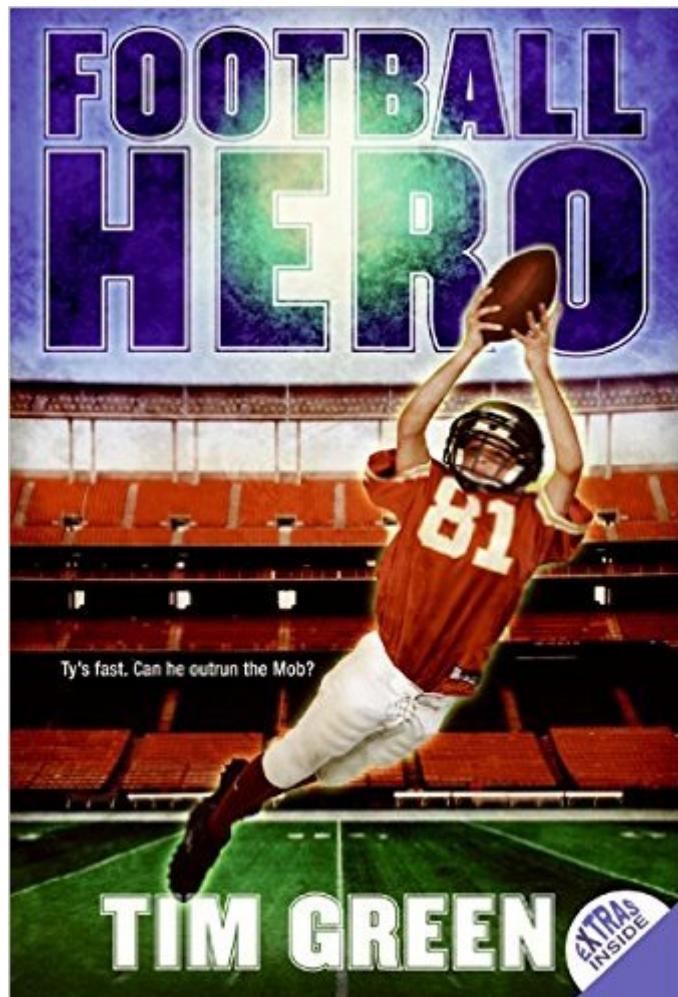


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# Football Hero (Football Genius)



## Synopsis

Ty Lewis can't believe it when Coach V recruits him for the football team. This is Ty's big chance to prove how fast he is on the field, get a fresh start in a new school, and be like his older brother, Thane "Tiger" Lewis, who's about to graduate from college and is being courted by the NFL. But Ty's guardian, Uncle Gus, won't let him play. Uncle Gus needs Ty to scrub floors and toilets for his cleaning business while he cooks up gambling schemes with the local mob boss, a man called "Lucy." When Lucy hears just how famous Ty's older brother is, he becomes suddenly friendly. Are the questions Lucy is asking Ty really about fantasy football . . . or is the Mafia using Ty to get valuable insider info from his superstar brother? Desperately worried, Ty must come up with a plan to save Thane's football career and, ultimately, his life. Author of the New York Times bestselling Football Genius, former NFL player Tim Green will have you on the edge of your seat rooting for Ty and enjoying an up-close look at what it's like to be inside the NFL.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Writer Wellness: A Writer's Path to Health and Creativity Other reviewers have done a great job explaining the plot of "Football Hero" by Tim Green. Anyone who reads this book will enjoy the story and the satisfying "good guys win with a compromise" ending. What is just as valuable is Green's

writing style for young readers and the voice he projects in this title and last year's book "Football Genius." Green has experience writing adult thrillers and non-fiction about life in the National Football League. Young readers get to partake of his writing talents and skill with all things literary by reading his new books. The language is accessible, the chapters are comfortable and manageable in length, and the action is well considered. Green turns a not so good situation for a teenaged boy who has lost his family into a winning final score by giving young Ty Lewis a conscience. His choices to do the right thing are influenced by his older brother Thane's sage like stories of advice and this brings them closer while they are healing over the loss of their parents. There are many brotherhoods featured in "Football Hero" and Green prioritizes them so that readers understand that brothers can and should be able to count on each other for anything. Teachers, librarians, and parents looking for something to encourage boys 8-12 to read will be pleased with Green's books.

Do you love football? Do you love action packed and thrilling novels? Then this is the book for you. This book is about a teenage boy named Ty Lewis. His parents have just been killed in a car crash, that left him living with his aunt and uncle. Ty's brother, Thane, "Tiger" Lewis just got drafted to play for the New York Jets. Ty's aunt and uncle aren't the nicest of people. Once Ty turned 13, his uncle got him a working permit, to work for Uncle Gus's cleaning company. Ty has to clean disgusting, smelly toilets and vivid, yellow, vomit in the sink, for a sports bar ran by a mobster named Lucy. Lucy controls Uncle Gus like a puppet. With all the gambling going around (and Uncle Gus losing), Uncle Gus is usually walking around with bruises and a crowbar print on his face. All Ty wants to do is play football like his all-American brother, Thane. If you love football and action packed, thrilling novels, this is the book for you. Tim Green is a great author. He blends both his knowledge of sports and the real-life drama fluently, it's amazing. Go do yourself a favor and read this book.

Great book for anyone interested in football. Me and my brother enjoyed this book, it was awesome to know that he knew what a Jugs machine was. He used to play football in High School over 30 years ago so of course he new what a Jugs machine is. ( I on the other hand had to get out the dictionary )

Ty Lewis' parents have died in an accident, so he has gone to live with his dad's sister, Aunt Virginia, and Uncle Gus. Ty's older brother is Thane (aka Tiger) Lewis, a hopeful NFL first-round draft pick from Syracuse University. Thane and Ty are close, but because Thane is finishing up his

college degree, Ty is forced to remain with his aunt and uncle. Living with his aunt and uncle is horrible. Ty remembers the loving home he came from, and misses his parents terribly. His relatives make him sleep on a stained mattress on the floor in the laundry room. His uncle has scavenged an old Porta Potti that he forces Ty to use instead of the indoor plumbing. And now it's his twelfth birthday. Ty doesn't expect anything exciting, and it's even worse than he thought possible. His uncle presents him with a work permit allowing Ty to work for the family cleaning business. So while Ty and his cousin, Charlotte, spend their evenings after school scrubbing toilets and floors, his uncle sits back and drinks beer and socializes. Ty has two shining spots in his life: his brother, Thane, and the chance to play on his middle school football team. Ty is fast and has sure hands. Coach V has great plans for Ty for the upcoming season. But his Uncle Gus does everything he can to keep Ty from playing football and away from his brother. Then, Thane gets his draft pick and is worth millions. Uncle Gus enters into illegal gambling with the mafia, and Ty and Thane are the unwitting pawns. With the intervention of the FBI, Ty may come out better or worse than he started. But you have to read the story to see how the plot twists and turns. I admit that I have never heard of Mr. Green before reading this story. Mostly because I will be honest and say I am not a fan of football. I go out of my way to avoid any game that may be on TV. But Mr. Green's story sounded exciting and thrilling. The story moved fast and had plots outside of football to interest those beyond the sports fans. This book will easily have appeal to boys ages 10 to 100. The reader will be satisfied to see that the underdog does come out on top in the end! Reviewed by: Jaglvr

**Football Hero** This book is about a 13 year old boy named Ty Lewis. His brother Thane "Tiger" Lewis, was a standout at Syracuse University and just got drafted by The New York Jets. Ty's parents just died in a car crash and he had to live with his aunt and uncle. Uncle Gus and Aunt Virginia aren't the nicest of people. Uncle Gus works for a mobster named Lucy. That's when Uncle Gus and Lucy came up with their master plan. Their master plan was to find out through Ty's brother who was injured, so they knew which were the best teams to bet on. All Ty wanted to do that week was to focus on his game, which was against their rival. When Ty was coming home after Thane's game, police officers pulled Ty and Thane over for questioning. They went back to an old shed and they informed Ty and Thane that they were in danger because people were coming after Thane. When the mob was trying to come after Thane the FBI agents protected Thane. Ty had to rush to his game, his team was down and Ty made an amazing catch to win the game. After the game, the FBI agents put Uncle Gus's family into the witness protection program. At the last second Thane offered Ty to come live with them.

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