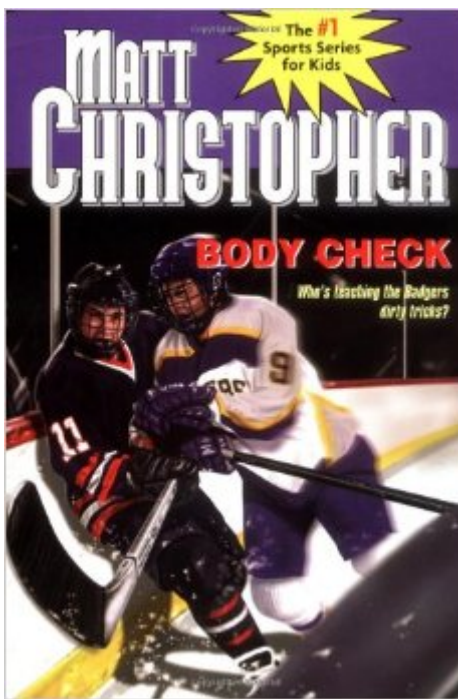


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# Body Check



## Synopsis

Twelve-year-old Brent Mullen discovers that the new assistant hockey coach is teaching the defensemen on his team illegal moves to help them win at any cost.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 11 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Body Check is not the best book I have ever read. It was not that good because it was supposed to have a lot more action in it than it did. It was more about people's personal lives. It did not really talk about hockey either; it just talked about what was going on. Body Check is about a hockey team that gets a new coach who is a big jerk. The new coach tries to get the old coach fired but nobody wants that. The type of reader that would like this book would be someone who does not like challenging books. Somebody that would also like this book would be someone who does not like action because this book does not have a lot of action and is very dull.

Brent Mullen is a future hockey star! At twelve years old, he's already mastered the basics of ice hockey and he's looking forward to competing at higher levels. All of his plans change in an instant, however, when his team gains a new player whose father serves as an assistant coach.

Unlike Coach Maxwell, who emphasized fair play and sportsmanship, Coach Seabrook is all about doing what it takes to win. When he begins teaching the boys that cheating is okay as long as you don't get caught, Brent seriously considers leaving the team. Will Brent be able to express his concerns before the illegal moves get one of the players hurt? This was a very cool book, and it was one of Mr. Christopher's that I hadn't read before. In fact, I just went to my library and grabbed one of his books off the shelf at random. Matt Christopher was a perennial favorite when I was growing up, and I'm confident that he's probably the best sportswriter for children, hands down. If you've got a favorite sport, I'll bet money that Mr. Christopher has written an awesome book about it. All of his stories feature a solid plot set into a background of authentic sports action, which really helps to keep his storylines flying along! As much as I enjoyed reading "Body Check", I'd say that any of Mr. Christopher's books would be a good choice for a young man who's more interested in playing sports than reading books. But don't take my word for it, go ahead and try this experiment for yourself! Introduce one of these sports books to the young athlete in your life, and I guarantee you'll create a ravenous reader. In fact, the new Matt Christopher fan might be in danger of missing practice because he wants to read "just one more page"!

Just like everybody else I enjoy watching a good hockey game, but I get mad when I see a player cheating like Brent Mullen does in this exciting fun and easy to read story. Cheating is not right and like they say in the crime movies, eventually the criminal is caught. So any form of dishonesty doesn't pay. As usual, Matt Christopher gives kids another great sports story. My kids love these stories so I give this book five stars and I'm Marvin P. Ferguson, author of Boys On The Gold Coast.

Bought this for my 14 yr old grandson for Christmas, it was on his "wish list". It arrived very fast and in excellent condition and made a very nice gift.

Wow! a really great book there should be a 2nd if there isn't already! I hope there is a 2nd one I would totally read it!

Fantastic and kid friendly book that takes you on an adventure. Good and interesting book right from the beginning. GOAL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Five star book

My son read it for a class report and really enjoyed it. I was always a big Matt Christopher fan as a

kid and was happy to see him read his first one!

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