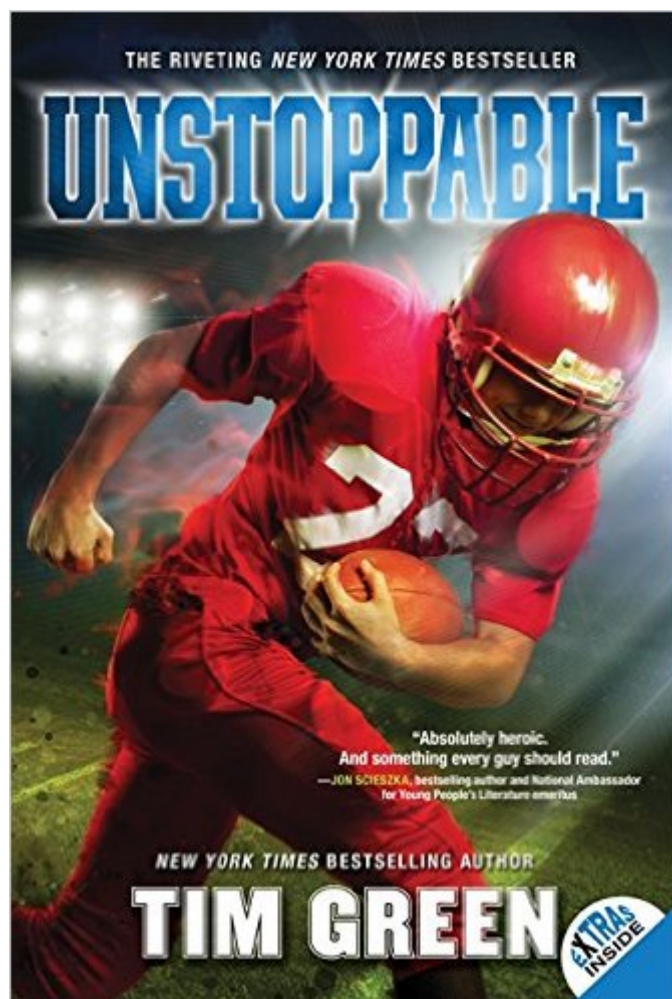


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# Unstoppable



## Synopsis

Inspired by interviews with real-life cancer survivors and insider sports experience, this unforgettable New York Times bestseller shows a brave boy who learns what it truly means to be unstoppable. As National Ambassador for Young People's Literature emeritus Jon Scieszka said, Unstoppable is "absolutely heroic, and something every guy should read." If anyone understands the phrase "tough luck," it's Harrison. As a foster kid in a cruel home, he knows his dream of one day playing in the NFL is a longshot. Then Harrison is brought into a new home with kind, loving parents—his new dad is even a football coach. Harrison's big build and his incredible determination quickly make him a star running back on the junior high school team. On the field, he's practically unstoppable. But Harrison's good luck can't last forever. When a routine sports injury leads to a devastating diagnosis, it will take every ounce of Harrison's determination not to give up for good.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Tim Green delivers a compelling, heartfelt story through the eyes of one brave young man, determined to be a winner on-and-off the field. A dramatic, emotional story of a young man who had a dream as he lived in foster homes, while enduring a troubled childhood. This engaging story portrays what it takes to be a winner, even when the battle may be against all odds. One dream

comes true for the star- running-back on a football team as he fights a dark storm that follows his path. After being diagnosed with cancer, he learns what it takes to be brave with incredible determination. The story not only tugs at the heart, but it draws the reader's attention immediately as we follow the footsteps of a young hero. It makes you smile, and also brings tears to your eyes as you cheer on for one brave boy, who fights and never gives-up. Inspiring, touching, and Highly Recommended to all young readers, and all those who enjoy inspirational stories!

Running, catching, passing, and trucking it all happens in this book. After being removed from his family Harrison moved in with his Godparents. But he wanted to fit in at his new school. So he joined the football team but developed bone cancer and lost his leg. His knee was removed. He kept on working and working at last he could start running again! This book is good for 4-5th graders. First, it has some harder vocabulary than some chapter books and has a longer text than some books. If you are a sports fan, than you would love this book. It has football most of the pages, also it has good football terminology. Some pages are so good they jump out at you! They use good descriptive words to get me interested. Also this book has mixed emotions that make me feel what the reader is feeling. Read this book and all you will say is WOW!

I bought this book because it was chosen as the One Book, One School book by the middle school I'm beginning to teach at this year. All of the students in our school are asked to read this book, and we teachers are asked to follow up. I suppose the idea was to encourage adolescents to go up against all odds to win out in the end. Based on how my school is using it, I have several reservations. First, there are many books with a similar moral which are better-written. Second, it's a football book, which will definitely appeal to many (though not all) of our boy readers, but not so much to the female population. Third, it has a peculiar stance toward its young protagonist. He's portrayed as nearly superhuman in his skill level, despite the fact that he had never actually played football prior to joining his middle school team. Unfortunately, he is also a player with virtually no regard for his fellow players, whether on his own or an opposing team--he has undiscovered/discussed anger toward the world due to childhood abuse, which he then takes out on his teammates and opponents. His "learning experience"? Cancer. Does it make him a more-rounded, "better" person (which the author seems to intend) -- not really, because his only continuing goal is to play football, no matter what. So I'm left wondering what this book can teach a wide range of the young preteens/early teens it is aimed at.

Love this book. I use this book in a small guided reading group, as well as read it myself first for pleasure. I would recommend this wonderful story for young men who are struggling at enjoying reading. This is a great book for 4th-12th grade boys and girls to read over the summer or as a family! Highly recommend. You can also download the audio kindle version. A must read!

Unstoppable is a book about Harrison, an orphan who has been to many foster homes and usually got treated badly at all of them. When his previous foster father beat him with a belt buckle, he struck back. With a pitchfork. This lands him in a juvenile detention center, until a new foster family adopts him. He decides to play football on his new father's team and turns out to be the best running back they've had. The book had a pretty good plot line, but there were many details that were kind of glossed over. For example, you only heard about 3 or 4 names on the whole football team. There could've been more scenes about the tension between him and the football team because he was new and just took their job as starting running back. Overall this book had a great story, and I would recommend it to 5th graders and up.

Okay, so I'm leaving this review for my 11-year-old son who really loved this book. I have read most of Tim Green's books to my son at night before bed, but he began to read this one on his own and he became entranced with it. My son does not like to read recreationally and it's usually a chore to get him to read, but I couldn't get him to put this one down. As his bedtime would come and go I would tell him to stop reading and he would ignore me and then plead with me for more time. As a parent how could I tell him to stop reading, I was so glad to see him do something I've been wanting him to enjoy doing for years. Thank you Tim Green.

I usually read the legal thrillers but something about the title and the blurbs that I had heard about this book made me want to pick it up and look at it. I am glad that I did. It is engrossing to say the least. It was hard to put down and easy to read. It kept me wanting more right up to the very end. Tim Green did it again and gave us another unforgettable story that deserves 15 stars, not just 5...

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