

# Quarterback Parents Guide



## **The Quarterback Parents' Guide: Nurturing Your Young Athlete's Potential**

Are you the parent of a young quarterback brimming with potential? The pressure is on, both for your child and for you. From grueling practices to the intense pressure of game day, navigating the world of youth quarterbacking requires a strategic approach. This comprehensive guide provides actionable advice and insights to help you support your child's development, both on and off the field. We'll cover everything from fostering a positive mindset to managing expectations and navigating the complexities of youth sports. Let's dive in and equip you to be the best quarterback parent you can be.

## **Understanding the Unique Demands of Quarterback**

The quarterback position is unique. It demands not only physical prowess but also exceptional mental fortitude, leadership skills, and strategic thinking. Unlike other positions, the quarterback bears a significant responsibility for the team's success or failure. This pressure can be intense, especially at a young age.

## **Developing Mental Toughness**

H3: Handling Pressure and Setbacks: Quarterbacks face intense scrutiny. Teach resilience by focusing on effort and improvement rather than solely on wins and losses. Help them develop coping mechanisms for handling pressure and bouncing back from mistakes. This might involve mindfulness techniques, positive self-talk, or even seeking mentorship from experienced coaches or players.

H3: Fostering a Growth Mindset: Emphasize the importance of learning from mistakes. Frame setbacks as opportunities for growth and improvement. Celebrate effort and progress, not just results. Encourage your child to analyze their performance, identify areas for improvement, and develop a plan for future success.

## **Supporting Your Child's Physical Development**

### **Proper Training and Conditioning**

H4: Strength and Conditioning: A quarterback needs strength, agility, and stamina. Work with a qualified trainer to develop a tailored program that focuses on these key areas, ensuring the program is age-appropriate and avoids overuse injuries.

H4: Arm Strength and Accuracy: Regular practice is key. Invest in quality coaching that focuses on proper throwing mechanics. Throwing accuracy and distance improve with dedicated practice and proper technique. Avoid pushing too hard too fast – this can lead to injury.

H4: Nutrition and Rest: Adequate nutrition and sufficient rest are crucial for optimal physical development and recovery. Ensure your child follows a balanced diet and gets enough sleep. This is especially important during periods of intense training and competition.

## **Navigating the Youth Sports Landscape**

### **Choosing the Right Team and Coach**

H3: Coach-Parent Communication: Open and honest communication with your child's coach is essential. Maintain regular contact to discuss your child's progress, concerns, and any potential issues. A collaborative approach ensures everyone is working towards the same goal.

H3: The Importance of a Positive Team Environment: Look for teams that prioritize sportsmanship, teamwork, and player development. A positive and supportive environment is critical for a young athlete's mental and emotional well-being. Avoid overly competitive or aggressive environments.

H3: Managing Playing Time: Playing time can be a source of frustration for both parents and players. Focus on your child's development and enjoyment of the game, rather than solely on playing time. Openly discuss expectations with the coach and your child.

## **The Role of the Parent: Beyond the Sidelines**

### **Emotional Support and Encouragement**

H3: Be Your Child's Biggest Fan: Provide unwavering support and encouragement, celebrating their successes and offering comfort during setbacks. Let them know that your love and support are unconditional, regardless of their performance on the field.

H3: Avoiding Pressure and Over-Coaching: Resist the urge to over-coach or put undue pressure on your child. Allow them to enjoy the game and develop their skills at their own pace. Let the coaches handle the technical aspects of the game.

H3: Fostering a Love of the Game: Remember that the primary goal should be for your child to have fun and develop a lifelong love of the game. Avoid creating an overly competitive atmosphere that could turn them off to sports.

## **Conclusion**

Being the parent of a young quarterback is a rewarding but demanding journey. By focusing on your child's mental and physical development, fostering a positive learning environment, and maintaining open communication with coaches, you can help them reach their full potential. Remember to prioritize their well-being and enjoyment of the game above all else. Your unwavering support will be their greatest asset.

## **FAQs**

1. How can I tell if my child is experiencing burnout from football? Look for signs like decreased enthusiasm for the sport, increased irritability, fatigue, and declining performance. Open communication is key - talk to your child and their coach.

2. My child isn't the starting quarterback. How can I help them stay motivated? Emphasize improvement and effort over results. Focus on their development and highlight their contributions to the team. Encourage them to learn from others and continue to improve their skills.
3. What are some good resources for improving quarterback skills? Look for reputable quarterback training programs, online resources, and experienced coaches who specialize in quarterback development. Consider camps and clinics for additional training opportunities.
4. How can I help my child handle criticism from coaches or teammates? Teach them to listen constructively and to use feedback to improve. Emphasize self-reflection and problem-solving skills. Encourage them to address concerns with their coach or teammates directly in a respectful manner.
5. What's the best way to balance academics and football? Establish a clear schedule and prioritize tasks. Encourage effective time management, study habits, and seek support from teachers and coaches as needed. Ensure that academics are not neglected in the pursuit of athletic success.

**quarterback parents guide:** A Parent's Guide to Coaching Football John P. McCarthy, 1991 Guide for parents with little experience on the basics of football and coaching that covers all aspects of the game.

**quarterback parents guide:** The Parents' Guide to Boys Abigail James, 2012-11-28 Raising a boy poses unique challenges. This entertaining and informative user's manual will help you work with your son to prepare him for school. Abigail James's experiences as a teacher, mother of a son, and lifelong learner confirm her belief that parents want to give their children the best preparation for life they possibly can. If you have a son—or know someone who's raising a boy—here's the book you've been looking for. Its clear, practical advice will guide you through preparing your child for school and for life. Packed with activities you can implement immediately, humorous examples you'll remember forever, and wisdom Abigail has acquired in the trenches, The Parents' Guide to Boys is a book you'll quote often and go back to again and again. No matter whether your son is eight months or eighteen years old, Abigail has tips for giving him a great head start, keeping him engaged in the classroom, and creating a happy, self-sufficient young man.

**quarterback parents guide:** Final Season Tim Green, 2021-09-14 **\*\*INSTANT #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER\*\*** From New York Times bestselling author and former NFL player Tim Green comes a gripping, deeply personal standalone football novel about a star middle school quarterback faced with a life-changing decision after his dad is diagnosed with ALS. Perfect for fans of Mike Lupica! With two all-star college football players for brothers and a former Atlanta Falcons defensive lineman for a father, it is only natural for sixth-grade quarterback Benjamin Redd to follow in their footsteps. However, after his dad receives a heartbreaking ALS diagnosis—connected to all those hard hits and tackles he took on the field—Ben's mom becomes more determined than ever to get Ben to quit football. Ben isn't playing just for himself though. This might be his dad's last chance to coach. And his teammates need a quarterback that can lead them to the championships. But as Ben watches the heavy toll ALS takes on his dad's body, he begins to question if this should be his final season after all.

**quarterback parents guide:** A Parent's Guide to Autism Ron Sandison, 2016-04-05 This guide will help readers have an in-depth understanding of autism, and provide a plan for parents to raise happy, healthy children. All children can flourish and mature through love.

**quarterback parents guide:** The Everything Parent's Guide To Raising Boys Cheryl L Erwin, 2006-06-12 With The Everything Parent's Guide to Raising Boys, parents find the authoritative handbook they need to raise their boys right, from early childhood through the teenage years. They learn how to help their sons: - Strengthen self-image and resist peer pressure; - Define and exhibit acceptable behavior; - Instill solid values they can apply at school and on the playing

field; - Honor their commitments to family, community, and themselves. Noted family therapist Cheryl L. Irwin shows parents how to create positive, supportive relationships with their sons that encourage open communication and help them establish a healthy foundation of values and goals. With patience, perseverance, and *The Everything Parent's Guide to Raising Boys*, parents can see their boys through those challenging developmental years, and take pride in their successful transition from boys to men.

**quarterback parents guide:** *A Parent's Guide for Raising Spiritually Mature Teenagers* Greg Grimwood, 2008 Is your teenager self-focused and un-appreciative? There is no greater influence in the life of a teenager, than his or her parents, yet most parents spend very little time considering how to strategically mentor their teenagers towards spiritual maturity. In *A Parent's Guide for Raising Spiritually Mature Teenagers*, author Greg Grimwood equips parents with practical and easy-to-implement strategies for helping your teenagers grow into godly young adults.

**quarterback parents guide:** *Great Quarterback Switch* Matt Christopher, 2008-07-01 Twelve-year-old Michael, confined to a wheelchair after an accident, uses mental telepathy to communicate football plays to his quarterback twin brother Tom, then suddenly finds himself on the field in his brother's place.

**quarterback parents guide:** *The Parents' Guide to Climate Revolution* Mary DeMocker, 2018-03-05 Relax, writes author Mary DeMocker, this isn't another light bulb list. It's not another overwhelming pile of parental 'to dos'; designed to shrink your family's carbon footprint through eco-superheroism. Instead, DeMocker lays out a lively, empowering, and — doable — blueprint for engaging families in the urgent endeavor of climate revolution. In this book's brief, action-packed chapters, you'll learn hundreds of wide-ranging ideas for being part of the revolution — from embracing simplicity parenting, to freeing yourself from dead-end science debates, to teaching kids about the power of creative protest, to changing your lifestyle in ways that deepen family bonds, improve moods, and reduce your impact on the Earth. Engaging and creative, this vital resource is for everyone who wants to act effectively — and empower children to do the same.

**quarterback parents guide:** *A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children* Edward R. Amend, Psy.D., Emily Kircher-Morris, M.Ed., LPA, Janet L. Gore, M.Ed., 2023-04-11 *A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children* (2007), the quintessential compendium of raising gifted children, has been revised! In this new edition, coauthors Edward R. Amend Psy.D., Emily Kircher-Morris, LPC, and Janet Gore, M.Ed. reinforce the reliable approaches originally explored in the first edition, while drawing extensively on the wealth of research and information developed over the last 15 years in the areas of neuroscience, psychology, and education. Our children are navigating a world that in many crucial ways is quite different from the one that existed in 2007. The new *Parent's Guide to Gifted Children* includes issues of social media, screen time, LGBTQ, and bullying. For gifted children however, many of the needs remain the same- advocacy, educational planning, access to true peers, and more. Rich in information and strategies, this edition will be referred to time and time again whether you are entirely new to gifted, completing your "active" parenting days, or supporting a gifted grandchild, student, or client.

**quarterback parents guide:** *A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children* James T. Webb, 2007 Practical guidance in key areas of concern for parents, such as peer relations, siblings, motivation and underachievement, discipline, intensity and stress, depression, education planning, and finding professional help.

**quarterback parents guide:** *Unclaimed Baggage* Jen Doll, 2018-09-18 \*A New York Times Staff Pick\* \*An NPR Best Book of 2018\* \*A Buzzfeed Best YA Book of 2018\* In Jen Doll's young adult debut novel, *Unclaimed Baggage*, Doris—a lone liberal in a conservative small town—has mostly kept to herself since the terrible waterslide incident a few years ago. Nell had to leave behind her best friends, perfect life, and too-good-to-be-true boyfriend in Chicago to move to Alabama. Grant was the star quarterback and epitome of Mr. Popular whose drinking problem has all but destroyed his life. What do these three have in common? A summer job working in a store called *Unclaimed Baggage* cataloging and selling other people's lost luggage. Together they find that through

friendship, they can unpack some of their own emotional baggage and move on into the future.

**quarterback parents guide: Why We Fly** Kimberly Jones, Gilly Segal, 2021-10-05 Sydney Taylor Book Award Notable book in the Young Adult category From the New York Times bestselling authors of *I'm Not Dying with You Tonight* comes a story about friendship, privilege, sports, and protest. With a rocky start to senior year, cheerleaders and lifelong best friends Eleanor and Chanel have a lot on their minds. Eleanor is still in physical therapy months after a serious concussion from a failed cheer stunt. Chanel starts making questionable decisions to deal with the mounting pressure of college applications. But they have each other's backs—just as always, until Eleanor's new relationship with star quarterback Three starts a rift between them. Then, the cheer squad decides to take a knee at the season's first football game, and what seemed like a positive show of solidarity suddenly shines a national spotlight on the team—and becomes the reason for a larger fallout between the girls. As Eleanor and Chanel grapple with the weight of the consequences as well as their own problems, can the girls rely on the friendship they've always shared? Praise for *I'm Not Dying with You Tonight*: A Barnes & Noble Book Club Pick Compelling and powerful—Angie Thomas, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Hate U Give* A vital addition to the YA race relations canon.—Nic Stone, New York Times bestselling author of *Dear Martin* Important reading for both teenagers and adults.—Hello Giggles Not to be missed.—Paste Magazine

**quarterback parents guide: The Walk On (The Triple Threat, 1)** John Feinstein, 2014-09-09 Bestselling sportswriter John Feinstein kicks off a new series for middle grade featuring Alex Myers, a student athlete who tries to take on the sports establishment in his new town. Alex Myers is a quarterback, but from the first day of football practice, it's clear that that position is very much filled by the coach's son, Matt. Alex has the better arm, but Matt has more experience—and the coach's loyalty. Alex finally gets a chance to show what he can do when Matt is injured, and he helps win a key game to keep the Lions' bid for the state championship alive. But just when his star is rising, Alex gets blindsided—the state has started drug testing, and Alex's test comes back positive for steroids. Alex knows that's not right. But he doesn't know if it's a mistake—or if someone wants to make sure he can't play. . . . John Feinstein has been praised as “the best writer of sports books in America today” (*The Boston Globe*), and this first installment in the *Triple Threat* series is his most thrilling and suspenseful novel yet. Fans of Mike Lupica, Tim Green, and Paul Volponi will want to check out *The Walk On*, and its companion, *The Sixth Man*. “A cliffhanger of a football novel bristling with social, personal, familial and ethical issues to complement the gridiron action. . . . All the goods for the sports enthusiast—and more.” —Kirkus Reviews

**quarterback parents guide: He Said, She Said** Kwame Alexander, 2013-11-19 Sparks will fly in this hip-hop-hot teen novel that mixes social protest and star-crossed romance, from Newbery Medal and Coretta Scott King Honor-winning author Kwame Alexander! *He Said, She Said* is perfect for fans of Walter Dean Myers and Rachel Vail alike. He says: Omar T-Diddy Smalls has got it made—a full football ride to UMiami, hero-worship status at school, and pick of any girl at West Charleston High. She says: Football, shmootball. Here's what Claudia Clarke cares about: Harvard, the poor, the disenfranchised, the hungry, the staggering teen pregnancy rate, investigative journalism . . . the list goes on. She does not have a minute to waste on Mr. T-Diddy Smalls and his harem of bimbos. *He Said, She Said* is a fun and fresh novel from Kwame Alexander that throws these two high school seniors together when they unexpectedly end up leading the biggest social protest this side of the Mississippi—with a lot of help from Facebook and Twitter. The stakes are high, the romance is hot, and when these worlds collide, watch out!

**quarterback parents guide: A Parent's Guide to 4th Grade** Ricki Winegardner, 2001 During your initial read of this resource, you may find that some of the key points are not yet relevant to your child. Imagine, if you will, reading the owner's manual to your car. Initially you may peruse the manual, finding that not all of the features or instructions are immediately helpful, but as you drive the car for a period of time, you may find yourself referring to the manual to find important information. Use this book in the same manner. Read initially to gain a baseline understanding of what to expect this year, then pickup the book throughout the year when you are faced with new

questions or difficulties. By the end of the fourth grade, you may have a book with dog-eared pages, highlighted passages, and favorite nuggets of information.

**quarterback parents guide:** *A Parent's Guide to Asthma* Nancy Sander, 1989 Asthma is the leading cause of missed school days in America. Here, the president of the National Allergy and Asthma Network shares her expertise on every aspect of this debilitating condition--from finding a good doctor to allergy-proofing your home to regulating sports and activities for affected children. Line drawings.

**quarterback parents guide:** *The Football Girl* Thatcher Heldring, 2017-04-04 For every athlete or sports fanatic who knows she's just as good as the guys. This is for fans of *The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen, *Grace, Gold, and Glory* by Gabrielle Douglass and *Breakaway: Beyond the Goal* by Alex Morgan. The summer before Caleb and Tessa enter high school, friendship has blossomed into a relationship . . . and their playful sports days are coming to an end. Caleb is getting ready to try out for the football team, and Tessa is training for cross-country. But all their structured plans derail in the final flag game when they lose. Tessa doesn't want to end her career as a loser. She really enjoys playing, and if she's being honest, she likes it even more than running cross-country. So what if she decided to play football instead? What would happen between her and Caleb? Or between her two best friends, who are counting on her to try out for cross-country with them? And will her parents be upset that she's decided to take her hobby to the next level? This summer Caleb and Tessa figure out just what it means to be a boyfriend, girlfriend, teammate, best friend, and someone worth cheering for. "A great next choice for readers who have enjoyed Catherine Gilbert Murdock's *Dairy Queen* and Miranda Kenneally's *Catching Jordan*."—SLJ "Fast-paced football action, realistic family drama, and sweet romance...[will have] readers looking for girl-powered sports stories...find[ing] plenty to like."—Booklist "Tessa's ferocious competitiveness is appealing."—Kirkus Reviews "[The Football Girl] serve[s] to illuminate the appropriately complicated emotions both of a young romance and of pursuing a dream. Heldring writes with insight and restraint."—The Horn Book

**quarterback parents guide:** *Quarterback Dad* Bobby Mercer, Alison D. Schonwald, 2008-03-01 *Quarterback Dad* is the perfect guide for new dads; or old dads who need a refresher course. It provides practical pregnancy and newborn advice using a language that men can understand—football talk.

**quarterback parents guide:** *Fantasy League* Mike Lupica, 2015-07-14 From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *HEAT*, *TRAVEL TEAM* and *MILLION-DOLLAR THROW* comes a story of every football kid's dream come true. 12-year-old Charlie is a fantasy football guru. He may be just a bench warmer for his school's football team, but when it comes to knowing and loving the game, he's first-string. He even becomes a celebrity when his podcast gets noticed by a sports radio host, who plays Charlie's fantasy picks for all of Los Angeles to hear. Soon Charlie befriends the elderly owner of the L.A. Bulldogs -- a fictional NFL team -- and convinces him to take a chance on an aging quarterback. After that, watch out . . . it's press conferences and national fame as Charlie becomes a media curiosity and source of conflict for the Bulldogs general manager, whose job Charlie seems to have taken. It's all a bit much for a kid just trying to stay on top of his grades and maintain his friendship with his verbal sparring partner, Anna. Like the best Disney film in book form, like *Moneyball* for kids, *Fantasy League* is every football kid's dream scenario. "Lupica is the greatest sports writer for middle school readers." —VOYA

**quarterback parents guide:** *Say No to the Bro* Kat Helgeson, 2017-05-02 The hijinks of Miss Congeniality meet the high school gender politics of *The List* in Kat Helgeson's "funny, smart, and exciting" (Ami Allen-Vath, author of *Liars and Losers Like Us*) novel about two teens who become entangled in a cut-throat prom date auction. Ava's plan for surviving senior year at her new school is simple: fly under the radar until graduation. No boys. No attachments. No drama. But all that goes out the window when she gets drafted into the Prom Bowl—a long-standing tradition where senior girls compete in challenges and are auctioned off as prom dates to the highest bidder. Ava joins forces with star quarterback Mark Palmer to try and get herself out of the competition, but their

best laid schemes lead to self-sabotage more than anything else. And to make matters worse, they both begin to realize that the Prom Bowl isn't all fun and games. When one event spirals dangerously out of control, Ava and Mark must decide whether shutting down the Prom Bowl once and for all is worth the price of sacrificing their futures.

**quarterback parents guide:** The Unhoneymooners Christina Lauren, 2019-05-14 THE INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! Starred reviews from Kirkus Reviews \* Publishers Weekly \* Library Journal Named a "Must-Read" by TODAY, Us Weekly, Bustle, BuzzFeed, Goodreads, Entertainment Weekly, Publishers Weekly, Southern Living, Book Riot, Woman's Day, The Toronto Star, and more! For two sworn enemies, anything can happen during the Hawaiian trip of a lifetime—maybe even love—in this romantic comedy from the New York Times bestselling authors of Roomies. Olive Torres is used to being the unlucky twin: from inexplicable mishaps to a recent layoff, her life seems to be almost comically jinxed. By contrast, her sister Ami is an eternal champion...she even managed to finance her entire wedding by winning a slew of contests. Unfortunately for Olive, the only thing worse than constant bad luck is having to spend the wedding day with the best man (and her nemesis), Ethan Thomas. Olive braces herself for wedding hell, determined to put on a brave face, but when the entire wedding party gets food poisoning, the only people who aren't affected are Olive and Ethan. Suddenly there's a free honeymoon up for grabs, and Olive will be damned if Ethan gets to enjoy paradise solo. Agreeing to a temporary truce, the pair head for Maui. After all, ten days of bliss is worth having to assume the role of loving newlyweds, right? But the weird thing is...Olive doesn't mind playing pretend. In fact, the more she pretends to be the luckiest woman alive, the more it feels like she might be. With Christina Lauren's "uniquely hilarious and touching voice" (Entertainment Weekly), *The Unhoneymooners* is a romance for anyone who has ever felt unlucky in love.

**quarterback parents guide:** Buzz Kill Beth Fantaskey, 2014 Seventeen-year-old Millie joins forces with her classmate, gorgeous but mysterious Chase Colton, to try to uncover who murdered head football coach Hollerin' Hank Killdare--and why.

**quarterback parents guide:** The Dark Days of Hamburger Halpin Josh Berk, 2011-06-14 Being a hefty, deaf newcomer almost makes Will Halpin the least popular guy at Coaler High. But when he befriends the only guy less popular than him, the dork-namic duo has the smarts and guts to figure out who knocked off the star quarterback. Will can't hear what's going on, but he's a great observer. So, who did it? And why does that guy talk to his fingers? And will the beautiful girl ever notice him? (Okay, so Will's interested in more than just murder . . .) Those who prefer their heroes to be not-so-usual and with a side of wiseguy will gobble up this witty, geeks-rule debut.

**quarterback parents guide:** A Parent's Guide to the Best Children's Videos Kids First (Edt), 2001 Looks at over 1,800 videos, DVDs, and software titles for children.

**quarterback parents guide:** The Cheat Sheet Sarah Adams, 2022-04-26 Is it ever too late to leave the friend zone? Discover the heartwarming friends to lovers romance that became a sensation on TikTok—now with a new chapter and a Q&A with the author! The friend zone is not the end zone for Bree Camden, who is helplessly in love with her longtime best friend and extremely hot NFL legend, Nathan Donelson. The only problem is that she can't admit her true feelings, because he clearly sees her as a best friend with no romantic potential, and the last thing Bree wants is to ruin their relationship. But those abs . . . Nope! Nothing but good old-fashioned, no-touching-the-sexiest-man-alive, platonic friendship for Bree. In any case, she has other things to worry about. After a car accident ended her chance at becoming a professional ballerina, Bree changed paths and now owns her own dance studio, with big dreams to expand it. But one more rent increase could mean the end of the studio entirely. Then, as usual, Nathan comes to the rescue and buys the entire building. A stubborn Bree is not happy about it and decides to rebel with a couple—okay, maybe more than a couple—of tequila shots. Then her plan backfires as she spills her deepest, darkest secret to a TMZ reporter. One viral video later, the world thinks Nathan and Bree are the perfect couple. Before they can really talk about her confession, Nathan's publicist proposes a big opportunity that could mean financial security for Bree. The catch? They have to pretend to be



in love. For three whole weeks. What will happen when Bree gives in to the feelings she's been desperately hiding for so long, and could she be imagining that Nathan is actually enjoying it? Sarah Adams scores more than touchdowns in this exciting romantic comedy.

**quarterback parents guide: The Public Family** David Herring, 2010-11-23 Those concerned with investigating the political functions of the family far too often identify only one: the production of good democratic citizens. As a result, public discussion of family law and policy has been confined to a narrow continuum that ignores the family's other, often subversive, political functions. In *The Public Family* David Herring's goal is to create a new rhetoric that moves beyond the stalemate that often results from the war between advocates of parental rights and those of children's rights. This rhetoric of associational respect allows him to constructively address the role of rights and the limits of individualism in political and legal theory. While acknowledging the family's importance in facilitating state functioning and power in a large, pluralistic democracy (the aforementioned production of good citizens), Herring fully explores the ways in which the family produces diversity and promotes tolerance. Unlike other works on the subject, which view the differences between individuals as constituting the central challenge for American society, Herring focuses on the importance of such differences. In doing so, he enriches and enlivens the often divisive public discussion of family law and policy.

**quarterback parents guide: Game Changer** Kirk Cousins, 2013-06-25 "This game means a lot to me, and by the grace of God, I'll never lose sight of the privilege it is to play it." —Kirk Cousins Kirk's book is a reflection of who he is—not just a football player, but someone who is committed to making those around him better in every walk of life. —Mike Shanahan, head coach, Washington Redskins In 2011, the NFF selected 16 college football players as National Scholar Athletes, one of the highest honors a college football player can receive ... Kirk was one of these distinguished 16, which says everything you need to know about him. —Archie Manning, chairman, National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Kirk Cousins is a lot more than an outstanding quarterback. He walks the talk. Few people I've met can inspire like he does. —Jon Gruden, ESPN announcer and former head coach, Tampa Bay Buccaneers In a world with far too many bad examples, Kirk is a bright light of hope, inspiration, and leadership for a new generation. —Bill Huizenga, United States Congressman, Michigan What's it really like for a person of strong character to live in the spotlight of pressure and fame? Sit down with Kirk Cousins, record-setting Michigan State quarterback and 2012 draft pick of the NFL's Washington Redskins. In *Game Changer*, Cousins gives readers an inside look at his life—as experienced under the bright lights of college and professional football—and how he put his faith and values into action, both on and off the field. Featuring: Personal stories and struggles of a competitive Christian athlete Truthful discussion of media hype and modern sports culture Reflections on honesty, humility, hard work, privilege, and responsibility Life principles for winning choices on and off the field

**quarterback parents guide: Pop** Gordon Korman, 2013-02-01 Gordon Korman's acclaimed and timely YA novel explores the dangerous side of high school contact sports. Marcus is new in town and is hoping to make the championship high school football team, but it seems like a closed club, run by current star quarterback Troy. One day, while tossing the ball around in a park one day, Marcus meets Charlie, a man in his fifties who can play football like an old pro, which is exactly what he happens to be — a former NFL player and local celebrity. Charlie has boundless energy and coaches Marcus on his fear of being tackled, but as Marcus becomes more involved in this friendship with Charlie, it becomes painfully obvious to him, through the simplicity of Charlie's thoughts, that the long-term effects of the violent plays he suffered during his football glory days have taken their toll on Charlie. With wit and sensitivity, Gordon Korman tackles truths about high school sports, while delivering a poignant story about an unlikely friendship.

**quarterback parents guide: Friday Night Lights** H. G. Bissinger, 2005 Return once again to the enduring account of the Permian Panthers of Odessa -- the winningest high school football team in Texas history.

**quarterback parents guide: How to be Popular** Meg Cabot, 2008-09-04 Steph Landry's been

a high school pariah – and the butt of every joke imaginable – ever since she spilt her red Super Big Gulp all over It Girl Lauren Moffat's white D&G mini-skirt. But now Steph's got a secret weapon – an ancient book, *How to be Popular*, which her soon-to-be step-grandmother once used to break into her A-crowd. All Steph has to do is follow the instructions in *The Book* and wait for the partying begin. But as Steph's about to discover, it's easy to become popular – it's less easy staying that way! *How to be Popular* is a heartwarming story of friendship and acceptance from Meg Cabot, author of *The Princess Diaries*.

**quarterback parents guide:** *Knights of the Hill Country* Tim Tharp, 2008-12-24 In a small Oklahoma town, one star linebacker must decide what kind of man he wants to be--both on and off the field. Welcome to Kennisaw--where Friday night high school football ranks right up there with God and country, and sometimes even comes in first. This year, the Kennisaw Knights are going for their fifth straight undefeated season, and if they succeed, they'll be more than the best high school team in the eastern Oklahoma hill country--they'll be legends. But the Knights' legacy is a heavy weight to carry for Hampton, linebacker and star of the team. On the field, he's so in control you'd think he was able to stop time. But his life off the field is a different story. His father walked out on him and his mom years ago, and now his mom has a new boyfriend every week. He's drawn to a smart, quirky girl at school--the type a star athlete just isn't supposed to associate with. And meanwhile, his best friend and teammate Blaine--the true friend who first introduced Hampton to football back when he had nothing else--is becoming uncomfortably competitive, and he's demanding Hampton's loyalty even as Hampton thinks he's going too far. This unforgettable novel is the story of a boy whose choices will decide the kind of man he becomes, and raises powerful questions about sportsmanship, loyalty, and the deceptiveness of legends.

**quarterback parents guide:** *Changing the Game* John O'Sullivan, 2013-08-01 “A powerful guide for both parents and coaches who want kids to have fun, enjoyable, and meaningful youth sporting experiences . . . I highly recommend it!” —John Ballantine, president and co-founder, Kids in the Game The modern-day youth sports environment has taken the enjoyment out of athletics for our children. Currently, 70% of kids drop out of organized sports by the age of thirteen, which has given rise to a generation of overweight, unhealthy young adults. There is a solution. John O'Sullivan shares the secrets of the coaches and parents who have not only raised elite athletes, but have done so by creating an environment that promotes positive core values and teaches life lessons instead of focusing on wins and losses, scholarships, and professional aspirations. *Changing the Game* gives adults a new paradigm and a game plan for raising happy, high performing children, and provides a national call to action to return youth sports to our kids. “*Changing the Game* is, well, a game changer. It explores in both depth and breadth the youth sports experience, its blood, sweat, and tears. Any parent who wants their children to gain the physical, psychological, emotional, and social benefits of what sport has to offer (and isn't that every parent!) better read this book. It will make you a better sports parent, and it will ensure that your children get all the good stuff and avoid most of the bad stuff from participating in sports.” —James Taylor, Ph.D., author of *Positive Pushing: How to Raise a Successful and Happy Child*

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