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G.G. Snowboards: (The G.G. Series, Book #1)



Synopsis

Woo hoo! G.G. has always wanted to snowboard, and now she gets her chance. She boldly tells her family, "I'm taking the halfpipe or nothing!" But it's a lot harder than she expected. Can G.G. brave that crazy flying couch, the lift? Slide the rails at the terrain park with her cousin Carlos? Or even ride the big, scary halfpipe? Shred the mountain with sassy, spunky G.G. in the first of this fresh, new chapter book series for kids ages 6-9. Join G.G. "an eight-year-old Hispanic girl who lives in a big-city apartment" as she explores the joys and pitfalls of snowboarding for the first time. A thrilling read for kids in first through fourth grades, and a great Winter Olympics sports adventure for kids of all ages. With photo illustrations by a former member of the U.S. Snowboard Team! "An epic ride!" "Susie Floros, Editor-in-Chief, Snowboard Magazine

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other side of operations, Harper now works in television production for ESPN. She frequently shows her photographs in galleries, online and in sports publications. She lives in Colorado with her family of humans, cats, dogs and horses.

This is a clever chapter book about a young girl who learns to snowboard for the first time. It's a great sports book for girls (and even boys!). I loved the addition of the black and white photos - that's the first time I've seen that in an ebook. Very cool! The writing was wonderful - G.G. (the main character) looks at the superpipe and sees the snow "like a wall of death". She uses the term "weird" to describe some of the phrases adults use without a second thought but make no sense to children (like referring to your feet as dogs). Too funny! It makes me want to go learn how to snowboard too! I highly recommend this - great to read aloud with your children or for a new reader just starting with chapter books. Can't wait for the next in this series!

G.G. is one bold, brave, gusty 8 year old snowboarder! Don't let the fact that the protagonist is a girl throw you. Boys will love this book, too. The author and illustrator's collaborated effort has made this an obvious winner for young readers interested in sports. Not only will kids learn the fine art of "how to" ride the waves of a snowy slope, but they'll note courage, friendship, and family togetherness in this well written chapter book.

Our two kids--five and six--absolutely loved this book. They laughed and laughed at G.G.'s wit and silly situations, and they were completely engaged in the challenges she faced with learning something new. As a snowboarding family, we can say that the author really nailed it--from the difficulty of making the first turn to the lingo of the terrain park and feeling of accomplishment each day brings. I would recommend this both for early readers and as a "read out loud" book. The pictures are truly something different--we loved seeing the story brought to life with real photos. Good stuff!

Never heard of this author, kindle recommended the book based on the fact that I buy a lot of children's books for my 9 year old daughter. Turns out kindle made a great recommendation, Victoria (my daughter) loved it. She stands on her bed pretending she's snowboarding! Highly suggest any parent buy this book for their child, they will thank you for it (which they never do...)

I just finished reading G.G. Snowboards with my 9-year-old granddaughter, who actually laughed

out loud in several places. It's a great story of a young girl who assumes she'll be a pro boarder her first time out, then learns step by step and lesson by lesson that there may be a bit more to the art of snowboarding. Very nice lessons to be learned throughout, great humor, and the author truly connects with her intended reader age group. My granddaughter is already asking for book two in the series.

I wish I'd had this new reader chapter book when my kids were learning. They still love adventure, and this would have inspired them to keep turning the pages. This book is a great way to take the edge off any fear children might be feeling before they head out. I look forward to reading G.G.'s adventures to all the little ones in my extended family. Can't wait for the next one to come out!

The story of G.G. learning to snowboard is full of facts, fun, humor and a "teeny, tiny, eenie, weenie" bit of fear. Refreshing that G.G. is of Hispanic heritage. Very cool and original to include black and white photos. Loved this book and look forward to more of her sports adventures. I think boys would enjoy these books also.

I go to the mountains to ski and snowboard a lot, so it's nice to see a kids' book that really tells it like it is. Great timing, too, with the Winter Olympics coming up soon. This would be a great read for kids somewhere between first and fourth grades who want to ramp up on the lingo for the snowboard part of the competition. It also gives them a real sense of what it takes to become a good snowboarder, which is cool.

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