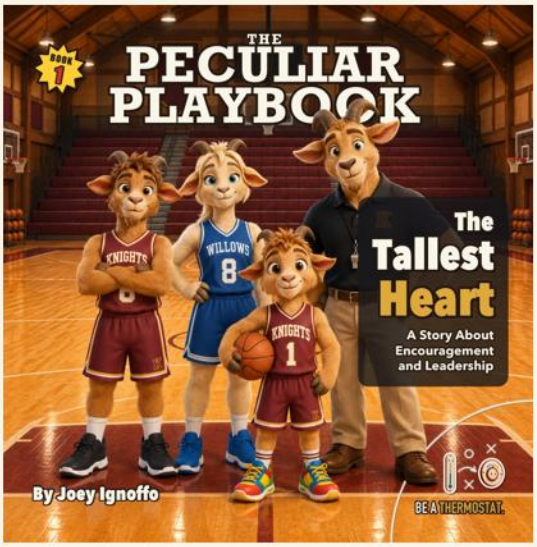
Media kit

The Peculiar Playbook · The Tallest Heart

by Joey Ignoffo, illustrated by Hines Creative



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About the author

50 WORDS

Joey Ignoffo is the author of The Peculiar Playbook, a children's book series inspired by youth sports, character, faith, and the lessons that matter long after the final whistle. The goal isn't only to raise better athletes. It's to help raise better people, on the court and in life.

150 WORDS

Joey Ignoffo is the author of The Peculiar Playbook, a children's book series inspired by youth sports, character, faith, and the lessons that matter long after the final whistle. Through stories about young athletes learning to lead, serve, encourage, and grow, he hopes to help families and coaches put character first, on the court, on the field, and in life. The goal isn't just to raise better athletes. It's to help raise better people. He had always wanted to coach, and never quite felt ready. When his daughter signed up for soccer, he volunteered as an assistant. Nobody stepped forward to lead, and someone handed him the whistle for a sport he hadn't played, watched, or coached. If you've seen Ted Lasso, you get the idea. He made do, learned as he went, and found his way back to basketball and baseball. The game, he says, is bigger than the scoreboard.

The book

SHORT DESCRIPTION

In The Tallest Heart, Clark is the littlest goat in a basketball family. On the way to his first practice, his dad asks him a question: are you going to be a thermometer, or a thermostat?

LONG DESCRIPTION

Clark is the littlest goat in a basketball family. His sister can dunk over a fence, his brother never seems to miss, and Clark mostly likes his new sneakers because they squeak. On the way to his very first practice, Dad asks him whether he is going to be a thermometer or a thermostat. A thermometer only reports the temperature. A thermostat changes it. The Tallest Heart is that basketball lesson, and a life lesson: you can reflect the atmosphere around you, or you can help change it.

SERIES AND AGE

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Joey states the intended age as children 4 to 7. It is an illustrated picture book.

The paperback ISBN is not set yet.

The Amazon listing is not live yet. This page will link to it when it is.

CONTACT

School, library, and media inquiries go through the Grown-ups page on this site. There is a form for parents, coaches, schools, and libraries.

ILLUSTRATIONS

The illustrations for The Tallest Heart were created by Hines Creative, the Chicago studio of Wes Hines. I'm grateful for the creativity and care that helped bring Clark and the world of The Peculiar Playbook to life.

Author photograph

Joey Ignoffo, on the Rocky Steps at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. This is the approved photograph.

