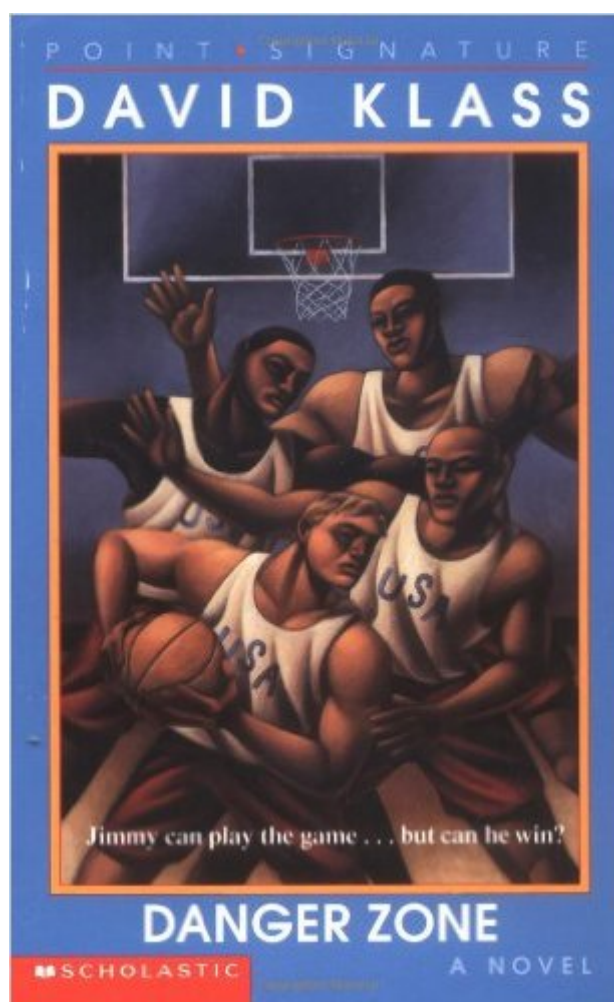


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## Danger Zone (Point Signature)



## Synopsis

In this award-winning novel, a young basketball star confronts a nightmare of racism in "one of the most thrilling climaxes in recent sports writing".--"Kirkus Review". .

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## Customer Reviews

Jimmy is a star in his hometown, but can he play with All Stars in the U.S? Jimmy is from Minnesota where he is the star in small town Granham. He can play Basketball, but can he compete with international teams as he joins the U.S. Teen Dream Team? They first travel to Los Angeles to practice with the team before the tournament. The top ten teen players in the country make the team and Jimmy is one of the two white players. Does his color make him look bad in the first practices? "Danger Zone" published in 1996 by David Klass shows Augustus' (black player on Jimmy's team) life in L.A. is very different from Jimmy's small town life. After Jimmy puts that and other conflicts behind him the U.S. Teen Dream Team flies to Italy for the tournament. There are more conflicts and a death threat is sent to them. Racism and loyalty take over the tournament. Racism collides with teammates and others, as they meet for the first time in L.A. and Italy. In the first practices, Jimmy cannot make a shot to save his life. Augustus thinks his cousin should have made the team instead of some no name. His thoughts turn into fists as he says to Jimmy, "You only made the team, because you're some rich white boy." Then it becomes Jimmy vs.

Augustus in a fist fight. As the U.S. team flies to Italy some of the fans don't like Jimmy's teammates or the color of their skin. The dark skinned people in Italy are treated differently, as Augustus sees black people poor and living on the streets and he discusses this issue in a press conference. Fans from other teams think he and his black teammates should not be in this tournament. Are you loyal to your team and teammates though the whole tournament? Some players on Jimmy's team are loyal to their team in hard times, but one is loyal to them all the time. Augustus is that one. He toughened up and put the death threat behind him when others worried about what was going to happen during the tournament. Augustus was accustomed to being treated differently because of his childhood in L.A. and kept the team alive in the tournament. He is concerned about his teammates and when Jimmy is having a rough time sleeping, Augustus tells him "You're not helping us win and you look like death warmed over." Augustus is thinking about the team as a whole and for Jimmy's welfare. "Danger Zone" by David Klass is successful at showing anyone can overcome different types of obstacles when they have a goal. This book shows not to judge a book by its cover and "Danger Zone" shows racism plays a part even in a basketball game. This book has thrilling hoop action and is excellent to read. I would recommend this book to anyone, because it's story on how a teen copes with racism in a team environment. You won't want to put this book down; you'll just keep turning the pages. I give this book nine out of ten stars.

Danger Zone was the best sports book I have ever read. It was about Jimmy Doyle, a kid from a small town in Minnesota. He's just a normal guy, but he has a great shooting touch. His life is turned topsy turvy when some basketball scouts come and decide to put him on the American Teen Dream Team, to play in an international basketball tournament in Europe. However, he finds it hard to gain acceptance on the team which is almost exclusively black. Things then become very complicated when a death threat is sent to them by white supremists because of racial comments by the team's star player, Augustus LeMay. Jimmy struggles to survive in this environment of racism and hatred.

The book came in good condition. I would recommend anyone buy from this company!! There was nothing at all wrong with any of the pages, no highlighting, no dents, no scribble or anything that would compromise the quality of book. I have no complaints and my son got an A+ on his exam!!

Jimmy can play basketball...but can he survive in the real world? Danger Zone is a book that shows how a person can overcome obstacles in their path in order to reach their dreams. Danger Zone was written by David Klass in 1996. It's about a kid named Jim Doyle whose dream is to become a

star basketball player. When Jimmy's in the zone, he's unstoppable, something that earned him a valuable spot on the Teen Dream Team USA basketball team. Jimmy has to learn how to play like the pros, but also how to deal with difficult people and situations, learning about truth and loyalty along the way. One of Danger Zone's main themes, truth, shows that the truth is often covered up by an act. To his other teammates, Jimmy looks like a rich white kid from Minnesota, but truly, Jimmy and his family suffer financially (their mother owns a small hardware store) and emotionally from the death of Jimmy's father. Another main theme of Danger Zone is loyalty. Jimmy stays loyal to his team and to his country by playing basketball in Europe, even when European terrorists in Italy threaten his life. David Klass wants you to know that a person can seem on way on the outside, but on the inside, they are a completely different person. Danger Zone shows how a person can overcome issues like racism. When Jimmy first meets his teammates in Los Angeles, they don't think he can play basketball because he's white. Jimmy's main rival, Augustus LeMay, feels that the only reason that Jimmy is on the team is because he, Jimmy, is white. Jimmy tries to prove himself to his teammates by playing his best in practice and in games. He also tries to avoid all conflict with Augustus, an unsuccessful attempt. After Augustus insists that Jimmy is only on the team because he's white, Augustus and Jimmy get into a fistfight. In the end, Jimmy learns how to deal with Augustus by trying to talk to him and convince him that not everything deals with race. Another idea that Danger Zone presents is not to judge a book by its cover. On the cover of Danger Zone, it shows a kid playing basketball against another team. After reading the novel, many signs of symbolism are found on the book. For one point, the teams are 1 white kid (representing Jimmy) against 3 black kids (representing Jimmy's other teammates), something that symbolizes Jimmy's struggle with race during his time on the Dream Team. Another sign is that the game is 1 vs. 3. This symbolizes that Jimmy had to face his struggles with Augustus alone. A third point is that the team against Jimmy is in front of the basket. This shows that Jimmy has to work hard to succeed on the Team Dream Team. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I thought that the situation was something that could happen in real life and I enjoyed reading how Jimmy overcame his struggles on the team. Anyone who enjoys reading exciting novels with good endings will definitely like this book. I give it 4.5/5 stars for its interesting story and good plot, but also for the way that it showed how a person can succeed even when the situation looks hopeless.

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