

Restart

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Chase Ambrose, an 8th grader with a reputation who is known as a jock, and star football athlete, but not the kindest one. Along with some friends, Chase has made the reputation of a bully and is mean to many people- in and out of school. Chase has done many things and has even been given community service multiple times. However, Chase's entire life took a turn when he had an incident that caused him something that holds a great deal of value, memory. As if waking up in the hospital with Amnesia (memory loss), isn't enough, when returning to school, many people avoid him because of his past reputation and aren't willing to believe his story. Chase has to figure out ways to remember his old memories and he finds himself in situations where he needs to decide what's best for him.

Restart, a book about the struggles of rebuilding and the importance of learning through your actions and doing the right thing. This book is a great choice as a gift for ages 8-12 as it is child friendly and doesn't involve any inappropriate language or actions. This story allows readers to understand that what others want may not always be what's best for you.

The main thing that makes this book good is that it is unique. It follows the idea of adjusting to change while still following a plot that is different from other books. Gordon Korman, a popular children's and young adult book author, has published many books including Restart and has had a rightful spot on the New York Times bestseller list.

Recommended Titles:

- Ungifted (Series, 2 Books)
- Everest (Series, 3 books)
- Slacker
- Masterminds (Series, 3 Books)