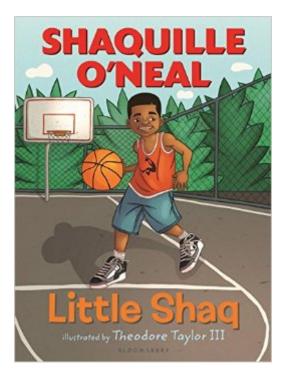
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Little Shaq





Synopsis

The start of a brand new series by Shaquille O'Neal and illustrated by 2014 Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent award winner Theodore Taylor III, Little Shaq is sure to be a hit with young readers. When Little Shaq and his cousin Barry accidentally break their favorite video game, they need to find a way to replace it. That's when Little Shaq's science project inspires a solution: a gardening business. They can water their neighbors' gardens to raise money for a new game! Little Shaq and Barry make a great team both on and off the basketball court, but will their business be as successful as they hoped? Showing kids that anything is possible with the support of friends and family, Little Shaq will inspire them to love reading, play fair, and have fun!

Book Information

Lexile Measure: 520 (What's this?) Series: Little Shaq Hardcover: 80 pages Publisher: Bloomsbury USA Childrens (October 6, 2015) Language: English ISBN-10: 1619637219 ISBN-13: 978-1619637214 Product Dimensions: 5.9 x 0.5 x 8.3 inches Shipping Weight: 1.2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (31 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #108,220 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #67 in Books > Children's Books > Sports & Outdoors > Basketball #1330 in Books > Children's Books > Literature & Fiction > Chapter Books & Readers > Chapter Books #1798 in Books > Children's Books > Literature & Fiction > Chapter Books & Readers > Beginner Readers Age Range: 5 - 7 years Grade Level: Kindergarten - 2

Customer Reviews

View larger A conversation with Shaq Tell us about Little Shaq. What inspired you to write a book for children? Little Shaq is the start of a brand-new series based on some of my experiences as a kid. In the first book, Little Shaq and his cousin Barry accidentally break their favorite video game, and they need to find a way to replace it, so they start a gardening business together. But even though they make a great team, things don \tilde{A} ¢ \hat{A} \tilde{A} TMt go exactly as they planned. My

inspiration for the book is being a father of six. Being a role model. Being the guy whoĂ¢Â ÂTMs looked up to. I want to use that power to encourage kids to love reading, and help them have fun doing it! Were you an avid reader as a kid? What was your favorite book? My favorite book was The House of Dies Drear. But when I was younger, I was intimidated by the smart kids. I didnĂ¢Â ÂTMt think I was smart, and I didnĂ¢Â ÂTMt think it was cool to be smart. It wasnĂ¢Â ÂTMt until I hung out with one of the Ă¢Â Âœsmart kidsĂ¢Â Â• and he helped me with my homework that I realized, I am smart. And that the smarter you are, the more all your dreams will come true. (Trust me.) ThatĂ¢Â ÂTMs why I believe education and literacy are so important for young kids. ThatĂ¢Â ÂTMs why I got my PhD in education. What do you think are the challenges parents, librarians, and teachers face in educating kids today? Our kids are facing a lot of distractions. Phones, Xboxes, apps, Facebook, SnapchatĂ¢Â ÂTMs attention, a page or chapter at a time, weâ ÂTMre doing something right. I hope Little Shaq can be the book to help with that and keep kids on track. If you could describe the most important aspects of Little Shaq in five words, what would they be? Education, family, fun, community, and sports!

Iâ Â™ve had the nickname â ÂœSHAQâ Â• for over twenty years now. Iâ Â™m called it by my friendsâ Â| business associatesâ Â| and twenty years laterâ Â| Iâ Â™m now sometimes called â ÂœGrandpa-â ÂœSHAQâ Â•â Â•â Â| by my beautiful Granddaughtersâ Â∣ and thatâ Â™s the best of all. Along with the â Âœotherâ Â• â ÂœSHAQâ Â•â Â™s basketball skillsâ Â∣ there are two otherâ Â∣ just as important reasons I always loved â ÂœSHAQâ Â•â Â| because like meâ Â| he was a kid that never grew upâ Â| and even after â Âœbangingâ Â• under the boards with the biggest and baddest in the NBAâ Â he always openly showed so much love and respect for his parentsâ Â| and it didnâ Â™t matterâ Â| where he wasâ Â| or who was there. And both those loving qualities are evident in this wonderful childrenâ Â™s book. The story of Little â ÂœSHAQâ Â• not sharing the ball with his teammate and cousin Barryâ Â| creates hurt feelingsâ Âl temper tantrumsâ Âl and damaging of a video gameâ Âl Dad tells them they have to earn money on their own to replace it. They have to work togetherâ Â| off the courtâ Â| as wellâ Â| as on. They find that the feeling they find in that processâ Â| can benefit an entire community. I have bought this book for my youngest Granddaughterâ Â and look forward to reading it to her \tilde{A} ¢ \hat{A} | and know very shortly it will help her as she is at the age where sheâ Â™s starting to learn to read. I also like the way this story ties together some of the main

core values of our familyâ Â| sportsâ Â| schoolâ Â| readingâ Â| teamworkâ Â| on and off the court.The illustrations are largeâ Â| colorfulâ Â| and extremely accurately definedâ Â| so as to make it easy for an adult reading to a childâ Â| to have meaningful pauses on the pagesâ Â| to point out a â Âœpictureâ Â• of what they just readâ Â| to emphasize a story pointâ Â| and help insure the interest level is continuing.Thank goodness my namesake didnâ ÂTMt include any free throwing in the story!

My son and I just got finished reading Little Shaq. We thought it was Great!!!! I am so glad that we heard about the book after my son read the book he wanted to know were there more books from Shaquille O'neal and also he wanted to take an Accelerated Reader Test. These books should be added to Accelerated Reader ASAP!!! It was an easy read, nice illustrations and nice font lettering, especially for me. I love to read with my son but sometimes find it hard because of the font but this font was Great! Please write more books Shaquille! I am so happy to read children books written by an African American Male. Love It!!!!

I purchased this book for my 5 yrs old grandson. He loves this book. He cannot not read but he tells the story by viewing the pictures in the book. He enjoys hearing the story and makes comments about teamwork shown in the book! Great book! I look forward to the next installment of Little Shaq.

Little Shaq is an entertaining and amusing childrenâ Â[™]s story which emphasizes the values of sharing, good sportsmanship, teamwork, entrepreneurship, and the benefits of hard work. I read Little Shaq with my 8-year-old daughter and she loved it. My daughter asked me a lot of questions about Shaquille Oâ Â[™]Neal and his basketball career. She wanted to know whether these stories were based on Shaqâ Â[™]s real life experiences. We did a little research and discovered that this story was indeed based on Shaqâ Â[™]s childhood experiences growing up in Newark. My daughter liked Little Shaq so much she wanted to read Little Shaq Takes a Chance the very next day.

The description for this item doesn't state a reading level or age range, so I'm here to offer that information. I bought it for my 10 year old 5th grader and it's way to easy for him and now is not a good gift item. I'd say this is best for a 5-7 year old.

Little Shaq is the story of Little Shaq and his cousin Barry. Theyâ Â™re the best of friends. They

love basketball, but Little Shaq does not let Barry shoot very often. Barry is upset when Little Shaq takes the shot to win the game when he is open but does not get the ball. They also love video games and Barry gets to choose the one to play. When Little Shaq shows Barry up in the game and again does not pass the ball, Barry gets upset and the game gets broken. They try to blame one another and Little Shaq finally realizes how Barry feels. Both boys accept responsibility of paying for a new game. They decide to work together to raise money to pay for it. They come up with the idea to water plants to earn money. They have fun and a few misadventures in their task but by working together and learning that hard work pays off they have enough for two games. Instead of buying the games, Barry and Little Shaq decide to use the money to help out their community by making a community garden, and get all their neighbours and friends to help out. Filled with great illustrations a quick and easy read. The language is simple and the story filled with a sense of community and friendship. A couple of great lessons to learn. The illustrations are cute and certainly add to the story.

My grandson loves this book! He is a huge basketball fan so the story captivates him. I appreciate the social lessons in the story. The illustrations are excellent also.

I still have the books, I have not given them to the boys I purchased them for yet, but I'm sure they will enjoy the read, because they all think they want to be Basketball Stars themselves!!!

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