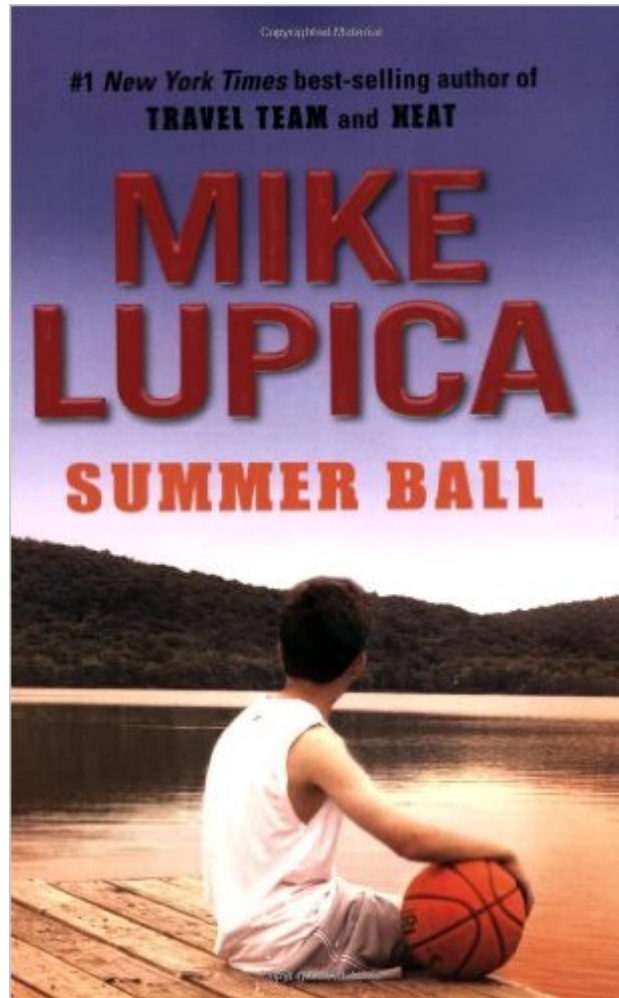


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# Summer Ball



## Synopsis

The sequel to the #1 New York Times bestseller *Travel Team!* When you're the smallest kid playing a big man's game, the challenges never stop—especially when your name is Danny Walker. Leading your travel team to the national championship may seem like a dream come true, but for Danny, being at the top just means the competition tries that much harder to knock him off. Now Danny's heading to Right Way basketball camp for the summer, and he knows that with the country's best players in attendance, he's going to need to take his game up a notch if he wants to match up. But it won't be easy. Old rivals and new battles leave Danny wondering if he really does have what it takes to stand tall.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

I am writing on behalf of my 10 year old son who has read everyone of Mr. Lupica's books...and is his #1 fan. When we picked up his newest book - the sequel to the already amazing *Travel Team* - my son could barely wait to read it! To say I had to literally tear the book from him so he'd sleep is not a lie. He literally finished the book in 3 days and could not wait to tell me all about it. He now bugs me to read his books - and I definitely will since my husband also is a big fan. Mr. Lupica's book speaks to all ages - everyone can relate to them - even if you are remembering from your past

- or experiencing something like it right now. Keep writing - you are a master storyteller for both the young and young at heart.

I just read Summer Ball to my class, and let me tell you it was phenomenal! My class was so excited to read this story every day. I started out reading a chapter a day but my class could not get enough! One day during a rainy recess my student's requested that we read the story as our activity for recess. The story is of a 13 year old boy who goes to a basketball summer camp. He has the stigma of being short, however it seems to have gone away by when he mentors a younger camper. Lupica captures the nerves of leaving home and the desire to be the best. Reading this to my homeroom has been a Slam Dunk!

Just finished Summer Ball and it exceeded my expectations. I was of the opinion that Travel Team was the best book ever written....WRONG! Summer ball grabs you at the beginning and never lets go. Mr Lupica has displayed in his artful way what freindship and loyalty is all about. You want to stand and cheer for a basketball player that anyone would pull for. This is a must read, enjoy!

Mike Lupica writes another great book called "Summer Ball". Thirteen year old Danny is going to a basketball camp called The Wright Way. But, before Danny left he had some trouble with Tess. He had gotten upset that she had been spending so much time with Mr. Perfect according to Danny. When Danny gets to camp everything starts to go wrong. First he couldn't bunk with Ty, Will, and Tarik. Then he had to go bunk with the eleven and twelve year olds. A little later Danny runs into Rasheed (the kid that Danny played against in the championship game last year. (Also the kid he "flopped" on according to his friends) ). The next day Danny and his friends were put into teams. Danny, Will and Tarik were put on the same team but Rasheed was on the team too. When Danny got to the court where his team was supposed to practice it only got worse. Danny's coach was Ed Powers, the guy that Danny's dad could have played for instead of Syracuse. "Did your dad ever tell you the story about how he turned me down and went to Syracuse instead" (Pg. 53) .So right away Danny knew this was going to be one bad summer. After days of practices and games, it was time for the tournament. They beat the Bulls in the first round of the play-offs. In the second round Danny's team beat Ty's to get to the championship game on Saturday against Lamar. Will Danny's team beat Lamar's team and become champions? Will Danny actually have a fun summer? I recommend this book to anyone who has read the first the book and anyone from 6th grade and up. Also, for twelve year olds and up too.

I really enjoyed Summer Ball by Mike Lupica. It is centered around Danny Walker, a 13 year old who has an intense interest in basketball. Danny is a very good player but is very short. Danny Attends Right Way basketball camp but is immediately discouraged because he is not bunking with his friends. Danny gets even more discouraged when he sees his rival, Rasheed, who Danny beat in the championship. Danny is soon faced with the decision to either quit basketball or continue, despite his unhappiness. Summer Ball opens in the town of Middleton, Long Island. Danny lives with his parents and will be in high school in the fall. Danny is preparing to attend Right Way basketball camp in Maine. The basketball camp is a huge campus and there are basketball courts everywhere. Danny was excited to attend this elite camp because only advanced players can attend. This camp is famous and has dorms for the players to stay in. There is a conflict and resolution in this book that kids can relate to. The conflict is that Danny does not want to go to basketball camp because it's far away. Danny ends up attending the camp but is upset he is not bunking with his friends. Danny ends up meeting Zach, and the two become fast friends. The other main conflict is when Danny has to decide between faking an injury to go home, or staying and finishing the camp. In the end, Danny decides to stay and ends up actually becoming friends with his longtime rival, Rasheed.

The book I am reviewing Summer Ball and is written by author Mike Lupica. The book is about a kid named Danny Walker and he is very good at basketball. He goes to a nationwide basketball camp and wonders if he can compete with the bigger kids because he is very short. I personally enjoyed that the book is all about basketball and that it teaches you that you can overcome even the toughest obstacles. I enjoyed this book throughout, it really showed how you have to get back up after being knocked down. I think you should read this book if you enjoy sports or if you are just looking for a good book to read. I would definitely approve this book.

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