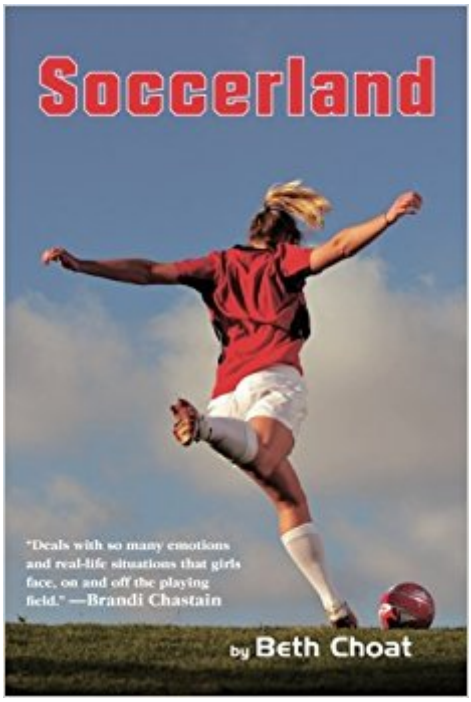
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Synopsis

"One day Iâ ™m going to play for the U.S. Womenâ ™s National Team." Thatâ ™s what Flora Dupre promised her mom, before her mom died of cancer. Flora and her mom had created a place called Soccerland, an escape world where they went and just talked soccer. And now Floraâ ™s dream of playing for the U.S.A. might be coming true. Floraâ ™s received the invitation of a lifetime: the chance to try out for the Under-15 U.S. Girlsâ ™ Soccer Team, an opportunity that could put Flora on the road to making her dream a reality and reaching the real "Soccerland." But when Flora arrives at the International Sports Academy, the level of talent there is like nothing sheâ ™s ever seen before. Flora struggles to hold her own, grappling with new positions on the pitch, injuries, a frustrating coach, and contempt from other players. But Flora is a big, strong Dupre girlâ ”and sheâ ™s not going to go down easy.The author of Soccerland has donated this book to the Worldreader program

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Gr 5-8â “Flora Dupre loves soccer, and before her mom died of cancer, she made a promise that one day she was going to play for the U.S. Women’s National Team. She dominates the team at her secondary school, but she is not being challenged, and she longs to play with more seasoned players than those in her little Maine town. She gets her chance when her coach tells her that she has been invited to Colorado for a two-week National Team Identification Camp, where she quickly finds out that things are quite different in the big leagues. The head coach seems to have it in for her with constant criticism; a clique of mean girls makes fun of her large stature; and she feels very

alone in the pool of 100 girls who are just as determined as she is to get one of the few spots on the Under-15 national team. Choat's background in sports journalism is obvious. While soccer action takes precedence over any deep character development, readers will enjoy following Flora's new friendships, budding romance, and changing relationship with her father. Themes of sportsmanship and the mental and physical aspects of training are subtly woven into the story line. John Feinstein, Tim Green, and Mike Lupica have broadened the availability of engaging sports fiction with male protagonists; this is a solid purchase for collections looking to expand female representation in their sports-themed novels.â "Kim Dare, Fairfax County Public Schools, VAÎ (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

With the singleminded determination that a lot of young athletes will relate to, Flora Dupre is interested in one thing and one thing only: playing in the Olympics and World Cup as a member of the U.S. Womenâ ™s National Team. Sheâ ™s by far the best soccer player in the not-exactly-talent-fertile state of Maine, but when sheâ ™s asked to the tryouts for the Under-15 Girlsâ ™ Soccer Team, she encounters all sorts of physical and mental challenges that she has never dealt with before. A few subplots, especially those concerning Floraâ ™s family back home, feel undeveloped and purposeful, and her repeated internal monologues expressing just how much she wants to play for the national team get hammered home a few too many times, but the soccer-specific details are handled quite well. Choat, a longtime sports journalist, obviously knows the ins-and-outs of an elite training facility, so teens either looking to live vicariously through Flora, or those who share her singular focus, will likely enjoy this novel. Grades 7-10. --Ian Chipman --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My mom bought me this book to read on her Kindle. I loved this book because, number one , I love Soccer and I play for an Academy team so this book gave me a lot of good tips about Soccer. This book is realistic fiction and has lots of great and juicy descriptive words, so even though it has 48 chapters I was still able to follow along. So, if you like realistic fiction and soccer, this sounds like a book you should SERIOUSLY check out.

This book was purchased as I was looking for a book about soccer for my 11 year old granddaughter. I pre-read it to make sure it was age appropriate and feel I should wait a year or two before having her read it. It was well done showing the interactions of the girls in addition to how

hard they work and the pressures that are put on young athletes. Wish more books were written about sports for the Pre-teen girls.

I'm a soccer player and this book taught me to have a soccer brain. I have to be in the game mentally and physically. So long story short I thought the book was really good!!

this book is perfect for anyone who wants to know a real story about an amazing girl's life.;) I love this book!!!

I'm a soccer player and I could relate to soo many things from this book. What I liked the most is that I could relate to Flora in's o many ways from the bullying to the boy stuff to the coach changing her position. This book was amazing and in many instances a tear jerker. ;)

Please make a sequel to it! This is so exiting especially for soccer players. P.s. Nice ending to the story.

Excellent book for kids to see that anything is possible if you work hard and stay focused.

Amazingly AWESOME. One if the best books I have ever read. Everyone should read it. I love soccer and I play it but it could appeal to people that don't play and people of any age. BUY THIS BOOK NOW!!!!!!!!!

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