundant illustrations. While some older readers may be put off by the cartoonish feel, this belies the fact the text provides a rich enough read to satisfy a more sophisticated audience, especially sports fans. A great addition to your school or home library (best target audience grades 3-8) kids at our school are coming back with two thumbs up. - Minnehaha Academy Librarian - Susan Besser

Sean Jensen is an incredibly passionate storyteller and talented writer. He has a gift for capturing real life stories that truly have an impact on his readers. I wish there were more writers like him to provide our children with inspirational stories. I know that for my son and me, the story about Brian Urlacher's childhood told by Sean will have a lasting impact. I too hope that if my son is faced with adversity and challenges during his childhood, he will face them head on without excuses.

My third grade son has read almost all of the available sports books and this was one of his favorites! He loved learning about how hard Brian worked to reach his goals. And, he loved learning about Brian's childhood. I think all young sports fans will enjoy learning more about one of the NFL's all-time greatest players.

Given To Me For An Honest Review Middle School Rules of Brian Urlacher by Sean Jensen is a book with the real life childhood stories of Brian Urlacher. Your child will be able to find out all of the challenges and things that Brian had to overcome in order to achieve his dreams. These stories aren't only entertaining but will also inspire your child to see the importance of being their best, overcoming adversity and working as hard as they can in order to reach their dreams. You will find full color graphics. The writing is clear and bold. I gave this book 5 stars but wish I could have given it more. This book would make a great gift. It would look good on your child's bookshelf or on any library's bookshelf. I highly recommend this book to everyone, especially middle school grades 5 - 8 and sports fans. I look for more from Sean Jensen.

As the father of three young boys - including a sports-crazed 11-year-old - I was excited to get this

book, and even more excited to learn that it's the first in what will be a series! Great writing, great lessons, brilliant illustrations - it's the PERFECT way to get a sports-crazed middle schooler into reading if he or she isn't already. Jensen has had a long career as a sportswriter and I've read his stuff for years, and I was especially impressed with how well he tells Urlacher's story in a way that will appeal to sports fans of all ages using this illustrated book format. Really, really well done!

I absolutely love this book! As a parent of a student athlete a little older than middle school, with a small child a little younger than middle school- I feel like this story applies both directions. Having experienced first hand with my oldest how adversity and hard work will show who you are and build character- I applaud a book about why that is actually a wonderful thing, and help make children everywhere who's path isn't "simple" feel like they are in great company! Sean Jensen is a fantastic writer who pulls at the heart strings of all of us who are raising greatness. This book should be a staple on the shelves of sports teams and school libraries- required reading for a lesson in integrity.

This book is incredible! As a father of two kids, both playing sports, it is truly amazing to see how a professional player had to work hard and push through numerous challenges in his grade school years. This book is a great read for young individuals because he talks about what so many children go through day to day. It is refreshing to be able to have an inspirational book to prove that if you work hard and overcome obstacles thrown in front of you that you can succeed! I highly recommend this book to any young individual whether they participate in sports or not!

My fourth grade daughter read this in a few hours. She is not a football fan, but she still enjoyed it immensely. The lessons of perseverance and overcoming adversity are universal. I highly recommend this book to parents or teachers who want their children to dream big and work hard.

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