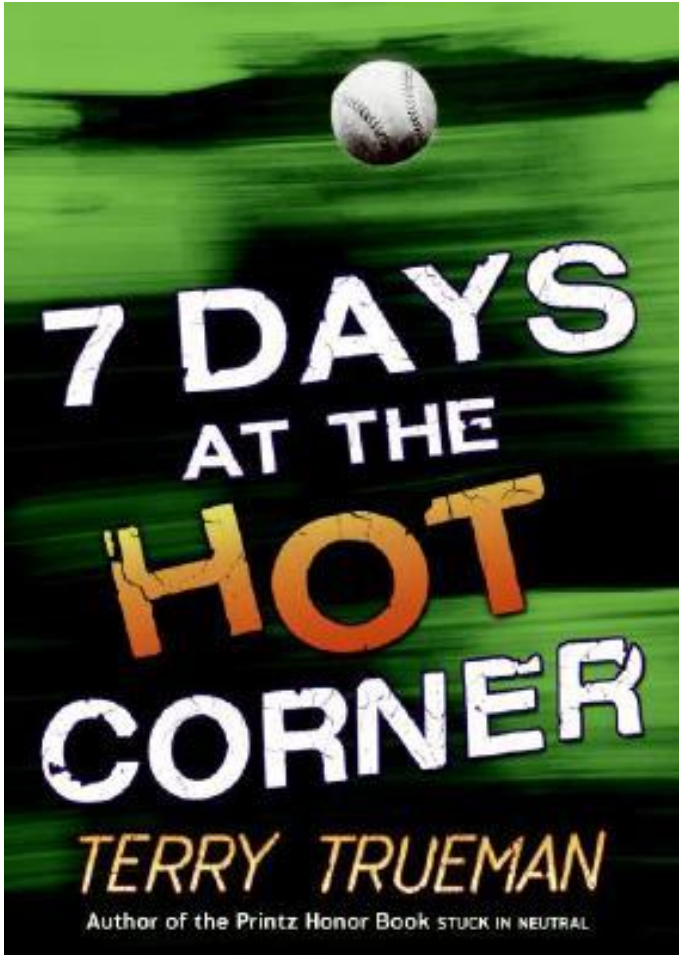


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**7 Days at the Hot Corner**



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## Description

In baseball, fielding your position at third base is tricky--that's why third is called the hot corner. You have to be aware that anything can happen at any time. This should be the best year of Scott's life: It's his last season of varsity ball, his team is about to go to the city championship, and a pro career is on the line. Instead, everything he always counted on comes crashing down at the same time, and his whole life is like one blazing hot corner--full of deadly line drives and crazy bad hops. Scott can't believe the awful stuff coming his way, but it's time to find out whether he has what it takes to play the hot corner--on the baseball diamond and off it.

## Insightful reviews

Johnny S: I thought that the book was pretty good, but there were a lot of spots that were just like any other sports book like them winning the championship. There also were some spots that I would never have expected happening, like not having the main character make the game winning play. I liked that he didn't make the winning play because he was up next and I thought it was pretty obvious that he would and I was surprised when he didn't even get the chance. I also would not have thought that Seth and his best friend would fight and not talk to each for a whole day comparing that they are in the same house. Another reason why I liked it is because I play baseball and I am in high school so I can relate to what is happening in the baseball games and understand that there is a lot of drama and fighting going on in high school.

Tyler: Personally I enjoyed reading 7 Days at the Hot Corner very much. I decided to read the novel because it was about baseball. I didn't know it was going to teach me a lot of life lessons too. I started enjoying the book right away because I can relate to the main character. Scott and I both share an extreme love for the game of baseball. We both have divorced parents as well. I got interested in the book at the beginning because it explained Scott in the hospital getting tested for HIV. He had 7 days until the results would come back and in those seven days was the Baseball Championship Tournament. I really wanted to know why he wanted the test. I also wanted to know what news the test would bring back, so I was excited to continue reading. Scott was a senior playing on the varsity baseball team, which is also a similarity we share. He was worried that he got AIDS from having his best friend's blood on him. His best friend Travis was discovered to be homosexual so that's what gave Scott a bunch of worries. I was focusing on Scott's attitude towards Travis and it wasn't good. Scott wasn't treating Travis like a best friend or giving him the time of day after finding out he was gay. Scott got worried when there was an article written in the high school newspaper. The newspaper article was about Travis being gay and getting kicked out of his home. He has been living with Scott for 6 months but the newspaper didn't have anybody's name. Scott was glad Travis didn't include any names but he was still worried people would find out. Scott really changed towards Travis and he wouldn't accept him at first. I enjoyed how Scott had to learn the hard way to accept his best friend. There were many fears Scott had. He was deathly afraid of Matt Tompkins. Even though Matt was a fellow teammate of Scott they never got along. Scott feared that Matt would beat him or Travis up. Scott realized how much he cared about Travis after a few events. Scott rushed to a school fight thinking Travis was getting pounded and instead it was someone else. Scott was threatened by Matt, so Scott tried anything he could to try and warn Travis about him. I thought

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it was crazy that Scott and Travis used to do everything together and talk all the time but the one thing changed everything. It was nerve racking when Scott couldn't get a hold of Travis. Scott was trying so hard to make sure Travis didn't talk or go near Matt. I thought it was crazy that Scott was going through a championship tournament and a personal crisis at the same time. I thought Travis said it best at the argument earlier in the book, "Scott, you live a fantasy life with your baseball". Scott did only worry about baseball for the most part, but all of the fears of Travis being in danger made Scott a better friend. I absolutely loved the end of the story. The last game went in the bottom of the 9th and the score was 5-5. The game was the championship game and Scott's team would have a perfect record if they won. The winning run was on first base and Matt Tompkins was up. Scott was on deck so he really thought he would bat and get the winning hit. Matt ended up hitting a bomb of a home run and they won. I was surprised that Scott didn't get to hit but they still won it all. Scott watched Matt in all the glory, but then saw Travis approach by Matt. Scott got scared and watched closely to make sure Matt wasn't going to swing. Instead Matt and Travis jumped up and down and celebrated together. I was surprised because Matt seemed mad about Travis being gay. Scott told Travis how surprised he was and that he was trying to warn him about Matt for a couple days. Travis let Scott know that gays can be baseball players too. At that moment I was in shock I thought there was no way Matt could be a homosexual because his character was portrayed as a big frightening guy. The book ended with Travis and Scott going back to normal and Scott made the Major Leagues. He was drafted to the Minnesota Twins and his stresses about college were over. I really enjoyed the novel because Scott learned tons of lessons from the game of baseball that ties into life. I definitely recommend this novel for baseball fans or anyone who wants to learn some life lessons. Life is just like a baseball game because things can change at any moment and adjustments have to be made.

Rebecca: This was short--took me about 45 minutes to read, and I'm a slow reader. I liked it well enough, but I thought it was pretty didactic. As in: "When you discover that a friend of yours is gay, you might freak out and be unsupportive, and be angry with yourself for your reaction. A better reaction would be..." It's not a bad lesson by any means, but I'd rather have a story than a lesson.

Briar: i feel to this point that this e-book is great. it's the tail of 1 boy who reveals out his bestfriend is gay. after they visit their domestic city batting cage, his pal will get hit and his blood will get all around the major characters hands. the most personality has to get a H.I.V/A.I.D.S try out to determine if he can proceed taking part in baseball, yet with the massive tournament coming up, he's commencing to doubt that he'll have the ability to play

Claudia: Scott is a baseball participant -- 3rd base; he performs the recent corner. those 7 days, tho, are approximately greater than baseball. He starts off the week by way of going to a health center to be confirmed for AIDS. He attempts to maintain his concerns from his divorced parents, and his most sensible friend, Travis. Scott makes use of baseball because the metaphor by which he sees every thing in his life. This fast paced novel shall we us particularly get to grasp Scott -- the candy kid, the disloyal friend, the pressured son, the superstar baseball player. Trueman has created a character...in truth numerous characters...I fairly care about. the problems listed below are ones all highschool scholars will relate to. I enjoyed the powerful activities connections, and imagine it is going to be a promoting aspect for guys. Side note.

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within the acknowledgements, Trueman thank you Crutch (gotta be Crutcher) and Terry Davis (of imaginative and prescient QUEST fame, who gave Crutcher his first break). Trueman's from a similar area...I wonder whether this is often the hot hotbed of YA novelists who write for guys...

Zach T: How might you react in case your existence took a tremendous curve? during this earlier zone I learn Seven days on the sizzling nook via Terry Trueman. This e-book describes a courting among rather shut acquaintances drifting apart. Scott Lattimore is the most personality within the novel and his ally is Travis. Travis and Scott were acquaintances when you consider that they have been very young. they're either seniors at Thompson excessive School. Seven days on the sizzling nook used to be a really nice booklet and that i came across myself now not desirous to positioned the e-book down. This e-book stuck my cognizance in such a lot of ways, one being that it's a activities e-book and play and looking at activities are one among my favourite issues to do. Baseball is every thing to Travis and Scott. They either play for his or her baseball workforce at Thompson excessive School. whereas Scott and Travis have been working towards for certainly one of their final baseball video games in their highschool career, Travis obtained a bloody nose. whereas they have been within the technique of cleansing the blood up Scott obtained a few of Travis's blood on his hands. Scott is a truly wary person. the following day Scott reveals himself on the Spokane County Public overall healthiness construction for an AIDS test. Scott says "This week, of all weeks, I may still simply be taking part in baseball." Scott says this since it is his final yr taking part in baseball at his highschool and likewise Scott and his group have a big kingdom baseball match coming up. When you have been embarrassed did you ever make anything up? whilst Scotts quantity used to be known as to get his AIDS test, he was once very nervous. strolling down the hallway Scotts center began beating quicker and faster. whilst Scott will get into the medical professionals room for the test, Scott says "I'm particularly embarrassed, I'm sorry I lied about", the nurse cuts him off and says "There's not anything to be embarrassed about, it's nobody's enterprise yet yours." this can be a major second within the ebook since it is displaying that Scott used to be very embarrassed for the explanation he used to be there and made an excuse for being there. During the trying out Scott will get a few blood drawn. The nurse says "It will take 5 days to get the implications back." Scott inspiration he might comprehend without delay if he verified confident or damaging for AIDS. After the try out Scott meets up with Travis and Travis finds that he's gay. as soon as Scott discovered he overreacted and that is while their friendship all started drifting apart. Travis says to Scott "Look how you're reacting." This exhibits how nervous Scott is now concerning the effects that he'll come back from the Spokane County Public Health. Even notwithstanding Scott is particularly apprehensive concerning the effects that he'll get he nonetheless get up for Travis. At their highschool the college newspaper got here out with an editorial known as "Coming Out" and this text is embarrassing Travis. this text leads every body to count on that Travis is the single intended during this article. everybody at Thompson highschool is making impolite reviews to Travis. Then Scott stands up for Travis and Scott says, "Quit making impolite comments, everyone seems to be diverse of their personal ways." This indicates that although Scott is especially harassed at what's occurring Scott and Travis's friendship continues to be strong. I might provide this publication a four out of five stars simply because at a few issues it stuck my realization yet at different issues within the novel it simply did not make sense. This used to be a fiction novel. i assumed this publication went into very good detail. the most subject matter during this novel was once not just in regards to the

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friendship of 2 young ones but in addition approximately their baseball team. total this publication used to be an exceptional learn for myself. the writer made the clash transparent through restating it a number of occasions in the course of the novel. although the most clash was once approximately friendship the writer additionally spoke of Scott and Travis's baseball team. i admire how the writer did not purely remain on one topic.

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