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## Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 5–8—Picking up right where *New Kid* (HarperCollins, 2014) left off, the shadowy "bad guys" are chasing Brock and his dad out of town. Another vehicle blocks their escape route and rams them down the side of an embankment. They not only escape unhurt, but also manage to evade the bullets being shot at them. Brock's dad stops their slog through the woods in the pouring rain to check his GPS on his cell phone. They are conveniently close to the runway where the man has parked an airplane. That's when Brock learns that his dad knows how to fly and isn't afraid to play a game of chicken with their assailants, who may be Russians or the "agency." There's plenty of action here, only it's not quite adrenaline-inducing because, while there is menace, there is no bite. The unidentified pursuers are just too inept and Brock's dad is just too lucky. The contrivances become increasingly difficult to believe and are not relegated to the espionage. Readers are expected to believe that the pitching prodigy is also a football prodigy, a quarterback no less. The mentor is the high-school star quarterback son of his dad's love interest. The issue of classism in the football-obsessed town they settle in would be interesting if the coaches were not cardboard stereotypes. A bewildering twist at the end may portend a third book.—Brenda Kahn, Tenakill Middle School, Closter, NJ

Review

"This story of friendship, fresh stars, and belonging has appeal that continues far past the end zone." (ALA Booklist)

"Timeless. An exciting continuation of Brock's adventures on and off the field." (Kirkus Reviews)

"Perfect for fans of Mike Lupica or Dan Gutman." (Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA))

"An entertaining novel." (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)

From the Back Cover

It's happened again: Brock Nickerson is on the run. . . .

But this time it's going to be different. At least, that's what Brock's dad has promised. The bad guys are off their trail, and this time, in *this* town, they are going to stay . . . for good.

With his strong left arm, Brock knows he can be a great quarterback in the football-crazed town of Calhoun. The coaches have other plans, though, especially for the kids from the wrong side of the tracks, which is exactly where Brock now lives.

With the help of his new friend Mak—a funny guy off the field, an intense lineman on the field—Brock has a plan to beat the odds and make the first team.

As Brock tries to fit in both on and off the field, his father's past is creeping up on him, until one day a chance meeting will cause everything to come crashing down. With his friends Mak and Laurel, can Brock navigate his new life, or will his past force him back on the run again?

*New York Times* bestselling author and former NFL defensive end Tim Green delivers a thrilling companion story to *New Kid*, with gripping action on the field and an edge-of-your-seat intensity off the field that will keep readers turning the pages until the very end.

## **Users Review**

### **From reader reviews:**

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#### **Barbara Morton:**

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