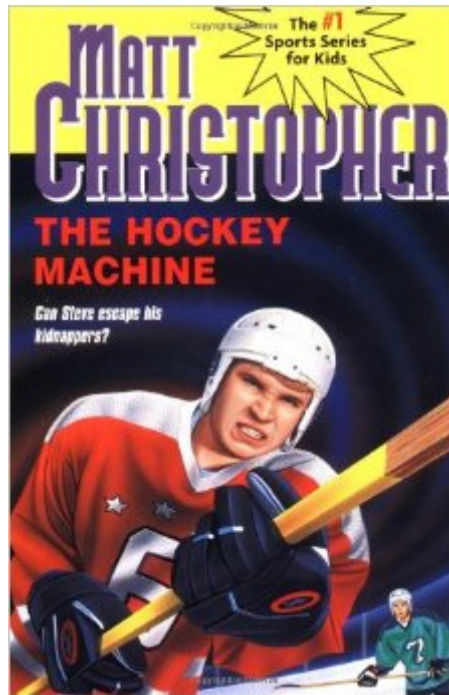


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# The Hockey Machine (Matt Christopher Sports Classics)



## Synopsis

**THE HOCKEY MACHINE** Can Steve escape his kidnappers? After leading his hockey team to victory one afternoon, Steve Crandall accepts a ride home in the limousine of an avid fan his own age. Steve is surprised to learn that his fan is a multimillionaire and boy genius, but even more startling is the rich kid's proposal that Steve play center on his professional junior hockey team. Before Steve can respond or even consult his parents, he is flown to the team headquarters-where he soon discovers he's the multimillionaire's prisoner!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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## Customer Reviews

From the beginning to the end I felt as if I was inside the book, playing with the team. I couldn't put the book down! The book is very interesting and tells about the highlights of hockey and it's competitive natures. You have your good guys and your bad guys. Definetly lets you see all the different kinds of people on a hockey team. Too bad Kenneth used his brains the wrong way. You must read this book!

By: Matt Christopher Have you ever been away from your parents or someone you loved for a long

period of time? Well if you have I bet you don't like it. In the book "The Hockey Machine" by Matt Christopher, the protagonist, Steve, plays ice hockey for hockey team called the Bobtails. Steve lives with his parents, or used to anyway. One day after hockey, just as Steve was leaving, he heard a voice say, "Hi Steve, I'm Mark," he announced. Steve did not know who this was. Then Mark added, "Me and my older friend have been watching you play hockey". " Come on he is in the car waiting to meet you." Marks older friend is Kenneth. Kenneth is a coach of a ice-hockey team in Indianapolis. When Steve and Kenneth met they talked, and after that Kenneth asked Steve if he wanted to go and get something to eat for lunch. Steve told him no because he had to get home. Kenneth said that he would take him home right after they ate. Without saying anything Mark pushed Steve in. Steve got in and Steve, Mark, Kenneth, and the driver all went out to lunch. On the ride back to Steve's house, Steve fell asleep. When Steve awoke he was still in the car. Then he asked in a worried voice, " Where are we going?" Kenneth answered, "To Indianapolis." Steve shrieked, "What, you said that you would take me home right after lunch." Kenneth ruled, "You're going to play on my hockey team, the Chariots. I already asked your parents when you were asleep." Steve said "Prove it." Kenneth pulled out a letter and gave it to Steve. The letter was typed out. Steve thought in his head that anybody could have typed this letter. After Steve was finished reading the letter he finally questioned, " how come I didn't even get a chance to say good-bye to my parents?" No one answered. As soon as they reached the airport they got on to an airplane to fly to Indianapolis. After they got there Steve met the hockey team. They stayed in their own hotel. After Steve met the guys he asked Mark if Mark would talk to Kenneth because Steve was already feeling home sick. Mark told him "quit thinking about your home. It just makes you more worried." Then he advised "all of the guys and I did." Steve just bowed his head in sadness, and all he could do was think about home! If you've ever felt like Steve has, all you want to do is go home and see your parents. See what happens to Steve if you get the book The Hockey Machine

It's another exciting adventure story by Matt Christopher that every hockey fan will like. A surprise twist has a star hockey player kidnapped and hockey prisoner on another team. My kids love it and share it with their friends. It's a suspense fill mystery with lots of action, I strongly recommend it, I give it five stars, and I'm Marvin P. Ferguson, author of The Unknown Baseball Player.

I didn't read it. I bought it as a gift for a nine year old advanced boy. The printing looked as if it would be easy to read

This book is a good book, I recommend it to others. It has adventures and is about hockey. If you like hockey, adventure or mystery's you would like this book. It is a fairly easy book to read and not difficult to follow the story line.

Beautiful! He's finally reading with interest

This book *The Hockey Machine* by Matt Christopher is a very interesting book to the people who really like hockey. In this book Steve a starting center was kidnapped by his coach of the chariots. He thought his dad signed the paper but Mr. Agard forged his father's name. He played as much as 13 games until something surprises him. I recommend this book to the people who are into hockey and the people who like hockey because this book is perfect. If I like this book you will too.

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