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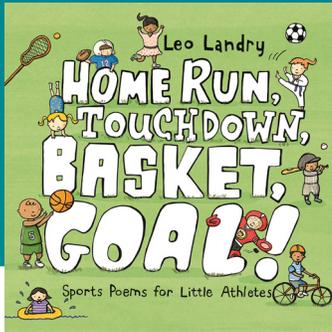
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# Book Review

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### Author

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### Reviewer

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### Rating

Outstanding

### Level

Toddler, Preschool,  
Primary

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### Pages

24

### Year

2019

### ISBN

9781627793490

### Publisher

Henry Holt and Company

Made up of individual poems, Home Run, Touchdown, Basket, Goal! is a great introduction to many sports, including gymnastics, karate, swimming, and lacrosse. Young athletes can learn about and see the excitement of each sport, inspiring them to try them on their own. Readers learn about pedals and shifting in biking, that bowing to a sensei in karate is important, and that sprinting to the end zone can result in a touchdown. For basketball, readers learn that dribbling is how you get the ball down the court, and if the ball bounces off the rim you can get the rebound and try again. In swimming, children can learn that there are several different ways to swim, like doggie-paddle, frog kick, butterfly and crawl. This celebration of sports has something for everyone.

The poems and illustrations work beautifully together to create excitement and movement. The words are simple yet teach the reader some terminology for each sport. The poems are written in first person and have the tone of a sports announcer giving a play-by-play of the action. The illustrations of children participating, coupled with the text's tone, help build anticipation of what will happen next. This makes the book motivational, as it calls the reader to participate in the action. This book is excellent for parents to read to their young children to get them interested in and engaged with sports. After reading this book it would be hard to sit down and stay put, as it shows how fun moving around can be.