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THE HOCKEY MACHINE Can Steve escape his kidnappers? After leading his hockey team to victory one afternoon, Steve Crandall accepts a ride home in the limousine of an avid fan his own age. Steve is surprised to learn that his fan is a multimillionaire and boy genius, but even more startling is the rich kid's proposal that Steve play center on his professional junior hockey team. Before Steve can respond or even consult his parents, he is flown to the team headquarters-where he soon discovers he's the multimillionaire's prisoner!

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From Reader Review The Hockey Machine for online ebook

Dan Graham # 24 says

probably the greatest book ever made :)

Jerry says

Good writing, great sports action...but the plot is a bit weird.

Haadi says

The Hockey Machine interested me not only since I like hockey, but also because the plot thickens from thinking a fan is completely harmless to thinking he is a psycho kidnapper! At the beginning I was a bit confused but later thanks to that plot thickening I finally understood.

I would recommend this book to somebody who likes hockey, twists [in books], and suspense.

Bobby says

I learned self confidence and hockey knowledge in this book. its very good but i felt like a 6th grader while reading this.

Deborah Harris says

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Accelerated Reader Quiz Information IL: MG - BL: 4.8 - AR Pts: 3.0

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Trever says

I like this book. If you like hockey, you would like it too. Matt Christopher is one of my favorite writers. I picked this out because I like hockey AND Matt Christopher. Matt Christopher writes many different books. He writes a lot of sports books and sports are my favorite things to do. I would recommend this to people who like sports.

Lynne says

crosby-esque kid is kidnapped and forced to play professional junior hockey. perfect young adult reading for the hockey fanatic.

Laura says

I could have accepted the kid villain, Kenneth Agard Jr. -- kidnapping other youngsters to play as slaves on his hockey team -- if the book had taken a campy tone. But, seriously? Even Christopher's hallmark, lovingly detailed play-by-play accounts of sports matches, didn't seem up to his usual standard in this novel. But as in the past, my offspring differ vociferously from my opinion of the Matt Christopher opus.

Kcodd92 says

The hockey Machine by Matt Christopher shows a boy Steve leading his hockey team to victory one afternoon, when he accepts a ride home in the limousine of an avid fan his own age. Steve is surprised to learn that his fan is a multimillionaire and boy genius, but even more startling is the rich kid's proposal that Steve play center on his professional junior hockey team. Before Steve can respond or even consult his parents, he is flown to the team headquarters-where he soon discovers he's the multimillionaire's prisoner. I would say this book is for the intermediate age range because while the words are fairly simple the book is a chapter book and younger children wouldn't be able to read that much.

There are no pictures in this book except for the cover which looks glossy and is very colorful. I would recommend this book for children who like to watch or play hockey. They would understand how Steve feels after a winning game.

Hillvan says

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Kristine Hansen says

I'm giving 3 stars for the descriptions of the hockey games alone. But the story of Steven Crandell and how he comes to be kidnapped to play with a special team of hockey players is so far-fetched that even with massive suspension of disbelief I had problems with this story. What's worse, is that there was so much opportunity for Steve to grow as a character in the course of this book, that was never taken.

So what this becomes then is hockey with only a hint of story - beautiful detailed descriptions of playing the game by someone who obviously loves the game, but has no idea how to really write an engaging story, which is a shame.

Lucy says

I read basically all of Matt Christopher's sports fiction books when I was in elementary school...yes, I even liked sports back then.

Seth P says

I didn't really like this book because there isn't really anything good in the book. I really enjoyed reading this book because it was kind of funny. I think that this book would be a great kid's book to read for most people. This book is really funny at some points but most of the time its bullying.

Matthew says

creepy hockey story from the master.

Joseph says

My book was about a hockey player and he's going through some tough times with his parents.

The author is Matt Christopher

The setting is Canada

The main character is Steve and his parents.
