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The highly anticipated sequel to "The Stereotypical Freaks" and the 2nd book in the "Forever Friends" Trilogy, this is "The Hockey Saint"

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The Hockey Saint Details

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Wayne McCoy says

'The Hockey Saint' by Howard Shapiro is the second graphic novel in a trilogy, but I read it as a standalone and didn't feel like I was missing anything.

Tom Leonard is a college sophomore and idolizes hockey player Jeremiah Jacobson. Tom's had it rough since his parents died, and when he gets a chance to hang out with his idol, he takes it. Jeremiah has some good qualities, and some bad ones. He shows Tom that he's only human. When a rival team hires a private eye to dig up dirt on Jeremiah, Tom is caught in the middle. He is pressured to give out secrets of his new friendship and even offered money to give up the dirt. Eventually, this leads to a conflict between Tom and Jeremiah, especially when Tom sees something in Jeremiah's life that will eventually hurt him.

The art is not awesome, but the story isn't bad at all. It feels like an after school special (except one where smoking and drinking is okay). I like the fact that Tom is not so starstruck that he doesn't want to help Jeremiah out. The supporting characters are pretty good for the most part. The main characters are only a few years apart, but I felt like Tom was a lot younger for some reason. The story has some good things to say about stardom and friendship.

I received a review copy of this graphic novel from Animal Media Group and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you for allowing me to review this graphic novel.

Dianne says

What if you could meet your favorite sport idol and they turned out to be more than their stats, the media hype and are actually just as real as you? That's what happened for Tom, a college hockey player when he met hockey star Jeremiah Jacobson. Jake went from a two-dimensional idol to an imperfect human, suffering from the pitfalls of fame, the battle to perform and keeping up a public image that hides the man beneath. Will Jake self-implode or can young Tom help scrape together the shattering remains of his new friend and heal the man behind the façade?

The Hockey Saint, a graphic novel by Howard Shapiro brings to life a brief tale that is enhanced by visuals of what is written. Within a tale that is a sports fan's dream come true are a few hidden lessons on personal ethics, helping others and a realistic view of the pressures of fame. Howard Shapiro has done a marvelous job of putting together an easy to read tale that moves along well, digs just deep enough to come to life and makes for some wonderful reading for even the most reluctant of readers, no matter their age. The graphics even make this "cool" enough for younger readers while slipping in those life lessons, painlessly. Way to score, Howard Shapiro!

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Gwen ~the Book Diva says

5 stars for The Hockey Saint- a graphic novel!

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The author asked me to review this and since he seemed like such a nice guy I decided to step out of my reading box and try something new! Imagine my surprise to find that I couldn't put it down!

The Hockey Saint is the story of an unlikely friendship between Tom and Jake. Tom is an everyday kid who plays college hockey and Jeremiah "Jake" Jacobson is a young professional hockey player who has been deemed "The Best Player In The World." Like everyone else on the planet, Tom idolized Jake. He imagined that Jake lived an awesome celebrity life full of money and glory. What he learned is that for Jake, fame isn't all that it's cracked up to be. The real Jake is much more down to earth yet troubled. What he needs more than the limelight is a true friend.

This is an amazing story of friendship, loyalty and new beginnings! I've never read a graphic novel before and I thought it was fantastic!

Well done!

I highly recommend! I may actually start a monthly "Stepping outside my reading box" challenge!

Jessie Potts says

I first read Stereotypical Freaks because I am an avid manga and graphic novel fan and I liked the premise behind it. The Hockey Saint is the sequel and is just as fun and interesting as the first. I have to say I normally read a ton of romance (even in my manga) so it was nice to take a step back and have a book focus on friendship and the trials of... well life. The story centers not just on friendship but the faces behind fame and the darkness that sometimes comes with it. Jake (the hockey player) is addicted to drinking and smoking and Tom is hired to pull up dirt on him. While slightly cliched I still enjoyed their burgeoning friendship and the dynamics between the two.

Queen Spades says

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This graphic novel possesses a variety of strengths. The illustrations were factual, vivid, and absolutely outstanding. There were a variety of story lines going on that did not compete with each other but to bring a lot of depth into the characters and their experiences. There is more than meets the eye with Jeremiah Jacobson and Tom Leonard gets a chance to know the man behind all of the fame. The bits of humor here and there touched my heart. One of my favorite scenes involved the grandmother and the bits of concern she displayed towards Tom when he was slacking in his studies because it reminded me so much of my own grandmother and how much she values education.

Although this book emphasizes hockey, the lessons in this work can apply in other areas of life. A true hero doesn't need fame to be a saint but a lot of heart and dedication to help those who cannot help themselves. If one does have finances and celebrity, it is all about how one utilizes it, yet at the same token, recognize the inner demons and get help for them. Through their friendship, both Jeremiah and Tom learn better ways to deal with hurts that haunted them in the past.

Action, humor, valuable lessons and breathtaking visuals...this is a must read and I am very pleased to have this as a paperback in my library. I highly recommend.

Rebecca (Coffeebooksandjournals) says

Thank you to Netgalley for providing me with a copy for a honest review.

I did not know this was book two in a series but it didn't read like a second book. Some pages didn't have text where there was bubbles for them so I missed out on some dialogue. I really enjoyed the story line and I thought the main character was going to go to the reporter and not be a true friend. I have a lot of trust issues especially when it comes to friends or relationships so that's why I thought that. I gave them 3.75 out of five stars.

Lynn Rainbow says

I received a free copy of this graphic novel from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review!

I've always liked stories about sport. I'm not a player of any sport, but I do like to watch football games and soccer, and even though I don't know much about hockey, I've seen a lot of movies about this sport. The cool thing about this graphic novel, though, is the fact that it's not so much about the sport, as much as it is about friendship and growing up. The story itself is very generalizable to any kind of sport, and maybe even to a lot of people outside sport settings.

The characters were well outlined and I loved the fact that the center of the story was their friendship and the way meeting the other had a huge impact on their lives. Being an example, being a good friend and doing the right thing were a few of the themes dealt in this graphic novel, and I feel like there were a lot of good messages in it. Also, the way the reporters and the publicity behind sport industries were portrayed was really interesting to see and (sadly) very true and realistic.

The main problem I had with this graphic novel was the drawing style. I don't know if it's due to the fact that this is a free digital copy, but the drawings were a little too simple and lacked details. Besides, the characters didn't really show their own age. Despite the fact that Tom was 19 he looked like 14 and Jake, on the other side, was 20 and looked like 35, at least. This was really irritating and hard to adjust to, and I feel like that

with better drawings this story could have been much more effective.

Anyways, this is surely a graphic novel I would recommend to anyone who likes sport stories and growing of age plots, because the story and the message itself was pretty good!

Ronyell says

I would like to thank NetGalley and Animal Media Group for providing me a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

4.5 stars

Introduction:

After I had finished reading Howard Shapiro's previous graphic novel, "The Stereotypical Freaks," I was excited to find out that "The Stereotypical Freaks" was a part of the "Forever Friends Trilogy" and I was even more excited to find out that I was approved of the second book in the series "The Hockey Saint" by NetGalley! After reading this graphic novel, I found this story to be just as memorable as "The Stereotypical Freaks!"

What is this story about?

Tom Leonard is back once again as he is now a college sophomore who is a part of the school's hockey team and he now has a new dilemma to face! The story starts off with Tom's parents being killed in a car accident and Tom is still trying to deal with this tragedy. Also around that time, Tom has been offered a scholarship for his talents in hockey and Tom is striving to get that scholarship as much as possible. One day however, Tom ends up meeting his favorite hockey player, Jeremiah Jacobson, who is known as the world's best hockey player. Tom then quickly becomes good friends with Jeremiah and the two of them started spending a lot of time with each other. But later on, Tom discovers that Jeremiah has a terrible secret: he is a heavy drinker and a smoker and Jeremiah refuses to acknowledge that he has this problem.

Can Tom help Jeremiah with his drug addiction before it is too late?

Read this book to find out!

What I loved about this story:

Howard Shapiro's writing: Howard Shapiro's writing is as usual a delight to read as the characters are written extremely well and I loved the real-world plot of this volume as it addresses the dangers of drug addiction that has rarely been addressed in many comic books. I loved the fact that we actually have a comic book that details drug addiction in a realistic way by showing that Jeremiah is in denial about his addiction and how it was difficult at first for Tom and his loved ones to try to get Jeremiah to understand about the severity of his drug addiction. I also loved the way that Howard Shapiro wrote the relationships between the characters, especially between Tom and Jeremiah as I loved the fact that Jeremiah shows Tom that there is more to life than just playing hockey all the time and Tom cares enough for Jeremiah to go out of his way to help out Jeremiah with his drug addiction.

Maricia Inoue and Andres Mossa's artwork: Maricia Inoue and Andres Mossa's artwork is beautifully done as the characters look truly realistic and I loved the way that the characters glow off the pages. Now, I will admit that there were some facial expressions on the characters that looked a bit odd, especially regarding Tom always smiling during some serious moments; but other than that, the artwork really captures the raw emotions that the characters feel during this serious situation that deals with drug addiction.

What made me feel uncomfortable about this story:

The reason why I took off half a point from this rating was because I felt like the pacing was a bit slow at times, especially at the beginning and I sometimes wished that the plot moved at a much faster pace to get to the main point of the story.

Final Thoughts:

Overall, "The Hockey Saint" was a truly heartwarming and realistic story about drug addiction that anyone who wants to read about the consequences of drug addiction and the importance of true friendship will truly enjoy!

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Shirley Cuypers says

This book was provided by the publisher through Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you Netgalley and Animal Media Group!

The Hockey Saint is the second book in the *Forever Friends Trilogy* and tells the story of Tom Leonard and Jeremiah Jacobson. Tom is a 19-year-old student who loves playing hockey and who's fascinated by Jeremiah, a hockey player. Tom and Jeremiah meet one night and from that they on they're friends. But is Jeremiah the hockey player that Tom thought he was?

The Hockey Saint is such a nice graphic novel about some tough topics, just like *The Stereotypical Freaks*. I think that it's a good sequel, but I loved *The Stereotypical Freaks* more. I do love that all the comics are in colour though!

I cannot wait to see what *Hockey Karma* has in store for me!

Anja Manning says

I was given a text-only review copy of this graphic novel in exchange for an honest review. I'd like to start out that the star rating would probably be higher, if I had read the finished version of the book, as the artwork will greatly contribute to the experience of this read. The cover of the book promises an exciting visuals.

The Hockey Saint wasn't at all what I expected (although I am not sure what that was). Howard Shapiro has

written an extremely honest account of the lives of a world-class hockey player and a college athlete that come to a head when the two meet by chance. As college hockey player Tom gets to know hockey star Jake, he realizes that there is more to famous athletes than their (goal scoring) stats, autographs and their media image. As a person, Jake has many more admirable qualities - but his life isn't perfect either. Jake learns that he has to deal with the issues in his life that he is working so hard to avoid, recognizing that being a famous hockey player is not limited to the rink.

Alcoholism, grief and a critical look at the media (and sports fans) all add to the eye-opening experience of this graphic novel. Although, as a graphic novel, the book is comparatively short, there is depth to this story, and Howard Shapiro presents the reader with well-developed characters, and honest emotions (which I hope to see in the artwork).

I believe this book will be very popular with young adults who have an interest in sports, and I look forward to reading more of Howard Shapiro's work (and to see this book in its finished version!).

Lör K. says

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Rating: 3.75 / 5

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First book in the series: The Stereotypical Freaks – Review here - 4 / 5 stars

Tom looks so tiny in his hockey jersey he's so tiny and adorable I want to hug him

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In my review of The Stereotypical Freaks, the first book in this series, I had one major qualm – and that was that it wasn't coloured and it was hard to read. The first thing I found, much to my joy, when I opened this comic, is that it is *coloured*. Praise! Although, I found a new thing to be a little annoyed at. Does the writing have to be so small? Adobe always freezes when I zoom in to read it and I'm having to squint and I'm ruining my eyesight even more trying to read this. ~~I am so sorry, I don't want to complain about every little thing but seriously! It's painful~~

One thing I am so glad is back, is the recommended listening at the start of each chapter. I love this! As I said in my review for *The Stereotypical Freaks*, I find that these are *much* better when read with the recommended listening for each chapter and honestly? Shapiro does it again! I have not only extended my music library and enjoyed more of a series I'm highly enjoying, but I got to have a bit of an enhanced reading session with this (~~even if I did have to look around YouTube forever, oops~~).

However, I do have an issue quite early on in this graphic novel. The seeming stalkerish behaviour. A friend gives Tom the address of his favourite ice hockey player, as though it's his to give, and then, of course, Tom scribbles it down. This made me a little uncomfortable. I understand plot lines and that it's probably important for the story, but still it made me uncomfortable and I can't ignore that, and I will highlight it because I know there are some people that will want to avoid this sort of behaviour in graphic novels and the material they read. Because of how uncomfortable I felt watching Tom basically drive to this guy's house, knowing he doesn't have permission or right to be there or to be in possession of his address, I have to knock a star down. ~~Sorry, Howard, but this is a little bit on the creepy side, in my personal opinion.~~

It took me a while to get back into this after leaving it for quite a while, due to college getting down on me and some personal issues, but I am so glad to be able to have finished this! I did notice though, the art wasn't as good as I remembered from previously, and it saddened me a little bit to realise this. It wasn't amazing, almost two dimensional, and the aspect of the characters seemed a little off at times.

This was really a wonderful graphic novel. This really deals with a lot of themes that aren't ice hockey, and even as an ice hockey fan, expecting sports, I really enjoyed this story. The themes of alcoholism, hero worship, not knowing who you are, learning other people to learn yourself, are all themes that many people can relate to in this world, and I found it an absolutely stunning read.

Shapiro really did wonders with this, and it's a brilliant follow up to *The Stereotypical Freaks*. I can't wait to read more.

Animal Media Group says

To my knowledge this is only the second graphic novel that has an overall hockey theme but the thing is, you don't have to be a hockey, or a sports, fan to enjoy this book! It deals with several different themes: friendship, what we sacrifice for ambition, hero worship, the over analysis/saturation and emphasis of sports and sports fandom in the modern age. The book will appeal to a wide range of people and is a very quick and fun read and is that rare book that actually has something to say!

Toni FGMAMTC says

This is perfect for young adults. The Hockey Saint is relatable and covers real life issues. It also has a friendship between a hockey sports star and an average kid, the everyday and something that would be a fantasy for many. The artwork is great, and the message a good one.

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Cathy (cathepsut) says

The main character is a teenaged boy and prodigy hockey player, who looks like a girl. A very emotional girl. With a grocery list. And his hero, a famous hockey player, looks like Jesus. Very weird.

40 pages in we were still getting to know the characters and nothing meaningful happens.

I skimmed my way through another 30odd pages. The star chain-smokes and drinks, the boy fangirls, there is the obligatory best female friend. All that's missing is the star making a pass at the boy.

On top of the plot not being exactly gripping, I did not like the artwork much. The proportions of the characters looked weird at times, it was all a bit too simplistic for my taste.

DNF at 76 pages, about halfway through.

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Scarlet Cameo says

It's hard to figure out why this wasn't, for me, as good as The Stereotypical Freaks even when the story is, in essence, kind of similar, maybe because i'm not into the hockey world or maybe because even when still have recommended songs, isn't centred in music.

Anyway, the merit of this work is the same that with the Forever Friends' first book, a typical plot treated in not as usual way, even when this didn't catch my attention so much the story is complete, character that grown thanks to the situation and the art is gorgeous. The thing that i enjoy so much is the friendship and loyalty...in every page you can feel it and wish have a mate like that.

Even when i don't like the characters in this one, i get why they became friends and why they can help each other, so i enjoy it but just didn't love it.

I Will read the next one, the plots and characters isn't connected and that increased my curiosity, because Shapiro create a little "world" where friendship is the most important thing so...

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