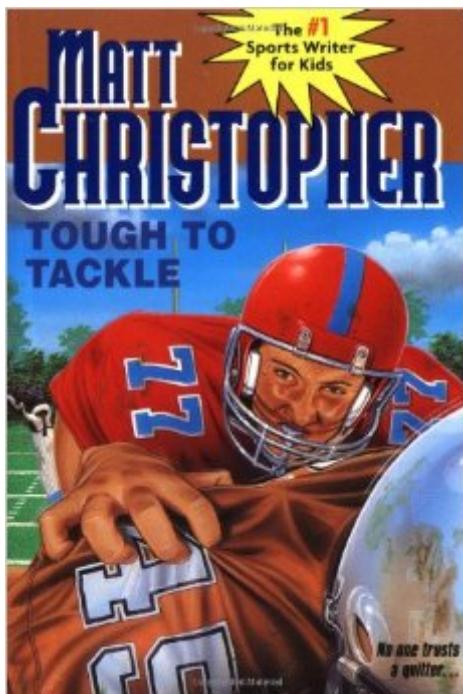


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# Tough To Tackle (Matt Christopher Sports Classics)



## **Synopsis**

No one trusts a quitter... More than anything Boots Raymond wants to be a quarterback for the Apollos. But because of his size, the coach assigns him to a tackle position-and there's no arguing with the coach. Boots rebels and almost quits the team. It seems that nothing can change his mind, but his brother Tom intercepts and teaches Boots something valuable he learned from playing football and being a soldier.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 6

## **Customer Reviews**

I purchased this for a student who is usually only interested in books related to some kind of racing. He finished it within a week and when I asked if he liked it, he said "Are you kidding me? I LOVE it!" I am happy to finally have found a book that he will read that will expand his interests a bit.

Tough to Tackle is about a boy named Boots Raymond and his season playing football with the Apollos. In the beginning of the book, Boots tries out for the football team. He wants to be the quarterback, but the coach has a weight limit for each position. He's too heavy to play quarterback so the coach makes him a tackle. Boots doesn't like playing tackle and wants to quit the team.

Boots receives a letter from his brother who convinces Boots not to quit. Boots listens to his brother, stays on the team, and has fun as his team wins the division. I recommend this book and give it 5 stars! 5th grader, Michael Zoellner, Nazareth School

It's a great story about identifying who you are, don't let circumstances interfere with your passion, roll up your sleeves, work hard and you will get what you want. Unfortunately, in life today far too many people give up before they even try and then they complain. Through a football story it gives kids lots of valuable lessons. It's another exciting adventure by Matt Christopher, great story teller, that is excellent because it will encourage every kid to read and enjoy it. I give this book 5 stars and I'm Marvin P. Ferguson, author of Boys On The Gold Coast.

The main characters of this book are Boots Raymond, Coach Higgins, Coach Dekay, and Tony Alo. Boots is a big kid, 14 years old, and loves to play football. Coach Higgins and Coach Dekay are tough coaches who really expect a lot from the players. Tony is a thin, wiry boy who loves to aggravate Boots. The plot of the story is that Boots wants to be the quarterback of the team, but he is new and the coach decides to put him on the defense. Boots keeps trying to prove himself to the coach, but Tony does everything he can to stop Boots. He tackles him harder than other kids and tries to make him mad. The coach keeps Boots on the defense until one day when the quarterback gets hurt and then he lets Boots become the quarterback for one game. Boots does a great job and this makes Tony angry. Boots gets to be the back-up quarterback for the rest of the games. The setting of the book is in the fall during football season. It is high school football and the weather is cold. The theme of the story is you have to work hard to get what you want; and you can't let other people stop you from your goal. I liked this book because I like football and I liked the part when Boots gets to be the quarterback.

My opinion on this book is that it is a really, good book because any kid that plays football can relate to it. The book has a lot of exciting parts to it like when the brother Tom did not write back for a while. I like how the story builds up, like how Boots did not want to play but during the championship game he came out and played the best game and helped his team to a victory. The ending was great, because we found out that Tom was okay so Boots winning the football game, and him finding out his brother was ok had to be a relief.

This book is about an excellent football player that is the star of the town (Terry). It tells about the

game of football and how Terry gains his skills. In most games against teams from other towns, Matt Christopher gives the events (Touchdowns, safteys, field goals, etc.), star players, and the final score. Terry becomes more and more obsessed with football and gets too attatched to the sport. This is a great book for football fans and people that understand the sport.

Tough to Tackle by Matt Christopher is a story about Boots Raymond, a right tackle who wants to be quarterback for the Apollos, but can't because he's over the weight limit. Boots' coach, Coach Higgins, put Boots' friend, Bud Davis, at quarterback, Boots get put on the line. Boots finds out that the line is actually fun. The story begins on a windy day in September, with Boots Raymond on his front porch. Boots' friend, Bud Davis, is saying, "Are you coming?" Boots smiled, and darted down the steps of his front porch. My favorite part of the book was when Boots jolted through through the offensive line. He sacked the quarterback, and the ball came loose. When he picked it up, he started to run. A halfback came up and Boots stiff armed him. Boots kept running and scored a touchdown. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes football. It's a great book because it's exciting and shows you how to like football. Ten to eleven is a good age for this book. This book is not to difficult to read.

Boots Raymond is a boy that want to play quarterback for his team - there's just one problem - the coach says he's too heavy to play that position. The coach assigns him to right tackle. His brother, Tom, is actually the one that encourages him to play football because he wants to quit. His brother explains that it's good to play the line because you help the quarterback make the plays. I like this book because it's very exciting, and I understand how it feels to play a position that you don't like. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves sports or who plays tackle football!

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