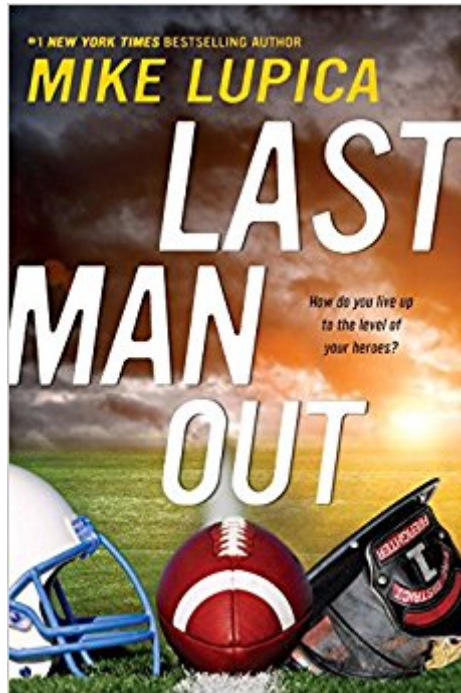




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# Last Man Out



## Synopsis

From the #1 [New York Times](#) bestselling author of [Heat](#), [Travel Team](#) and [Fantasy League](#) comes a story of heroes, family, the thrills of skateboarding, and football. When the Brighton Bears suit up on game day, 12-year-old Tommy Gallagher is the toughest kid on the football field. And the bravest. After all, his father Patrick is a Boston firefighter--one of Boston's bravest. Tommy's dad taught him everything he knows about football--and life. Yet even Tommy isn't strong enough for what happens when the sirens ring and, for the first time, they're racing away from the fire. "First man in; last man out" had always been his dad's motto . . . yet he never said anything about leaving in an ambulance. Now Tommy's biggest battle has nothing to do with football. And the kid who always had such respect for risk on the gridiron finds himself drawn to it off the field. Set in New England, home of the Patriots' football dynasty, Mike Lupica shows off his trademark knack for spinning a tale that's equal parts sports action and heart. Last Man Out is a thoughtful tribute to the bravery of firefighters and the need we all have to live up to the level of our heroes. "As is characteristic of Lupica's books, the sports segments, most particularly the football portions, are exceptionally well written." [VOYA](#) "In the best traditions of sports writing, this will leave readers both breathless and thoughtful." [Booklist](#)

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This is a great book for pre-teen/teenagers. Showing the importance of priorities in life. No matter what happens, family comes first.

I bought this as a Christmas gift for my son. He loved it. Great gift for any sports lover.

Mike Lupica has done it again. My son loves his books in this one did not disappoint.

Great book- my son loved it!

Great book for boys who like sports but not reading. All of Mike Lupica's books are great.

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