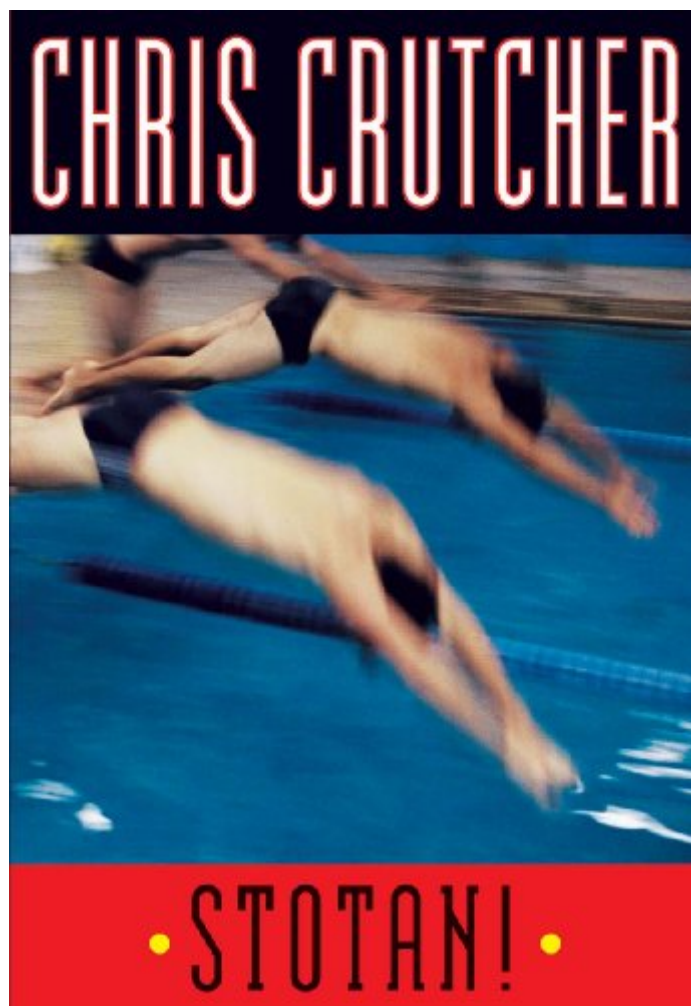


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Stotan!



Synopsis

Stotan: A cross between a Stoic and a Spartan! It's the last swimming season for Walker, Nortie, Lion, and Jeff, and their coach is building their self-discipline in a grueling four-hour-a-day test of stamina designed to bring them to the outer edge of their capabilities. As it turns out, Stotan Week is also the week in which secrets are revealed, and the four friends must draw upon their new strengths for an endurance they never knew they'd need.

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Customer Reviews

In writing this review I am trying to keep in mind that I am not its intended audience. If I were a teenage boy I would have loved this book. As an adult man I think it is okay, if a little boring. Stotan! is a very dated text, especially when it comes to some minor subplots, particularly one concerning a student teacher dating a student (this could happen in 1985, when book was published) but is unfathomable, and illegal now. There is also a plotline that involves students and the Aryan Nation which seems like no big deal nowadays as that threat has long since diminished. However, the text has many pluses, among them the fact that it's a classic.

male teenage characters (who are athletic and Ã¢â‚¬Å“manlyÃ¢â‚¬Å“) show their emotions, which is a good thing for teenage boys, the intended audience, to see demonstrated. The story revolves around four friends who are swimmers on the high school team, who face some challenges of life together. There are many nice lessons and ideas presented in this novel. As an adult you see how weakly plotted it is, but a teenage reader would quickly be caught up and learn some nice insights about living and human nature while reading it. Pages 128 and 188 have some wonderful passages that any reader regardless of age would benefit from and to see a young adult novel that does not pander to its audience is refreshing. All in all Ã¢â‚¬Å“Stotan!Ã¢â‚¬Å“ has a nice ending and an observant young reader will take some valuable lessons from it. That is more than can be said for many of the options out there.

I read this because it's set in Spokane and I'm doing a summer reading challenge where one of the items is to read a book set in your hometown. I'm not a sports fan and frankly swimming competitions put me to sleep but this is a great book. Written twenty years ago but it could have been written yesterday for the racial issues that still exist in Spokane. Engaging, real characters... Great book!

Stotan lacks the versatility necessary to serve as a text for general classroom study. Although Stotan contains several heavy topics such as relationships, racism, domestic violence and death, the physical and testosterone driven content narrows the audience appeal significantly. This novel is best suited as independent reading for adolescents with sports or swimming interests. The dialogue, pop culture references, and societal issues alluded to in this text emphasize the fact that this book was published in 1986. References to the Iranian hostage crisis, Tom Selleck, and Dirty Harry might be missed by today's teens. Crutcher left the reader with many questions about some lesser developed characters such as Elaine, Max, and Milika who were central to the storyline. The lack of believability of some of the story's events, such as Jeff's lying about his age and joining the Marines during his Junior year of high school, had the effect of undermining the the speaker's credibility. Crutcher did succeed in his attempt to illuminate and encourage dialogue about some issues teenagers are bound to encounter on their journey to adulthood.

One of my favorite Chris Crutcher books, Stotan! is a fun and easy read about four friends on a swim team. I loved reading this book in high school and it's a great book to recommend to high school boys and athletes.

This story strongly impacted my 17 year old son. He emphasized with the characters and felt their pain.

My younger son needed this for school. It was in great shape. Thank you.

amazing!!!! Couldn't put it down great story and great ending!!! Great from the very beginning and the changes of the story line was incredible!!!

I got this book for my daughter to finish her assignment since she failed to bring the book home!
Ended up reading it myself!

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