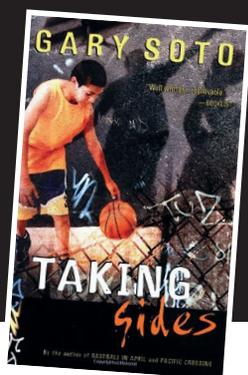




TAKING SIDES

by Gary Soto



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Who is your favorite Author and why?

Jeff Kinny because I love his Diary of the Wimpy Kid books.

What genre do you prefer to read?

Non Fiction.

Where do you learn about books you might want to read in the future?

In the library because that is where I find my books.

Where do you like to read best?

In my room because it helps me go to bed.

When is your favorite time of the day to read and why?

At night because it helps me to go to sleep.

Taking Sides is about change. This story involves a boy named Lincoln, who has to change schools and learn to make new friends. He has to play basketball on a new team and prepare to face his old team in a game. Change is tough but it's important to realize that sometimes change can be great!

Taking Sides is about a star basketball player, Lincoln Mendoza, who has to switch schools because his home was broken into and his Mom wants him in a safer neighborhood. He likes his new school at first, but he begins to miss his old friends especially Tony. He plays basketball for his new school and has to get ready to play against his old school in a game against his old teammates. Lincoln has to make a difficult choice and either betray his new teammates and let his old team win or play his best against his old friends.

I really liked this book. I can relate to it because I switched schools this year and had to make new friends. We also played against my old school in basketball and it was very different and uncomfortable for me. I would recommend this book to anyone going through a big change.

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