

OUT OF LEFT FIELD

by Jonah Newman

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Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



Genre(s):

Contemporary

Action/adventure

Science Fiction

Fantasy

Romance

Horror

Mystery

Nonfiction

Historical fiction

Other:

"Out of Left Field" follows the journey of Sarah, a young woman with a passion for baseball, who finds herself caught in the midst of the gender biases of the sport in the 1950s. When she discovers her talent for playing baseball, Sarah faces numerous challenges as she navigates through a male-dominated industry, striving to prove her worth and break through societal expectations.

"Out of Left Field" offers a compelling narrative that not only delves into the world of baseball but also tackles themes of gender inequality and perseverance. Newman Johan crafts a vivid portrayal of Sarah's struggles and triumphs, drawing readers into her journey with emotive storytelling and well-developed characters. The historical backdrop adds depth to the narrative, shedding light on the pervasive prejudices of the era and the resilience required to challenge them. While the pacing may lag at times, the overall impact of the story makes it a worthwhile read.

This book is a must-read for fans of historical fiction and sports enthusiasts alike. Its exploration of gender dynamics within the context of baseball makes it particularly poignant, offering readers a thought-provoking glimpse into a tumultuous period in American history. While some may find the subject matter niche, the universal themes of perseverance and fighting for one's dreams ensure that "Out of Left Field" has broad appeal. Overall, this book serves as both an engaging story and a reminder of the importance of equality and determination in the face of adversity.

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