



## **Rebel Glory**

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### **Book Summary**

Seventeen-year-old Craig McElhaney likes his chances of making it as a pro hockey player, at least until a string of accidents threatens to knock his team out of the playoffs. His promising career now in question, Craig begins to wonder if the accidents are more than a coincidence. If he wants his team to win and his hockey career to continue, Craig must overcome his natural standoffishness and join forces with a new friend to set things right.

### **Prereading Ideas**

- Community sports teams need a lot of local support to survive. Have students come up with ideas to promote a home team. For instance: fundraising ideas, posters, banners, etc.
- What is the difference between bullying and harassment? Do techniques for dealing with bullies also work if you are being harassed?

## Connecting to the Text

### *Character*

- How important is it for a main character to change in a novel? In *Rebel Glory*, Craig changes quite a bit. What would the novel be like if he had refused to change?
- Craig's coach describes Craig as a loner. Find examples in the book to back up the coach's opinion. What are the reasons for Craig's behavior?
- The coach also thinks Craig could be a leader. Can you be both a loner and a leader? Find examples from the text to back up your argument.

### *Vocabulary*

- Homonyms. Some hockey words, such as *icing*, *shooting* and *passing* also have other meanings. Make a list of all the hockey homonyms you can find in *Rebel Glory*. Write sentences that use both meanings of the word. For example: I heard the train passing outside the arena, just as I was passing the puck.
- Homographs and homophones are similar to homonyms. Have students research the difference and see whether they can find any homographs or homophones in *Rebel Glory*.

### *Theme*

One of the themes of *Rebel Glory* is the importance of living a full life. Craig focuses so much on hockey that he has no friends. Why is he like that?

## Connecting to the Curriculum

### *Business*

- In *Rebel Glory*, someone is trying to buy the team. Buying and selling sports teams is big business. Have students research the pros and cons of owning a team.
- Is owning a team an investment or a hobby? Have students choose a well-known team and research who owns it now and who has owned it in the past.

### *Science*

- Craig and his team have an allergic reaction to uniforms that were washed with fiberglass insulation. What is fiberglass made of? Is it safe to use as a building material?
- Cockroaches are one of the hardiest insects on the planet. They have a much higher resistance to radiation than humans (although not as high as the fruit fly). Ask students to research why cockroaches are so hardy and how to get rid of them without using poisonous chemicals.
- The Rebels almost lose a game because someone tampers with the ice temperature at the rink. What is the science behind what happens in chapter 21?

### Connecting to the Students—Discussion Questions

1. Many players on WHL teams are billeted in the community. Would this be a difficult adjustment for a young player to make?
2. Craig is afraid of playing like an idiot and then falling apart on the ice. He is so concerned about failing that it almost becomes a phobia. What is the difference between a phobia and a fear? When does a fear become a phobia?
3. Craig's teacher has some serious problems. If a teacher is verbally attacking a student, what is the best thing for the student to do?
4. Craig says, "I knew I could never beat up a girl". Does that mean he thinks that beating up a guy is okay? Is this a sexist remark or not?
5. Craig's teacher says that only fools buy into religion. Craig has a different opinion (ch.3). Which one of them presents a better argument?

### Resources

#### *Business*

- [http://ca.askmen.com/sports/business\\_200/220\\_sports\\_business.html](http://ca.askmen.com/sports/business_200/220_sports_business.html)
- [http://ca.askmen.com/top\\_10/sports\\_100/149\\_fitness\\_list.html](http://ca.askmen.com/top_10/sports_100/149_fitness_list.html)
- [http://ca.askmen.com/fine\\_living/how\\_to/6\\_how\\_to.html](http://ca.askmen.com/fine_living/how_to/6_how_to.html)
- [www.teenanalyst.com/business/sportsteam.html](http://www.teenanalyst.com/business/sportsteam.html)
- [www.intelligentspeculator.net/investing\\_commentary/is-owning-a-sports-team-an-investment-or-a-hobby](http://www.intelligentspeculator.net/investing_commentary/is-owning-a-sports-team-an-investment-or-a-hobby)

#### *Science*

- <http://basementtransformationtechnologies.com/Environmental-Medical-Advantages/Facts-About-Fiberglass.html>
- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cockroach>
- <http://exploratorium.edu/hockey/ice1.html>
- <http://entertainment.howstuffworks.com/ice-rink4.htm>

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