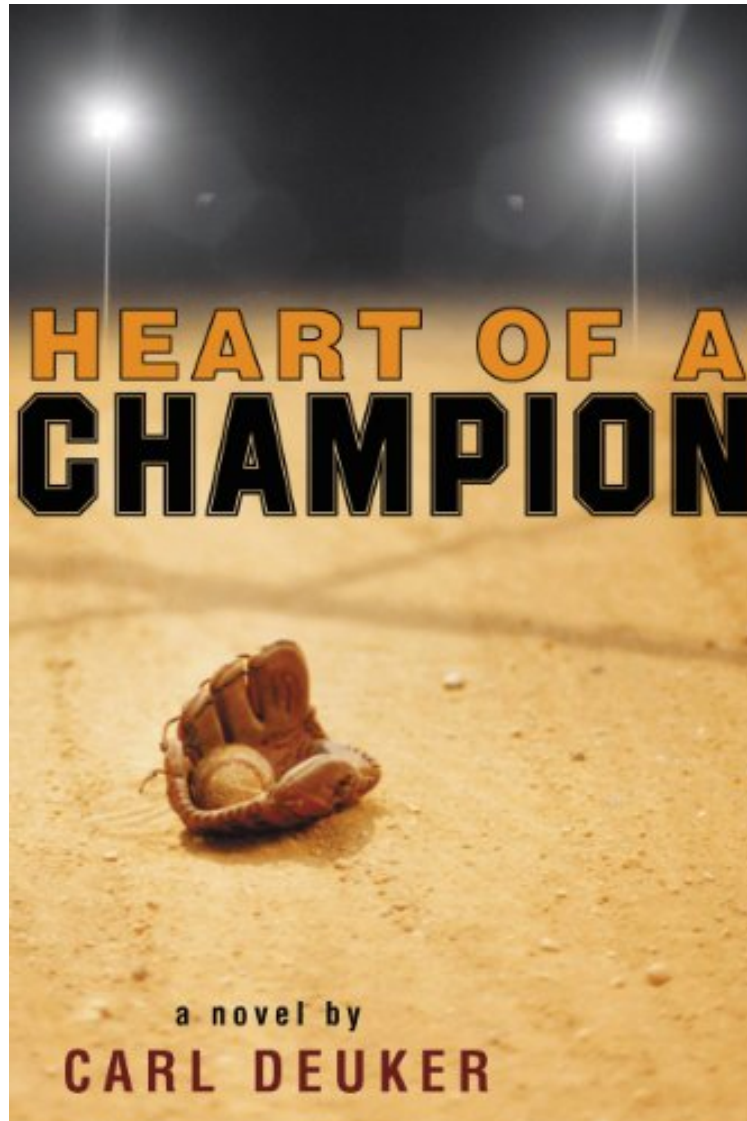


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**Von Carl Deuker : Heart of a Champion (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Heart of a Champion (English Edition):

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realistic, riveting story Von Ein Kunde The thought provoking author of "On the Devil's Court" has once again touched our lives with "Heart of a Champion". Carl Deuker, a wise, intelligent author, brings to our curious eyes the wonderful story about a young boy growing up with a love for baseball. This may sound like the typical boy-and-his-glove story but witty Deuker gives the novel a certain twist of excitement and drama. Seth, a young determined boy,

discovers his new interest for baseball when meeting his new friend Jimmy for the first time . As Seth sees Jimmy's father's strict coaching and more private problems, he starts thinking more about his own father's death . As the two grow and start playing in baseball leagues together Seth realizes that all his determination and strength does not equal to Jimmy's allstar performance as a player . In the end Seth finds that all his dedication pays off . As the two reach highschool , issues of drinking arise and start interfering with the actual game playing . After small punishments Seth is unfortunate to be the only one realizing the consequences while Jimmy faces more problems with his father . Jimmy overlooks boundaries and ends up in more trouble than he will ever know . Through the years Seth realizes the true meaning to have the heart of a champion .0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Courtesy of Teens Read TooVon TeensReadTooSeth Barnam's father was a golfer, and it probably would have been Seth's game, too, but his dad died when Seth was only seven. Coming to terms with his father's death was difficult for Seth, but then he met Jimmy Winter. Jimmy has lots of baseball talent, and a father that demands perfection from him. The boys become fast friends, and both sign up for Little League, even though Seth feels inadequate compared to his new friend. Their time together is spent practicing baseball, with Jimmy's father usually there to coach them and urge them to improve. Jimmy's intensity and self-assurance on the playing field begins to rub off onto Seth, too. He improves as a student and as a baseball player, and he dreams of being as good as Jimmy. Then Jimmy's home life begins to unravel; his father is drinking too much and then his parents divorce. Seth is at a loss when Jimmy is caught drinking and suspended from the team. Jimmy just can't seem to get his life back on track, and his choices lead to an unexpected result. This is an exciting novel, loaded with baseball action. It will have an intense appeal to anyone interested in that sport, but the main focus is on the friendship that develops between Seth and Jimmy, and of coping with the consequences of foolish choices, and the grief of dealing with incomprehensible loss. It's easy to read with well-developed, likable characters, a gripping plot, and plenty of action. I highly recommend this book, especially for boys, but girls will also enjoy this story of a forever kind of friendship. Notes: An ALA Best Book for Young Adults An ALA Best Book for Reluctant Readers A New York Public Library Book for the Teen Age Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Book of the Year. Reviewed by: Grandma Bev0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Heart of a Champion is an interesting and exciting novel. Von Ein Kunde Heart of a Champion is a compelling novel about the lives of Seth and Jimmy, two best friends who share a common passion for baseball. Jimmy is a natural born baseball player, striving to one day play in the Major Leagues. With a strong push from his alcoholic father, he builds his skills and continues to pursue his dreams. Unlike Jimmy, Seth is not a natural baseball player, but he tries his hardest and gives it his all to be the best baseball player he can be. Jimmy and Seth continue to build their friendship and their playing skills from little league all the way through high school. Jimmy and Seth were going strong and playing their best until they got involved with drinking. Seth stopped with his bad habit, but Jimmy wasn't as lucky. He was going down the same path of alcoholism that his father did. His drinking caused him to lose his life in a car crash right before the turning point of the story. Never a dull moment, this book is exciting and interesting. With all of the baseball dialect, I recommend this book for avid baseball lovers from ages 11 to 14 years old. The themes and meaning behind the book make it the perfect novel for everyone.

Kurzbeschreibung Jimmy Winter is a born star on the baseball field, and Seth Barnam can only dream of being as talented. Still, the two baseball fanatics have the kind of friendship that should last forever. But when Seth experiences an unthinkable loss, he's forced to find his own personal strength--on and off the field. An ALA Best Book for Young Adults An ALA Best Book for Reluctant Readers A New York Public Library Book for the Teen Age Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Book of the Year From Kirkus s From the author of *On the Devil's Court* (1989), another story in which sports and life intertwine. Jimmy Winter, his eyes fixed on the major leagues, accepts his father's harsh coaching as the only way to develop that special edge. Develop it he does, though their personal relationship founders on the rocks of his father's alcoholism. Jimmy fires up new friend Seth with the love of baseball, and the two play through Little League, Babe Ruth League and into high school. Seth is competent but not gifted, though he discovers that the benefits of hard work and concentration on the field carry over to school. His admiration for Jimmy's potential becomes mixed with more complex feelings when he learns that his friend is drinking and cutting class. After that revelation, the story moves with heavy inevitability: the varsity team puts together a championship season, but Jimmy kills himself in a car accident just before the clincher. Covering well worked thematic territory, Deuker offers readers few surprises in this outing, but the baseball action is believable and the contrasts between several sets of characters are thoughtfully explored. (Fiction. 12-14) -- Copyright 1993, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. From School Library Journal Grade 6-10-- On the day Seth Barnham met Jimmy Winter, his life changed. Seth had been an unfocused, confused pre-teen who had never come to terms with his father's death when he was seven. He meets Jimmy in a park as Jimmy's overbearing father is putting his son through intense baseball drills. As their friendship develops, Jimmy's intensity and self-assurance on the playing field spills over into Seth's life, helping him to blossom as a student and a baseball player. However, Jimmy's home life begins to unravel when his parents divorce. Also, he is

suspended from the team when he develops a drinking problem. Seth withstands peer pressure to drink, and, with his mother's support, begins to accept his father's death. However, his biggest battle comes when he must cope with Jimmy's death in an auto accident. Baseball action permeates the story, increasing the novel's interest to those readers familiar with the sport but setting up possible barriers for the uninitiated. Seth's simply told, often moving first-person narrative is meant to be his way of accepting the two losses in his life. However, although the semi-therapeutic story covers three years in the boys' baseball lives, it largely ignores their school lives and some readers may wonder what else they did. Mixing themes common to many YA coming-of-age titles with strong character development, this easy-to-read and well-paced novel will involve many readers. --Jack Forman, Mesa College Library, San Diego Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.