

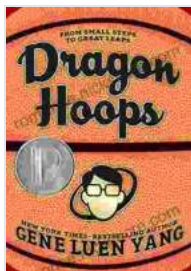
Dragon Hoops: A Graphic Novel about the Transformative Power of Basketball

Dragon Hoops is a graphic novel by Gene Luen Yang that tells the story of a high school basketball team in San Francisco's Chinatown. The team is struggling, but the arrival of a new coach helps them to turn their season around. Dragon Hoops is a heartwarming and inspiring story about the power of sports to bring people together and overcome obstacles.

The main characters in Dragon Hoops are:

- **Gene Luen Yang**, the author and narrator of the story. Gene is a Chinese-American teenager who is trying to find his place in the world. He is a talented artist and writer, but he is also struggling with his identity and his relationships with his family and friends.
- **Coach Ike**, the new coach of the basketball team. Coach Ike is a former college basketball player who is passionate about helping young people achieve their dreams. He is a demanding coach, but he also cares deeply for his players.
- **Marvin**, the star player on the basketball team. Marvin is a talented athlete who is struggling to cope with the pressures of being a leader. He is also dealing with personal issues that are affecting his performance on the court.
- **Luis**, a member of the basketball team who is struggling to overcome his fear of failure. Luis is a talented player, but he is afraid to make mistakes. He is also dealing with family problems that are affecting his ability to focus on basketball.

The main themes in Dragon Hoops are:



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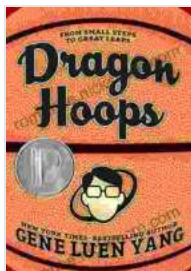


- **The power of sports to bring people together.** Basketball is a team sport that requires players to work together to achieve their goals. In Dragon Hoops, the basketball team is a microcosm of the community of San Francisco's Chinatown. The players come from different backgrounds and have different personalities, but they are all united by their love of basketball.
- **The importance of overcoming obstacles.** The basketball team in Dragon Hoops faces a number of challenges throughout the season. They are a small team with limited resources, and they are often underestimated by their opponents. However, the team never gives up, and they eventually overcome all of the obstacles that they face.
- **The transformative power of belief.** Coach Ike believes in his players, even when they don't believe in themselves. He helps them to see their own potential, and he inspires them to achieve great things.

Dragon Hoops has received critical acclaim from both critics and readers. The book has been praised for its heartwarming story, its well-developed characters, and its beautiful artwork. Dragon Hoops has won numerous

awards, including the National Book Award for Young People's Literature and the Eisner Award for Best Graphic Novel.

Dragon Hoops is a must-read for anyone who loves basketball, graphic novels, or inspiring stories. It is a heartwarming and inspiring story about the power of sports to bring people together and overcome obstacles.



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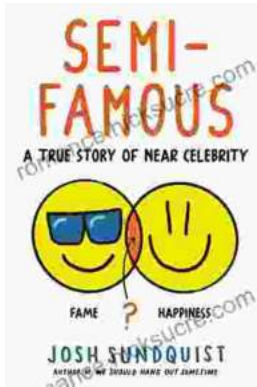
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