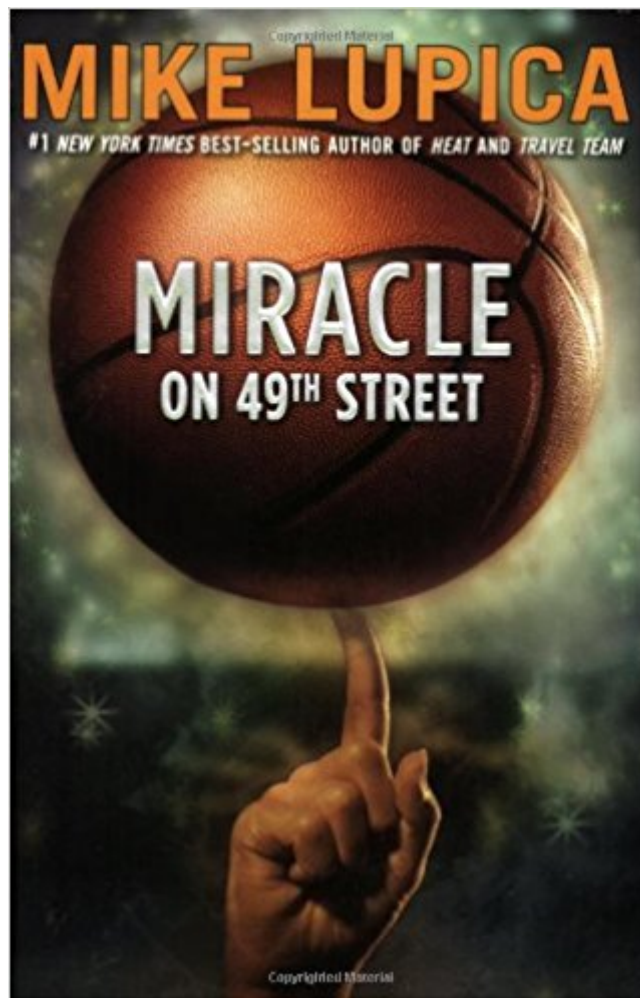


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# Miracle On 49th Street



## Synopsis

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Heat*, *Travel Team* and *Million-Dollar Throw*. Josh Cameron is MVP of the championship Boston Celtics and a media darling with a spotless reputation. He has it all . . . including a daughter he never knew. When twelve-year-old Molly Parker arrives in his life, claiming to be his daughter, she catches him off guard. Molly says her mom, Jen, revealed his identity before losing her battle with cancer. Josh isn't so sure about this girl—she must be trying to scam him for his money. Still, there's something about Molly that reminds him so much of Jen. But as Molly gets to know the real Josh, the one the camera never sees, she starts to understand why her mother never wanted her to know her dad. Josh has room in his heart for only two things: basketball and himself. Does Molly really want this man for a father? Together, these two strangers learn that sometimes, for things to end up the way you want them to, you have to fire up a prayer at the buzzer and hope it goes in.

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 6-9—Molly Parker, 12, lives in Boston with her recently deceased mother's best friend and family. She is on a mission to meet the Celtics' star player, Josh Cameron, to tell him that she is his daughter. With the help of her friend Sam, she sneaks into the athlete's car so that they

will have the opportunity to talk. Self-centered Josh is skeptical of her claim, yet spends time with her. However, his sinister agent, Bobby, worries that knowledge of Molly's existence will destroy his client's clean-cut image, and he tells her to get lost. She almost despairs of ever convincing Josh of their relationship before she moves to California with her new family. But after finding an encouraging note her mother had left, she travels to New York, where Josh has a game, and the two reconcile at the Rockefeller Center skating rink. Lupica creates intriguing, complex characters in Molly, Sam, and Josh, and he paces his story well, with enough twists and cliff-hangers to keep the pages turning. Molly's relationships with others in Josh's life, such as a teammate and his housekeeper, contrast nicely with her up-and-down relationship with her father. In spite of a few implausible events, some sentimentality, and a bit of predictability, this is an entertaining work. The strong female character and the basketball tie-in will expand its appeal. —Jeffrey A. French, Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library, Willowick, OH Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

When 12-year-old Molly Parker returns to America from England following her mother's death from cancer, she harbors a secret: her father is the star point guard of the Boston Celtics, Josh Cameron. Molly confronts Josh, who reacts with ambivalence to the sudden news that he is a father, but as their relationship grows, he seems to want to make Molly part of his life. Still, he also seems worried about his good-guy, bachelor image. Adding further pressure to the situation are his warmhearted housekeeper and greedy, image-conscious agent. Despite a sentimental ending, Lupica delivers a winning novel, creating a realistic character in Molly by authentically capturing both her fragility and pluck. Young readers will also enjoy the look inside Josh's pampered sports-superstar world. Ostensibly sports fiction, this could attract a wide range of readers. Todd Morning Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

I ordered this book at the urging of my 11 year old grandson. We share a love of sports and reading so this was an experience we could share and discuss. I loved it! He now has a summer reading list for this 61 year old Gigi to share!list for me and I look forward to many lively discussions

I loved this book! Unfortunately, my dog did too, so I had to buy a replacement copy right away.

Excellence!

This book was well written. I thought that Molly never gave up trying to make Josh Cameron believe that she was his daughter. It was a little sad because Josh Cameron wasn't believing Molly that she was his daughter. Also because Molly's mom Jen Parker died and she had no family left. She didn't even know that Josh Cameron was her father. She was living with her mom's friends family the Evans. Molly doesn't really like living with the Evans. The Evans are also moving to Los Angeles. So Molly is time limited to make Josh believe that she is his daughter.

This is a great book for children who like Basketball and a bit of drama.

Good, solid characters and a heartwarming ending. Why this has not become a network Hallmark Hall of Fame movie (story is better than most Hallmark Channel movies) is beyond me. It would be a perfect holiday family movie.

I like almost everything about this book except for the ending. I wish the ending was more dramatic and different. I wish it was more happy in a way that made you want to keep reading. Mike Lupica cut the ending short

Excellent book.well read in our library. Very popular

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