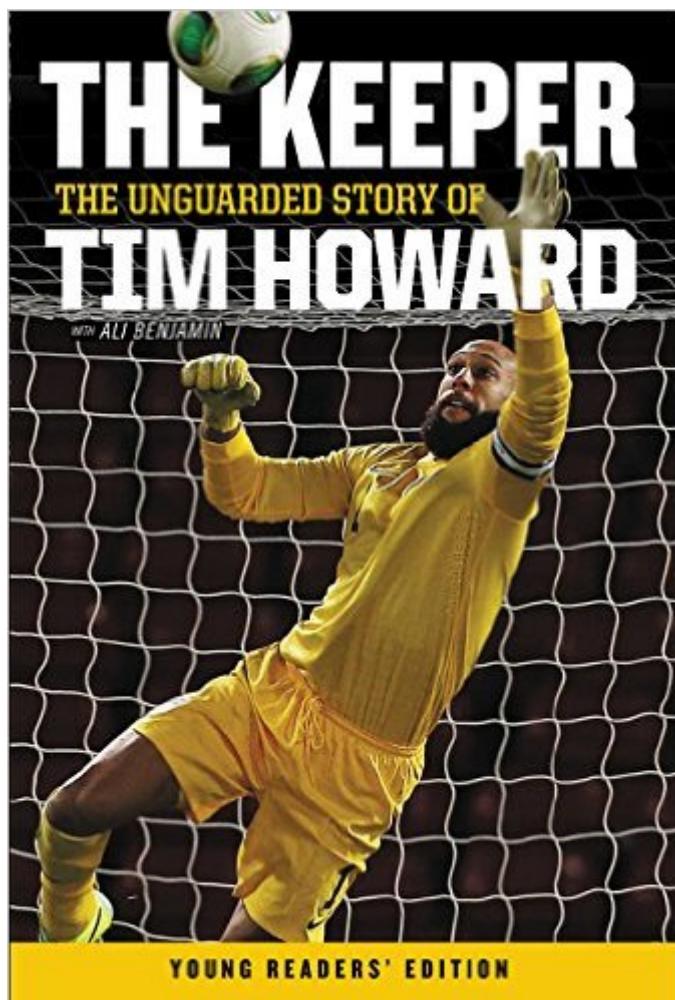


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# The Keeper: The Unguarded Story Of Tim Howard Young Readers' Edition



## **Synopsis**

In this heartwarming and candid memoir, US national soccer team goalkeeper Tim Howard opens up for the first time about how a hyperactive kid from New Jersey with Tourette Syndrome defied the odds to become one of the world's premier goalkeepers. After a successful seventeen-year professional soccer career, Howard became an overnight star during the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. His heroic performance in the game for the United States against Belgium, in which he saved an astonishing fifteen shots—“the most for any goalkeeper in a World Cup game”—made him a household name as well as a trending internet meme. In the course of 120 minutes, Howard went from a player known mainly by soccer fans to an American icon, loved by millions for his dependability, daring, and humility. In this uplifting memoir adapted for young readers and now in paperback, Howard shares his remarkable journey from a challenging childhood in which he was raised by a single mother who instilled in him a love of sports and a deep faith that helped him deal with the onset of Tourette Syndrome in fifth grade. The book includes a glossary and a full-color insert.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I am not a book reviewer, but will respond to this book by saying that I am so thrilled with the impact Howard's story has had on my goalie son. He read it through in 2 days, told me all about it for the

next 2 days, then began to read it again. I read it through in one night and quickly understood why my son was so excited about this book. He has a mild speech issue, for which he is teased by some. He is highly gifted with several intensities that set him apart from other kids so much he feels very alone at times. While not at all the same as TS, it's the 'different' aspect that he connected with, and Howard's situation growing up was similar to my own. My son dreams of being a great keeper someday, then coach, and when in the net is one of the few times I see him confident, purposeful, and focused. Thank you, Tim Howard for sharing your story, it has meant so much to son, and to many others.

Absolutely fantastic book! I bought the young readers edition for my 13 year old. She read it in one evening. Then I did the same. If you have watched Tim play, you likely have a great respect for him as a keeper. I didn't really know much about him until the 2014 World Cup, but he is now among my favorite players. It was interesting to hear about his life. The highs and the lows that have made him who he is today. This is a must read for any soccer fan. I think I will also read the regular edition of his book.

Great book with a great message. Nothing is easy in life but work hard and when opportunity presents itself, take it!!! As for another reviewer not finding the poster, the inside of the dust jacket acts as the poster. It took me a while to find it as well.

I didn't stop reading this book until finished, I suggest reading it as well. I am not personally into soccer/football, but I've caught myself rooting for Everton and the USA team haha. Tim Howard is really inspiring and proves to everyone that his TS was not a handicap to success.

My son (10) is in the fantasy book phase (Harry Potter, Eragon, Maximum Ride...), so he didn't even want to read this book initially. I pushed him to do it and he wound up finishing it in one weekend. He was SO motivated to practice! He even did a book report on it for school.

Got this for my daughter's school reading initially. After skimming it myself I'm very impressed with this book and Tim Howard as a person. His story is so compelling, my daughter is loving it and she normally hates reading!

This was required summer reading for my 9YO soon-to-be 4th grader but, after one chapter, he

didn't like it. I noticed that it was rated for 8-12 YO readers but, as I read it, it was full of very esoteric and "adult" references - not just about soccer (we are not a soccer family) but also about adult relationships in general. Don't get me wrong. I thought it was enjoyable but unfortunately far more geared for middle/high school students than an elementary audience. I don't know who comes up with the "age ratings" but they missed the ball on this one. For elementary kids who aren't readers by choice (as, sadly, most kids are these days) and who are required to read this higher-level non-fiction, there is a definite risk of alienating future readers by (1) reinforcing reading as difficult, unexciting drudgery or (2) reinforcing "skimming" through books that have little/no relevance in that child's life experiences "just to get through it". Either option is a huge disservice to our children. Reclassify this book for ages 13+ audiences.

My 9 year old daughter is a big reader. It's always hard to get kids to read nonfiction over fiction so I found books that related to her life. She is training to be a goalkeeper and even at 9 years old she's had some disappointments in sports, getting cut from elite teams, not being as fast as other kids, having bad games, etc. She's been reading this book lately and she gets SO excited to tell me about it. Tim Howard shows that he never had it easy and he had a lot to overcome to get to where he is. Very inspiring to a little girl who dreams of being a Women's World Cup goalie some day! She's reading a nonfiction book and gaining some confidence, couldn't ask for more from a book!

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