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MADISON IS NOT your average 12-year-old girl from Michigan in 1980. She doesn't use lipgloss, but she loves to play sports, and joins baseball for the summer—the first girl in Southern Michigan to play on a boys' team. The press call her a star and a trailblazer, but Madison just wants to play ball. Who knew it would be so much pressure? Crowds flock to the games. Her team will win the championship—if she can keep up her pitching streak. Meanwhile, she's got a crush on a fellow player, her best friend abandons her for the popular girls, the “O” on her Hinton's uniform forms a bulls-eye over her left breast, and the boy she punched on the last day of school plans to bean her in the championship game.

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### **Umuk says**

I REALLY liked this book. Well, first I just want to say, all girls dont have to be girly girls, they can choose if they can be anything. You dont even have to like girly stuff. I dont even like girly stuff. Its too iffy. Well, I really like this book because its really detailed with her life and school, and I can really picture this book in my head. This book also sends a message as well. I really like it, yeah, I really liked this book. Stay in school.

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### **Callie Johnson says**

This story really portrays how we all want what we don't have, even though it's something we don't like. It also shows things like false trust, abandonment, love, hate, false accusations, frenemies and enemies, best friends, and many other things we all go through.

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### **Ellyse Noy says**

this book is about a girl named Maddie who faces her fears and joins the local baseball team. She does this despite all the girls in her year telling her not to and all the guys making fun of her for doing so. this is an inspiring book about how girls can do anything that guys can do and more as well as girls not being treated differently for doing these things

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### **Jule Warner says**

This book was really good. It reminded me that I could do anything a boy could do. I know sometimes I feel as if I can't do certain things that a boy could do, but now I am sure that I can. I wish I could be more like Madison, never afraid to try whatever was in front of her.

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### **Kirsti Call says**

I heard Karen Day speak at the ENCORE SCBWI workshop. She is a phenomenal speaker and this book is very well done. This book does a good job of showing the pressure that kids can feel when they are extremely good at sports...

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### **Chey Serrano says**

this was pretty good i read it in like two days

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### **Jackie says**

Gutsy, athletically talented, and down-to-earth, 12-year-old Madison just wants to play baseball. She's been coached by her older brother, David and is being recruited by Coach Weeks. She's torn, however, by doing what comes naturally on the ball field and being friends with Sara. She joins the boys' league and ends up being the best player...but, what it does to her friendship with life-long classmates is another matter. TV and newspaper reporters show up by the dozens to get a glimpse of this phenom. The pressure is a lot to handle for Madison, but she gets some words of wisdom from an aging rock star, a patient brother, and a loyal teammate. What more could a girl ask for? *No Cream Puffs* is a angst-ridden coming of age story which speaks to feminism in a understated, yet realistic way. Throughout the season, you'll be cheering Madison on, not only rooting for a championship, but for equality and determination.

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### **Eliza Richardson says**

No cream puffs is one of my favorite books ever. madison is such a cool protagonist and super relatable to anyone who been to middle school. she just wants to play baseball but runs into trouble just because she's a girl. i love this book and totally recommend!!

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### **Mackenzie says**

girl power

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### **Midalma Reyes says**

Does this book have any signpost in it

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### **Hollis Sev says**

I really liked this book. It showed how girls can play baseball, too! I recommend this to a person who likes drama and/or baseball. READ!!

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### **Jessica says**

This is an old-fashioned book, but in a good way. It's the type of thing you don't see anymore, like a Judy Blume book from the early 'eighties or something, and it really reminded me of being in sixth grade- not just the type of books that I read, but also what it was like to be twelve and wondering when my life was going to start!

Madison wants to play baseball, which in her small Wisconsin town in 1980 means that she will be the only girl on the team. It's not about feminism, it's not about being tough, it's just about wanting to do something she's good at. At least for her. For everyone else it's a freakshow, a blow for women's lib, or a strike against baseball. Added to that is a fight with her best friend, who has given up sports for lip gloss, her yearning for a real father, and a host of other problems and confusions that could beset any twelve year old girl. A great story, plus Day's writing was so smooth I just glided through the book in an afternoon!

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### **Nishka K. says**

Hehe. It was pretty good... I liked her perspective. Some parts were weird... But it was good overall.

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### **Madison Metzger says**

What came as a surprise to you in this book? I would have to say when Sarah and her became friends again, it came as a surprise to me because they got into a huge at school, on the last day of school. Another part that came as a surprise to me was when Tommy kissed her on the lips when he had a girlfriend, but apparently she was gone for the summer visiting her family.

Which of the characters would you like to be in this book? Why? I would like to be the main character because she has the courage to play baseball with the boys even though she is the only girl that has ever played baseball. She isn't afraid to go out and play the sports that she enjoys.

Do you like the ending of the book? Why or why not? Do you think there is more to tell? No, I don't like the ending because they leave you hanging on if her and Sarah become BFF's again. Also, if she plays baseball again next year, I think they could have put that in the book so we could know and not just leave us wondering.

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### **Randy says**

Madison is a phenomenal baseball player. Her fielding is good and her pitching and hitting are unbelievable. When her brother (and coach) convinces her to play in their hometown's baseball league, her troubles begin. It's the late 1970s and teams have just started allowing girls to play, but that doesn't mean they have to like it. Some of her teammates are pretty unhappy about it, especially Randy, the team's other pitcher who's not quite as good as Madison. The stress on the field begins to grow as more and more spectators show up to watch the girl who's making the headlines.

This is a perfect book for readers with the end-of-winter blues. Summer, baseball, swimming in the lake, bike riding--it's all here. And Madison is a great character. She loves the sport but can't stand all the attention she's getting. First it's just the locals: the boys call her a tomboy, and the girls ignore her because she doesn't fit in with their crowd. Then the scope widens when she's interviewed by a local reporter and a TV station in Chicago gets wind of her amazing skills. To make matters worse, she's had a massive fight with her best friend so she has no one to confide in when the baseball drama gets to be too much. Can't everyone just let her play ball?

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