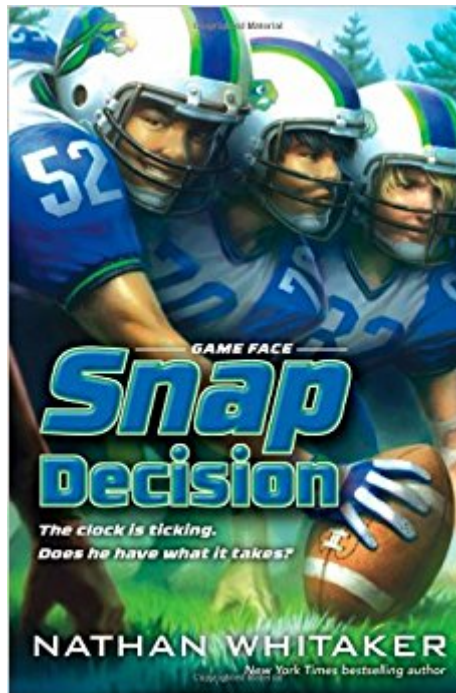




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# Snap Decision (Game Face)



## Synopsis

Sometimes the truth hits hard. Chase Clark just upped his game. As an eighth grader, he scores the chance to play on the varsity football team with his best friend, Tripp. But when a hard hit takes Tripp down, Chase is the only one who knows what really happened. And telling could have serious consequences. Making the right call won't be easy. Neither will the consequences he'll face, both with the guys on the team and with the school. What's the game plan when doing right might means everything else goes very wrong?

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Embarrassed and bewildered, Chase is eventually exonerated when the truth comes out, and is reinstated in time for the final, nail-biting game. The slow build to climax may frustrate readers who crave faster-paced action, but the football plays are detailed and authentic. Appended information about concussions highlight the symptoms and dangers. Librarians may also add this to character education and/or Christian fiction bibliographies. — Vicki Reutter, State University of New York at Cortland

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We read the book as a family with my wife, my 8 year old daughter (kind of a football fan), and my 11 year old son (a big football fan). We all enjoyed the book very much. It was more than just a sports book, it was an entertaining story for readers young and old. The kids related very well to the characters and were interested in the decisions they made. My daughter didn't want the story to

end. We recommend this book to all readers.

Excellent book. My 11 year old football player loved it and he doesn't like reading so that's a big WIN! Great teachable moments and good conversations from the book. Good examples of truth and character for young men both on and off the field. Great relatable characters. Highly recommend it.

Gave to my 10 year old grandson as part of his birthday present. He loves sports and especially football. Great story and something to think about for young children

Great book, great reading, and very well written! I thoroughly enjoyed it and will look for more books from this author!

I had to read a book to finish something for school, little did I know, I was reading a writing masterpiece! I recommend this to EVERYBODY! Such such such, a great book to read, very very rich!

Very enjoyable book! It is well written, with a number of great lessons, both subtle and overt! I highly recommend this book, for kids of all ages!

This book was outstanding. At points, it got my heart pounding. If you are an eleven year old boy who likes football, you will love this book.

Chase Clark is just an average eighth grader, until he earns a spot on his high school varsity football team. Life suddenly gets more interesting, especially because he gets to move up with his best friend Tripp. In Nathan Whitaker's debut novel, "Snap Decision," the New York Times best selling author takes readers into the world of middle school boys, whose main concern is getting a little playing time in the big games with the older guys. No one knows the world of football like Whitaker. As a former kicker for Duke, Whitaker used his football knowledge and experience to collaborate with Tony Dungy and Tim Tebow on their best selling books. "Snap Decision" is a relatively light, refreshing read, especially for young readers who love the football. However, other themes like fitting in during school, friendship, loss, and honesty make this a book that will appeal to girls as well. (Probably most appropriate for kids aged 8 and up.) Though faith is

mentioned in the book, its organic presentation weaves in and out of the story line. As in real life, some of the characters have an obvious faith, some don't. Parents will like that the kids' spirituality is a naturally occurring theme, and kids will like that it's not preachy. The author does a great job of making the setting of Florida come alive in all its muggy glory. In one scene, he also interestingly describes the behind the scenes goings-on of a professional football game. (Whitaker no doubt dipping into his personal history working for the Jacksonville Jaguars and Tampa Bay Buccaneers for this fun portion of the book.) Lastly, the book does a great job of touching on a much-discussed topic: concussions in football. "Snap Decision" is a topical, enjoyable read for kids!

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