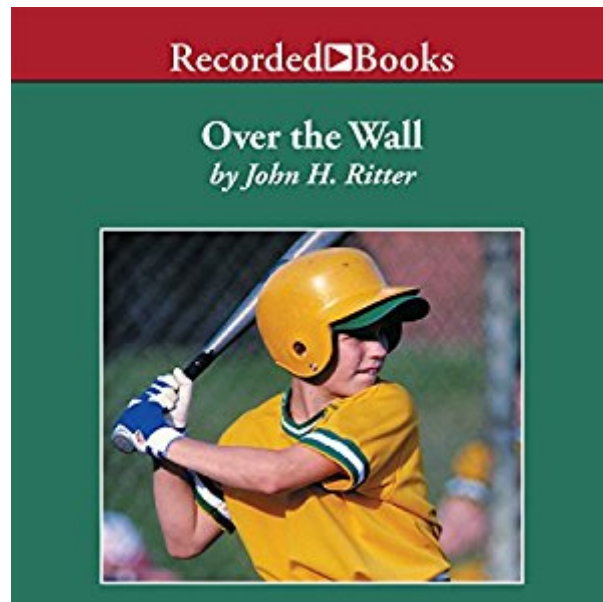




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Over The Wall



Synopsis

Thirteen-year-old Tyler loves spending the summer in New York with his cousin. Each day, they play baseball in a Central Park league. Tyler is a sharp hitter, so he hopes to become an All-Star. But he has a temper that is quicker than his swing. If he can't control it, he will lose his place on the team. There's trouble off the diamond, too. An awful accident has turned Tyler's dad into a distracted stranger. People tell Tyler that time will heal his father's wounds, but what about the hurt Tyler feels? He just wants to bat it away. John H. Ritter, author of the ALA Award-winning *Choosing Up Sides*, has created a realistic story of one boy's struggle with fear and forgiveness. Narrator Johnny Heller captures the emotions of a young teen beginning to understand the impact of his choices--on the baseball field and in his life.

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Customer Reviews

Somewhere in here is a good story wanting to get out. A kid coming to terms with why he is angry all the time. A kid finally understanding his relationship with his father. The author wanted to connect war and a baseball game. Show sportsmanship and respect for all including those against you. Unfortunately the main character is so incredibly dislikable. His big plan at one point is to build a monument to honor peace, yet when questioned about it, he flies into a violent rage. And this is near the end, supposedly after he has learned some type of lesson. The whole book he struggles with his feelings of wanting an inappropriate relationship with his first cousin. It's bizarre. I'm waiting for a moment of clarity to come, and it never does. It is written as if we are to be sympathetic toward the main character. But through most of the story, he is a terrible person. In the first act, his sister is

tragically killed, yet it doesn't effect our hero. At all. In fact, it's hardly mentioned again. I had a hard time finishing the book. But I stuck with it. I've read other books by this author. I liked those. This one, not so much

I bought this for my grandson who loves baseball. It arrived quickly and was in perfect condition. I am hoping these books can pull him away from video games!

Christmas present, recipient (9 yrs old) so says he likes it

Grandson loved this book.

Grandkids like it.

Nice case but very hard to press the keyboard

I bought this for my grandson who was very glad to get it. This author seems to write very interesting stories.

It has been said that we should not allow anger to stand in the way of our best intentions. Anger will not let us live the best life that the good Lord has intended for us. And this is a good Bible quote. Tyler, the main character in this story goes to New York to play baseball. However, along the way, he encounters a circumstance within himself that he must learn to deal with. Anger. Anger is something that could cripple the baseball career of Tyler, just like so many other things cripple us. It could freeze the best intentions of the best of us. However, with the help of a baseball coach who is a veteran, and what Tyler learned about the VietNam War era when he visited Washington DC with his parents, he replaced angry feelings with empathy. The Wall represents hurdles in life that every person encounters. Like Tyler, the solution is to replace angry feelings with something positive. This is a good lesson to think about. This is a fast paced story that is entertaining with lots of history, and John H. Ritter does a good job in using a baseball platform to write about it. People of all ages will enjoy reading this story over and over again, and perhaps like sharing it with their friends. As I read it, I am reminded that there is no wall, no matter how big, that can't be conquered. Marvin P. Ferguson, author of THE UNKNOWN BASEBALL PLAYER.

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