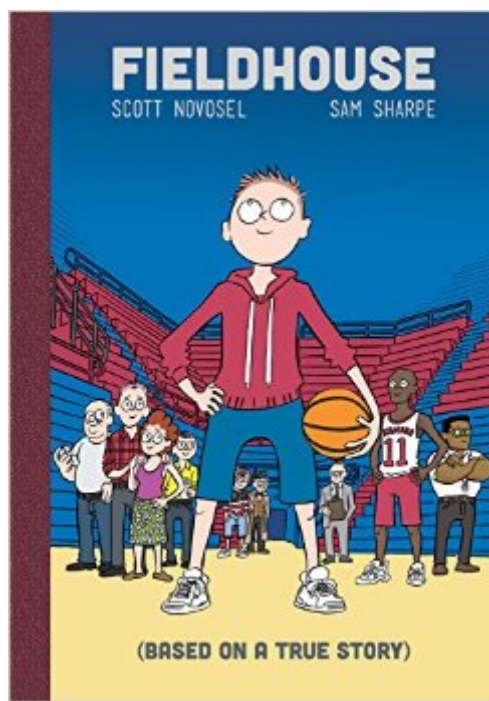


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FIELDHOUSE



Synopsis

"The perfect book to help you inspire your kids and grandkids... while re-inspiring yourself!" - Rick "Shaq" Goldstein, 669 reviews for Based on actual events, FIELDHOUSE is a story of embracing adversity through challenges, teamwork, perseverance, grit, determination, and a positive attitude! Fieldhouse follows Scotty Novosel on his journey to play basketball for the Kansas Jayhawks. What he lacks in size he makes up for in heart, but countless obstacles and a devastating setback push his dream further and further out of reach... With incredible persistence, positive energy, and help from a cast of endearing characters, Scotty discovers just what it takes to transform vision into reality! In March 1995, Scott Novosel started for the Kansas Jayhawks in the Big 8 Championship game. For the next 20 years, through endless determination and a mantra of never giving up, Scott completed the all ages graphic novel FIELDHOUSE with the help of the Eisner Award nominated artist Sam Sharpe. Together the duo produced an instant classic! The story of the making of the book was featured on Sports Illustrated. Find out why parents, teachers, librarians, and grandparents are declaring FIELDHOUSE a "MUST READ!"

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Customer Reviews

As a lifetime self-induced motivator in sports and later in sales and then as I became a sales manager and then the owner of my own company one of my favorite mantras that I shared with the world was "HAPPY ARE DREAMERS"

THAT DREAMS ARE BUT ARE WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE TO MAKE THEIR DREAMS COME TRUE! That self-proclaimed mantra is the absolute definition of the author Scott Novosel and the true life story described in this book's definitive motivational pages. From the time Scott was a child he dreamed of playing college basketball for the Kansas Jayhawks even handwriting a youthful letter of introduction to coach Roy Williams. As beautiful as the lifetime quest that is passed on to the reader through words formed in the very heartbeat of Scott's soul the emotional exuberance of graphic-comic-like-art created by Sam Sharpe creates a story-medium that has words and art beating like two hearts in one. Potential readers will become so ensconced in the story and the vibrant colors that at times you forget whether you're reading a book or watching a Technicolor cartoon. The beauty of the story and I'm absorbing the story on numerous fronts. I'm viewing it as a Grandfather who once had similar childhood dreams except with St. Johns University and then the Dodgers and Lakers I'm reminiscing as a Father how I always tried to fertilize my son's boyhood dreams and I'm also fervently grasping not only the content but the youthful æcurbside appeal as a tool to help not only to motivate but to prepare my young Granddaughters for the failures that everyone faces along the road to the mountain top of success. And Scott's numerous increasingly sad obstacles to his dreams are just as important as his eventual success. But he learned along the way that the complete effort he invested in his quest made him a success even if the ultimate dream fluttered away just out of his grasp for eternity. The road of Scott's life with loving Parents siblings and a proud Grandpa who likes to reminisce about his own long gone sports glory days (note: I've been told by a very reliable source that I am quite similar and I agree) all add to the æplausibility æ of using this book as a loving æsmooth as silk æ teaching tool without coming off as a æpushy æ adult. From the very beginning at night while one person in Scott's childhood home is trying to invent something in the garage another is wailing away on a guitar and another is searching for a Zen-like utopia Scott sneaks out of his bedroom window and breaks into the Kansas Jayhawk gym and eventually gets nabbed by the cops. When I was a child I snuck out of my bedroom window because I had the flu and my Mother wouldn't let me play and I ran almost two miles played in the game and we won the championship.

If Scott's story was modernized someone would have been playing video games or fooling around with a smartphone. Those are called choices and that in my humble son-Father-Grandfather-roles is where the teaching with this book can begin. Another old saying of mine "Everybody wants what you have" but they don't want to do what you did to get it! Scott dreamed he sacrificed he overcame many obstacles both mental and physical and he attained his childhood dream of playing for the Jayhawks! What a wonderful story. Full Disclosure: After reading a number of my other reviews the author showed the same determination he used to achieve his dreams in tracking me down and sent me a copy of his book to review. As I only give honest heartfelt reviews I want to thank you Scott as this story touched me. P.S. If this is made into a movie and your Grandpa isn't available I'm your guy. By the way did I ever tell you about the time when I was nineteen-years-old on a military team and I played against Pistol Pete?

Scott's book is an inspiration to all! The book speaks volumes about his journey to never give up! I do know Scott Novosel on a personal level, and I will be the first to say that everything that he does in life correlates to the message of this book itself! This book is a great inspiration for anyone looking for a reason to never give up, and gives people the drive to achieve anything they put there mind to! I recommend this book to anyone, even if you are not a fan of Kansas Basketball!

I had barely unwrapped the package after it was delivered to my house when my 12 yr old nephew picked the book up and read it as he walked around the house. He never put it down until he was done reading. Yes, he is an avid reader but this one kept him totally interested the entire time. He has now read it a couple of times as has his mother and father. I read it this week, really loved it. Great job Scott!! A great gift for any age group.

We read this on a smartboard as a 5th grade class and thoroughly enjoyed it. The themes of hard work, determination, courage, and teamwork were explored in a very straightforward but touching manner. The students related to Scott's struggles and wanted him to succeed. Students wanted to know more about KU. For that reason, I suggest accompanying this story with the article from the Rock Chalk blog about Scott Novosel to give students some added context about the Big 8 game.

I attended University of Kansas and remember Scott Novosel representing the Jayhawks. I am so

inspired by Scott Novosel's transparent story of his dream to be a Kansas basketball player. This true story is about perseverance, determination, and hard work. I love the Confucius quote, "To move a mountain, you must first begin by moving stones". Novosel had to move many stones to move his mountain. Scott didn't make the KU team right away - that's real life! Scott represents the common man, the underdog, everyone of us who has a big dream! He had to work so hard and face rejection. He worked harder and appreciated the journey. He persevered! This story inspires me to begin moving stones to move my own mountain. I love the rich Jayhawk traditions and history included in his graphic novel Fieldhouse! Rock Chalk Jayhawks!- Melissa Meadows KU Cheerleader '93-'95

I purchased this book for several reasons. A few of the reasons were my love of The University of Kansas, KU Men's basketball and Allen Fieldhouse. Also, I am a Jayhawk at heart, class of '91. I recently turned 50 and am excitedly expecting two grandchildren in the next few months. I had heard of the book and decided I needed it for the book collection for the future grandchildren. I received it in the mail yesterday. The front cover was enticing. I love anything based on a true story! I turned the book over and took the time to read the reviews. How could Bill Self and Danny Mann possibly be wrong about a review. I realized at this point, the book was for ME and then for the future grandchildren.... I suspect I will need to buy a few more copies. First, I went through the book, taking in the graphics. Scott Novosel and Sam Sharpe put blood, sweat and tears into every page. I could feel the roar of the crowd on a game night. Literally felt the atmosphere of Allen Fieldhouse jump off the pages. Next, I went through and read the book. Perseverance poured out of each page. A child and a dream, we all have them. But when you have inspiration along the way, those dreams come to life. Nothing in life is easy. Practice, practice, practice, then repeat. "Do you think you can do it?" and "Keep reaching for the stars and someday, you just might grab one..." This book takes you through the world of life all in a basketball dream. Rock Chalk Jayhawk!

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