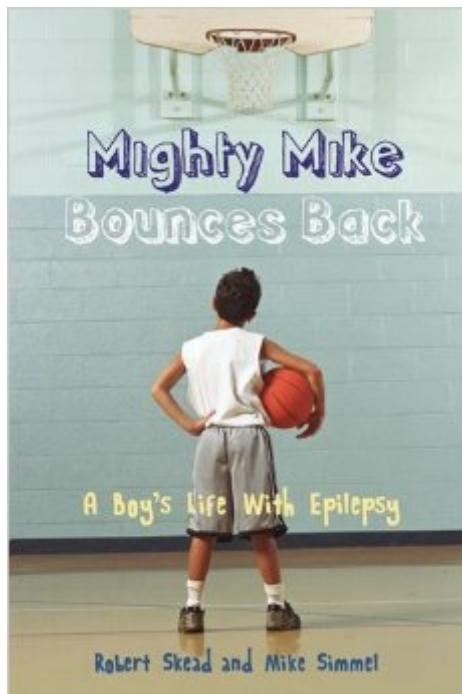


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# Mighty Mike Bounces Back: A Boy's Life With Epilepsy



## **Synopsis**

Mike has epilepsy and sometimes it's hard to feel like a real kid. He is scared of letting other people know about his disease or even worse, being seen having a seizure! He is often worried and afraid of what other people will think. Soon Mike starts playing basketball at his school, and he learns to overcome his worries and to be courageous in the face of obstacles including his epilepsy. Written by a real-life basketball star with epilepsy, *Mighty Mike Bounces Back* is a fun, empowering story written to help kids learn to live comfortably with their epilepsy and to take control of their life.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

## **Customer Reviews**

Mike shares his feelings and insight into his world as a middle school boy living with epilepsy. I read this book to my 12 yr old son, who also has epilepsy. We never define our son as an epileptic, because his disorder is not who he is. Mike also shares this feeling. God has given us gifts, Mike's is basketball. This book shows the struggles he dealt with and encourages others to stand up against adversity. I strongly recommend this book to anyone who has a child with epilepsy. My son loved the book. Thank you Mike for sharing your life with others.

I bought the book for my 13 year old grandson as he loves and plays on a basketball team. we read

the first half together and it had a lot of "active basketball plays" and my grandson knew what they meant but i was clueless....so there was action on the page and that is cool for kids. it was also a relatively thin book and he had to do a book report quickly...so he liked that too. yes. ....true story with heart and inspiration. and kids need heroes today more than ever. in his own way Mike is a hero....

As a teacher who often sees prejudices and mean words between children, I was so happy to read a book about epilepsy and the struggles, including bullying, that a child may endure. A book so well written about a youngster being bullied because of a disability is a treasure. The non-fiction parts of the book were easy to understand and extremely informative!

A MUST read for any parent who has a child with challenges and any child who is faced with feeling different. From the road to being bullied to the corners of feeling like an outsider, this book is uplifting and a feel good story for readers of all ages. I enjoyed the heartwarming parts of accomplishment and so much sympathy on the pages of adversity. But at the end, I was cheering for Mighty Mike. Learning and reading what the main character has accomplished since his childhood, this book is a road map for any child to get the feeling of "yes I can". This book should be in every school library. I understand the author lectures at schools.

This heart warming book is a great teacher read aloud for elementary and middle school students. Students and teachers can discuss adversity, being unique, and bullying- great for character education. Also great for parents to share with their children!!! Wonderful, inspiring story based on truth! Great read!

Bought this for my 10 year old daughter who is fighting Epilepsy. Mighty Mike himself told us about it. I read it before giving it to my daughter and was amazed how well I knew she'd relate to this book. My daughter also loves to play basketball so Mighty Mike also serves as a wonderful role model for these young children to show them how to succeed.

I bought this book after seeing the author at a personal appearance for children with autism and other neurological impairments. He gives back to children. His story is inspiring.

Mike Simmel has epilepsy and does not let it get him down. He goes to camps, Speak Up and helps

kids see how he has used basketball to get past challenges. Great book!

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