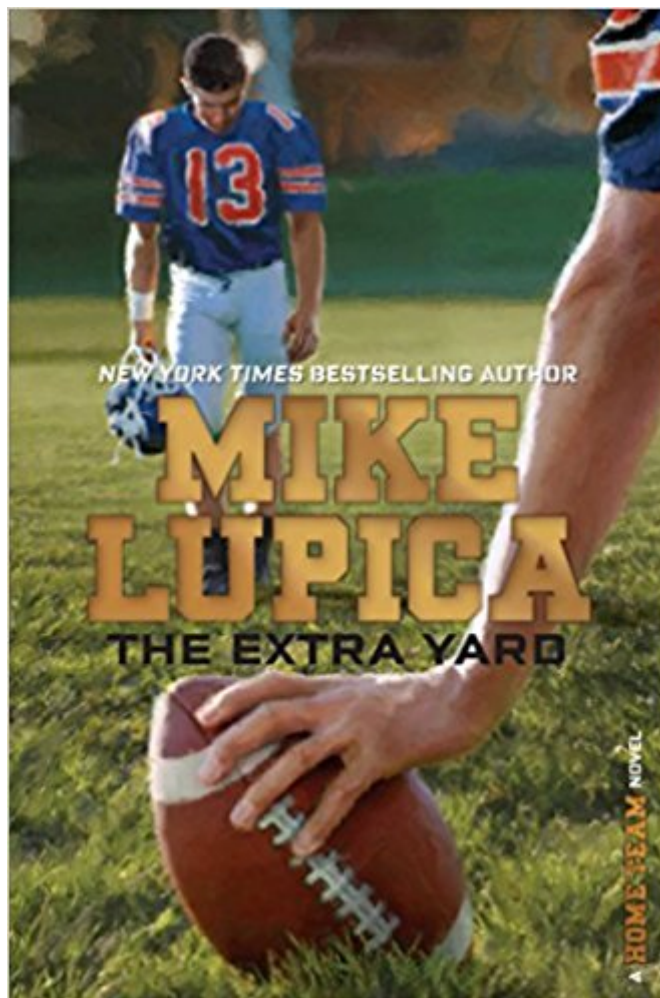


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## The Extra Yard (Home Team)



## Synopsis

Teddy, a young football player, learns that sometimes bridging the distance in your family can be harder than stretching for an extra yard on the field in the second book of the Home Team series from New York Times bestselling author and sports-writing legend Mike Lupica. Last spring Teddy's life changed for the better. He started working out, shaping up, and even earned a spot on the Walton baseball team, that went all the way to the Little League World Series. But the best things to come out of that season were his friendships with Jack, Cassie, and Gus, and the confidence to finally try out for the sport he really loves—football. So when eighth grade begins, Teddy couldn't be more psyched. Until his mom drops a bomb: his father—who left them a long time ago—is back in Walton and back in their lives. And Teddy isn't happy about it. As a former star football player at the school, Teddy's dad is thrilled to find out his son is going out for the team, but Teddy begins to wonder if his father only cares about him now because he's putting on the helmet. Can Teddy find a way to go the extra yard for the team and for himself, or is the distance between him and his father too much to overcome?

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 4â "6â "After successfully making the baseball team in *The Only Game*, Teddy tries out for the

football team in the continuation of Mike Lupica's series about a group of young kids in a small town. Making the football team would make his dream come true. However, the sudden appearance of his father, after a long absence, puts Teddy off of his game. With the help of his friends, Teddy strives to accomplish his goal. Lupica provides a brief synopsis of the events of the previous book (*The Only Game*) within the first few pages so readers will all be on the same page regardless of whether they have read the first book. Teddy was a supporting character in *The Only Game* and takes center stage here. Fans of Lupica's previous books will enjoy his trademark mix of family angst and engaging sports play which is on fine display here. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

"readers who like their sports with heart and soul will not be disappointed." (Booklist December 10, 2015) --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I thought it was very good Mike Lupica just made it a very emotional book but still managed to weave some sports into it and the play by play descriptions are excellent. This one is obviously newer as it talks about the overrated Odell catch and the intercepted shovel pass intended for Lockette during Super Bowl 49. The only problem I have with this book is that it's Odell this Odell that. Personally I think Antonio Brown or Calvin Johnson can make better catches like it's more spectacular to me when you jump for the ball 3 people around you, you catch it a guy hits you in the back you hold the ball that's what I call spectacular but some of these guys can do that and keep running.

We happened upon *The Only Game* by chance in the bookstore a year ago. While looking for a similar book, we discovered *The Extra Yard*. My son can't wait for another book in the series.

Thanks!

The product arrived very quickly. Easy to work with. My son loves Mike Lupica books. Another great read.

I thoroughly enjoyed this exciting, funny and interesting read. I definitely recommend this book to any football or sports fan, Mike Lupica fan, or a good reader. Highly recommended!

Amazing book.

My kids love these books. I've enjoyed reading several of them aloud. Great for sports lovers.

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