

TITLE: Athlete vs. Mathlete

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CATEGORY/GENRE: Realistic Fiction/Sports

SERIES: Yes – Book One: *Athlete vs. Mathlete*, Book Two: *Athlete vs. Mathlete: Double Dribble* and Book Three: *Athlete vs. Mathlete: Time Out*

AWARDS: Louisiana’s Young Readers Choice

SIMILAR BOOKS BY OTHER AUTHORS: *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander, *Big Nate* Series by Lincoln Peirce. This series is also similar to books written by Matt Christopher and Andrew Clements.

AVAILABLE: Libby, STC Library

ABOUT THIS BOOK: Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have a twin? What if your twin was very different from you? This is a fast-paced story that is alternately told from the points of view of two brothers. Owen is an athlete who is all about playing sports, especially basketball. Russell is a smart “nerd” who is the leader of the Masters of the Mind academic team but is unusually tall for his age. When a new basketball coach comes to school and sees Russell and his unusual height, he reaches out to him and tells him he needs to come try out for basketball. This sets the stage for the ultimate sibling conflict and unfolds in a fun yet predictable way.

YOU MIGHT LIKE THIS BOOK IF...you enjoy sports stories and books about sibling rivalry and life in middle school.