

Book Title: One Last Shot

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Twelve-year-old Malcolm Greeley does not like sports. I mean, he wants to. It is important to his dad, who loves them. He even convinced him to play in Little League. But when his dad asks him if he really wants to play baseball. The truth comes out. Malcolm's home life is worse, navigating every single word his mother and father says. If he does, everything will get better.

Then his father takes him to play a game of mini golf. He loves it! Malcolm Greeley likes sport! His father is ecstatic. He signed Malcolm up for a tournament. He even hires a former pro golfer to coach him! While Malcolm and his coach work on golf. A stray ball flies into his area. The ball came from a girl named Lex and Malcolm and she started talking. The tournament is nearing its close. Can Malcolm, do it?

I really like the characters in this book. They are so relatable! I was on the edge of my seat reading this. I also really liked the ending and the relationships between each of the characters. Overall, I really liked the book. Although I would like to see more of the feelings of other characters other than Malcolm. I feel like there is a lot more room for story there. But I really like *all* the other aspects of the novel. I would recommend this book for 8 - 12-year-old kids to read.

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The Eye of Minds by James Dashner

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Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team by Steve Shrinkling