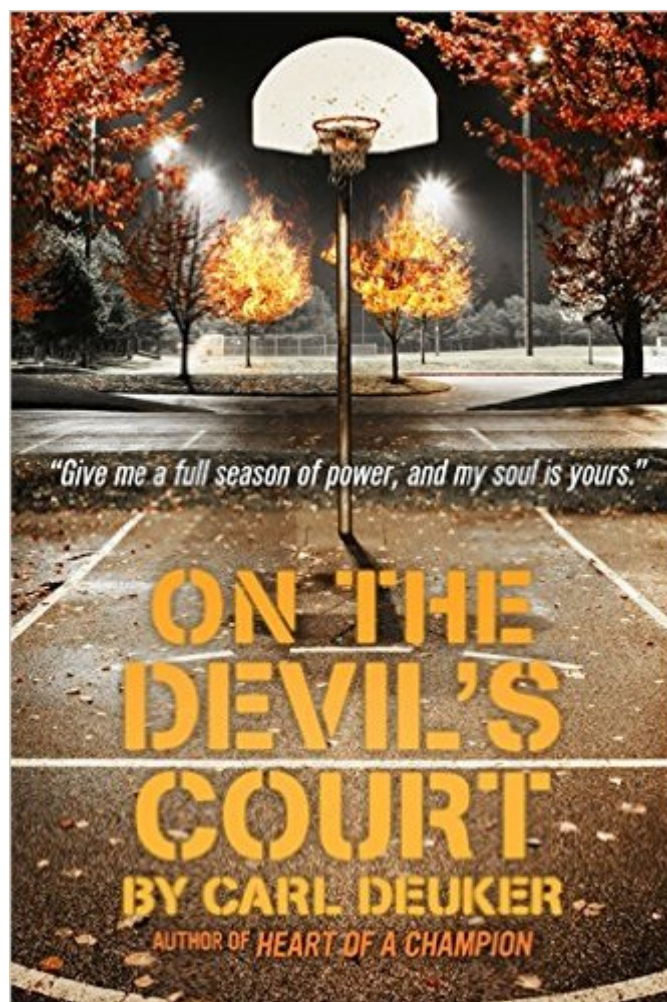


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On The Devil's Court



Synopsis

What would you give to be your school's superstar? After reading Dr. Faustus, Joe considers the merits of selling his soul to the devil. Suddenly, he finds himself changing from a lousy basketball player and a C student to the star athlete he always dreamed he could be. Even though he isn't sure if he actually made a deal with the devil, he can't help but enjoy the benefits that come with his newfound abilities. But is achieving his dreams worth what he may have given up? In this coming of age sports novel, Joe learns the power of belief and that the only goals worth attaining are the ones that you earn -- on your own.

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Age Range: 12 - 17 years

Grade Level: 7 and up

Customer Reviews

"On the Devil's Court" is a wonderfully fast, easy, and exciting read. Joe Faust's life has gone into the dumps, and the only thing that matters anymore is basketball. Unfortunately, his basketball game is rotten these days too. So, Joe sells his soul to the devil for a perfect season of basketball. Or does he? Readers are propelled through the book by one realistic conflict after another, with plenty of surprises to keep the reader guessing about the state of Joe's soul. I've taught this book to high school freshmen for a number of years now, and the boys always love it. This is a great book for younger readers, or slower readers, because it is written in clean, simple sentences that few

readers will have trouble with. All in all, a first-rate first novel!

On the Devil's court is a GREAT book!!! Joe Faust, a senior in high school, sees his basketball skills deteriorating, and desperately wants to improve so he can make the varsity team. One night, while in an old deserted gym, Joe makes a terrifying bargain, agreeing to sell his soul to the Devil in exchange for one straight season of power. When the end of the year rolls around, Joe's team is undefeated, and they make the championships. Joe's deal with the Devil is done. On the Devil's Court takes place in Seattle where Mr. Deuker lives, and the story is very true to real life. I would HIGHLY recommend this book to any one who likes basketball and suspense, and would like to add, if anyone is interested, that Mr. Deuker is a very nice and funny person, and is my WONDERFUL teacher!!!

On the Devil's Court is an interesting book written by Carl Deuker. It deals with a boy named Joe, who isn't really fantastic in any area of life. His main concern is to play varsity basketball, but he hasn't been playing so great. Then, a miracle happened. He is a star on his varsity team, one of the most popular kids in school, and a straight A student. Are these accomplishments of his hard work or is someone or something helping him!

As a teacher I love that! This one has 8th grade boys intrigued, interested, and in line to read it. I think Mr. Deuker hit a homerun (not to mix metaphors) with this title. With a touch of the supernatural, sports, and family issues as a focus for the title, this book appeals to many.

I cannot tell you that I've read this book myself; only that I've had to order three copies thus far because my middle school boys have read the cover off this book! I'm certain I'll be ordering another copy or two in the future.

On The Devils Court is a marvelous book that contains imagination, sports, and action. The plot is simple and cool. The story is about Joe Faust's basketball career. The plot is a little bit of a mystery because Joe thinks he sold his soul to the devil. It has a lot of basketball action. When basketball season starts, On the Devils Court will start the season off for you.

Joe Faust is a high school student. Joe and his family move to Seattle. Joe's absolute passion is basketball. It's basketball anywhere and everyday practically. Joe has to start at a new school in the

fall and the most important thing to him right now is basketball. Joe's parents want him to go to a high quality school that has very good teaching, but all Joe wants to do is play basketball and one of the best high school teams is at the school a couple of blocks down. The school Joe wants to go to his parents don't approve of. It's not the best school for Joe. He ends up going to the high school that his parents thought was best for him. It turns out that they have a pretty good basketball team. Joe starts making some new friends and now he is the most popular kid at school. One day Joe finds this abandoned gym not too far away from where he lives. Joe climbs through the window and starts to shoot some baskets. He makes his first three shots in a row. Joe is thinking how in the world this is happening. He keeps shooting and makes every single basket. Later on Joe believes that he has now sold his soul to the devil. In school, Joe's class is reading a novel about Dr. Faustus. In the novel, Dr. Faustus is a scientist, like Joe's dad and Dr. Faustus' name has a resemblance to Joe's last name and they both think they sold their souls. Will Joe be the next big basketball star? Did he really sell his soul to the devil or is he just dreaming? I enjoyed this book a lot. Carl Deuker is one of my new favorite authors. All his books take place in Seattle and they are all about sports. Once in a while I like to read all about sports because I think sometimes those stories are the best. This book was very entertaining and the characters were great. I could picture everything in my mind perfectly. The description and the book itself were really great too. I recommend this book to anybody who loves fiction novels and sports.

The book, "On the Devil's Court" is about a young man with a tough life at home and at school. This young man walks home from school everyday. As he is walking home one day he sees a basketball gym and decides to go and see what it's like. "He had no idea what he was getting himself into." Obviously the title of the book tells you that a deal was made and debts were owed. He plays at school and can't make anything and doesn't play well, he can't stand up to his father and has no guts. One time in this gym he decides to make a deal with the Devil that for one season in basketball he can be the best. He swishes his next shot. As his life goes on he changes and develops what he needs to compete in life. The pluses in this book are that it can hook you in and make it so that you don't move it away from your face. Also, it helps me develop what I can do in my life. Minuses were that it wasn't real and I can't ask for a perfect season. This book will help anyone gain the attitude that is needed to get to the top of whatever you do and learn to stay there with a great amount of confidence.

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