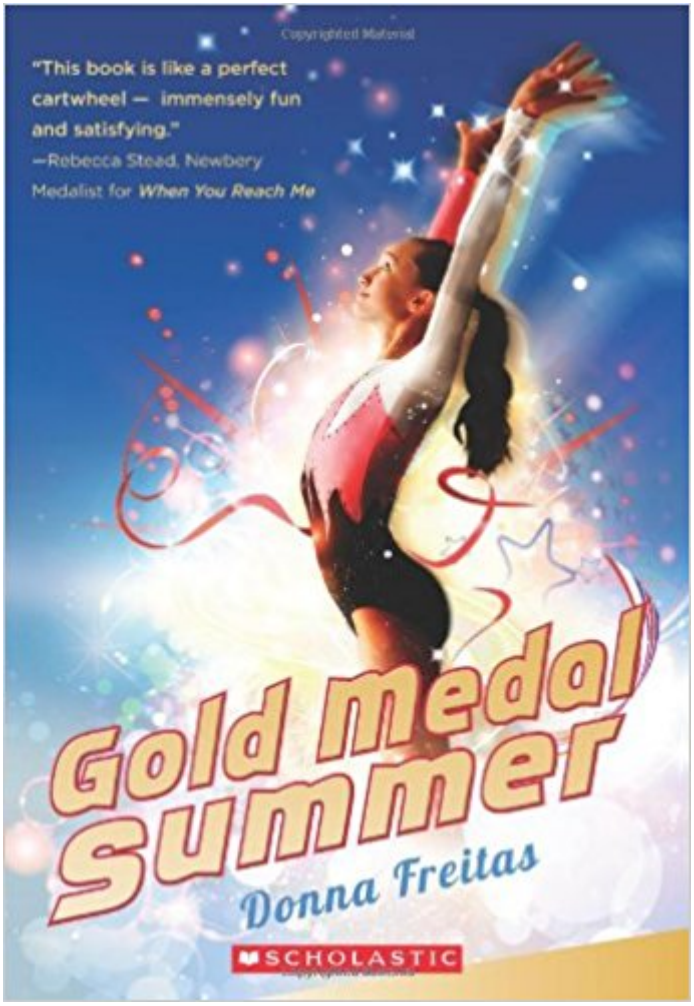
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Gold Medal Summer



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Synopsis

A gymnastics novel to flip for!Joey Jordan loves gymnastics: the thrill of performing a backflip on the beam, the cheers of the audience when she sticks a landing. But even with all her talent and style, she's never quite made it to that gold medal stand.Now big changes shake up Joey's life in and out of the gym. Joey wants to break out some daring new beam and floor routines--but she'll have to defy her strict coach to do it. Her best friend, Alex, is thinking about quitting gymnastics for good. And an old friend named Tanner just moved back to town, and he's suddenly gotten very, very cute. Can Joey handle all the challenges coming her way, and make her gold medal summer happen at last?Drawing on her real-life experience as a competitive gymnast, acclaimed novelist Donna Freitas delivers both a terrific gymnastics story and a classic novel about stretching some limits, bending the rules, and finding your balance.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 5-8-Joey Jordan 13, is an elite gymnast-she spends eight hours a day at the gym, leaving little time for boys, friends outside of her teammates, and other typical teenage activities. Her older sister retired from gymnastics after winning the national title, and Joey's parents are so burned out that they don't even attend her competitions. But things are changing. Joey's best friend is thinking about giving up gymnastics. Joey is working behind the back of her ultra-strict coach with her sister

and assistant coach on new routines that play more to her strengths. And she’s become reacquainted with an old friend who’s now incredibly "hot" and wants to be her boyfriend-but boyfriends are forbidden because they can destroy an athlete’s focus. Joey has never won a gold medal at competitions, but she wonders if she can win the upcoming regional championships and then go further. Donna Freitas was a competitive gymnast, and her novel (Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books, 2012) convincingly presents the stress, excitement, pain, and pure joy of the sport. Jaselyn Blanchard convincingly portrays the young protagonist as well as the other characters. Although many aspects of the story are predictable, the plot and characters will appeal to the many tweens who will be particularly interested in gymnastics after the success of this year’s U.S. Olympic team.-Margo Tanenbaum, Rancho Cucamonga Public Library, CAÃ Â (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

Praise for GOLD MEDAL SUMMER:"GOLD MEDAL SUMMER... successfully reflects the competitive gymnast’s spunk, thanks to Donna Freitas’s flash[y] style and relatable protagonist." -- NEW YORK TIMES"[An] enjoyable story of a girl overcoming obstacles to realize her dreams, and for readers who have dreamed of trying out the balance beam or uneven bars, Joey’s story will be captivating." -- PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

I am an elementary school teacher and I read this book since I was using it for a tutoring. I really enjoyed the book and thought that it was exciting for young girls to read. It was mostly abou gymnastics, but touched on some boy and friend issues. Good read for 5th-6th graders!

It was very well written and very entertaining. This book was everything I had hoped it to be, and more. I loved it!

interesting age-appropriate book that shows how hard work and dedication can push a child ahead of the pack to achieve greatness.mild romance nothing inappropriate some conflict great resolution

A great story on how stressful gymnastics can be but sticking to it can be so much fun!!!!! I would totally read this book again

I’m a gymnast and I can relate this book is the best if you like gymnastics or care for it this the book

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I give this book five stars it was the inspiration for me doing gymnastics and I got the gold medal for all around too

Hi my name is Ella and my name is certainly not Peter at all. Whenever I rate books on my Kindle it will rate as Peter, he signed into his own account.This book is so GOOD!!Sorry about the exclamation marks there. I can’t believe that Coach Angelo goes mad at Joey because she didn’t land properly. Some coaches will say make sure to tighten your body when you do any moves and before you land. I wouldn’t like to have a Coach that just SCREAMS at you, I would just like a calm one you know or maybe alittle bit strict one and also calm.When Joey was at the beach doing flips and practicing her handstand, she couldn’t believe a boy started to talk to her. "Hi, do you remember me or not?""No I don’t remember you actually," when she was walking on hands alittle bit away from him. She couldn’t believe that the boy was so cute. After she came up she could see even more how cute the boy was."Do you remember me?" He continued. "I’m T.J. remember?""Oh hi T.J. Ididn’t relize it was you because I was upside down doing a handstand.""Acutally I don’t go by T.J. anymore I go by Tanner.""Well I better go because I got gymnastics training," she said putting on her flipflops on and getting her gymnastics bag.Her assisant Coach taught Joey her new routines for Beam and Floor. The floor music made Joey smile and she LOVED the music every Friday night she could wi in the All-Arounds.When the big day came she did her Floor Routine and after she had stick the landing she posed for a minute and she couldn’t believe that the audience cheered wild for her!Did her beam routine and after she had landed everyone in the audience cheer was wild againÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â|Find out what happeneds after the big All-Around competition!!!!READ THIS BOOK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! :-)

Gold Medal Summer, by Donna Freitas is an intriguing realistic fiction story. It’s about 200 pages long and is a fabulous book for 10-15 year olds! All you gymnasts out there: this is the book for you! It’s about a young gymnast named Joey who’s always dreamed of winning, but just can’t get there. After one of her meets she asks her coach if she can get new routines that suit her better. He says no, and her other coach overhears and offers to help her. If she does it she could get kicked off the team, but if she doesn’t she may never win! Also her old friend Tanner comes back into town and she starts having a crush on him, and her best friend Alex is ready to quit! That’s when things get

really complicated! I won’t tell you anymore, because I don’t want to spoil it, but you’ll never be bored when you’re reading this book! My favorite part of the book was when Joey was eating pasta and her dad kept saying "Pasta Power!" I thought it was hilarious, and it was his way of showing his support for Joey, which I thought was great! I also loved when they were doing march in and they said "Ganset Stars" (their team name) and they heard a loud "Pasta Power" from the stands! I would recommend this book for anyone who likes funny and exciting books! Also you don’t have to know a lot about gymnastics to understand what Joey is talking about! This is one of my favorite books I’ve ever read! Another book by Donna Freitas is "Gold Medal Winter" which I am planning on reading. It hasn’t come out yet, but it is in December of 2014. Donna Freitas was also a gymnast when she was a kid, so all the details were great, because she gets what it’s like!

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