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# STAT: Standing Tall And Talented #1: Home Court



## Synopsis

STAT: Standing Tall And Talented-- A slam-dunk new fiction series from NBA superstar Amar'e Stoudemire! Eleven-year-old Amar'e Stoudemire has a lot going on. He loves to go skateboarding in the park. He takes his school work very seriously. He helps out with his dad's landscaping company. And he likes to play basketball with his best friends-but just for fun. When a group of older kids start disrespecting his boys on their neighborhood basketball court, there is only one solution. Amar'e must step in and use his athletic ability and intelligence to save the day. This experience leads Amar'e to realize that basketball is his true passion. Based on the life of All-Star NBA sensation Amar'e Stoudemire, who overcame many obstacles to become one of the most popular figures in sports today. Amar'e is just as versatile in his off the court life as he is on. He is devoted to several charities. He promotes literacy and education. He is a media darling. And he has an amazing story to tell in this heartfelt, accessible middle-grade series.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Amar'e Stoudemire, Captain of the New York Knicks and a six-time NBA All-Star, is a well-respected professional basketball player who has left his mark on the game and the community

through his award winning outreach. He is focused on creatively inspiring youth to avoid poverty through education. He is the father of three children.

From STAT #1: Home Court We were getting close to the corner now. You know the spot. NBA players take tons of 3s from there because it's a shorter shot and a straight, squared-up look. And that means that we all practice from there all the time too, heaving it up and trying to do what they do. Even his dribbling changed a little. You know how it does that when someone's about to take a shot? It was going to be one jump shot from the corner. I didn't think I could get up and contest it with his length, and there was a good chance it would go in. But that's right where the big crack in the court was. It was the one I stumbled over last game. That's the whole reason I remembered it. Maybe if Carlos had tripped over it then, he would've remembered it too. But he hadn't, so he had to learn that lesson now. With his eyes already radar-locked, sizing up the rim, he had no idea it was coming. "Look out, man," I heard Yeti yell behind me, but it was too late. The edge of Carlos's sneaker clipped the raised edge of the cracked black top. "What the?" he blurted. I didn't answer, just reached in and grabbed the ball as he tumbled sideways toward the fence. I turned fast, and for this weird moment, there were four sets of eyes staring right at me. Yeti and Ledge were facing forward, waiting to rebound in case Carlos had missed. And Tavor is and Deuce were facing me, wanting to be ready for whatever it was I was planning. Now they knew what it was. They stepped in front of their guys, and I had clear sailing to the hoop. One dribble, two dribbles, pull up, pop! If the rim still had any net left on it, it would've swished.

I purchased this book for my 8 year old to read. He LOVED the book!!! He couldn't put it down. He used this book to write a book report for school and the teacher selected him to read his book report in front of the class. The best way to encourage reading is to provide books that are interesting and relate-able. As a mom (I read the book also) I spot read the books my son reads. I can't read them all but I read most. I thought this was a positive story that reinforced being a good person, team work, having a positive attitude, believing in yourself and never giving up. This was also the first book that we uploaded onto an iPad for him (via Kindle app). He loved reading on the iPad as much as I do. We plan to purchase all of the STAT books. I believe currently there are three. Highly recommend this book to other children.

Very well written and kept the interest of my children so far (not so much my teenager). Very relatable storylines for our children. May consider ordering other books and will update my review.

Ordered for KINDLE READER.

I purchased these for a teacher in my school district as requested. She has been very happy with them so far.

My son really enjoys basketball and we are trying to develop a love of reading as well. This book was perfect. The story was engaging, realistic and had positive messages. I look forward to purchasing the rest of the series to read with my son.

I think that it was a really good book I suggest that you shall read this book. Even though I have not read the rest of the series of this book. I still think that you shall read the many other books from this author I bet you will like all of the other books. John Gogerty

My son has taken to reading this series with a passion! The content is definitely good for him as a young male!!!

I purchased this for my nephew who is struggling with becoming an avid reader. He really loves sports and this book grabs his attention and encourages both his listening skills when being read to and spurs his desire to read himself.

Amar'e Stoudemire wrote a fantastic series!! Stories are relatable and relevant which makes for an enjoyable read.

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