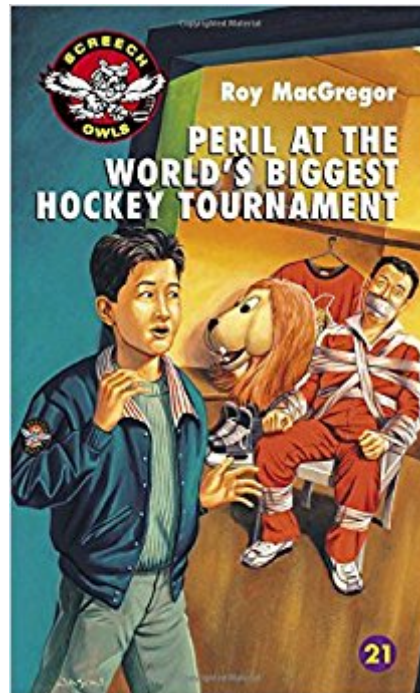




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Peril At The World's Biggest Hockey Tournament (Screech Owls)



Synopsis

The Screech Owls have come to Ottawa, the capital of Canada, to play in the world's biggest minor league hockey tournament – more than 500 teams gathering from all over the world! Little does Nish realize, as he befriends the hilarious, daring mascot, that he is about to embark on the most terrifying adventure of his lifetime. The Bell Capital Cup is a tournament that brings together 25,000 kids and more than 510 teams. Published to coincide with the next Cup over the 2007/2008 winter holiday, this new Screech Owls book is a grand re-entry for this outstanding series.

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Customer Reviews

Peewee hockey team the Screech Owls are on their way to, you guessed it, the biggest hockey tournament in the world. During the competition, Canada will also be hosting an economic summit, which means the world's political leaders will all be attending the games. While the team is gearing up for some of the toughest matches they've ever played, a terrorist is planning an attack. The mystery element to the plot is unveiled through the terrorist's first-person diary entries interspersed throughout the novel, though the mystery does come off as an easily forgotten subplot that wraps up a bit too cleanly. Where the story really shines is within the details of the Screech Owls' hockey, told from various third-person kid perspectives. MacGregor excels at giving readers an inside look into the sport, and fans are sure to enjoy the play-by-play moments. Perfect for readers of John Feinstein's sports mysteries, this series has plenty of other titles to keep the pages flipping and the puck flying. Grades 4-6. --Sarah Bean Thompson --This text refers

to the Paperback edition.

• The Screech Owls are great reading for the hockey players in your family! • Wayne Gretzky • One of Canada's favourite • and bestselling • children's authors. • Globe and Mail

These are great chapter books for boys who like Hockey!! What fun books with mysteries that are appropriate for boys 9 and up! Each book has a an exciting hockey game and a mystery to solve. The characters in the books are very relateable for boys of this age and engaging. I love that there are both boys and girls on the team and they all contribute! The stories also contain lessons on teamwork, sportsmanship and friendship! Terrific lessons for all kids! There are a few times when I thought the content was a bit off for the age, but then when you compare it to modern video games, movies and tv shows it was mild. Kids today are ages ahead of their past counterparts and these books reflect that. Hockey fans will find a lot to love here. The play-by-play is really fun to read even for non-sporties like myself. Cover Art - Eye catching and easy to tell the theme of the books. Disclosure: This ebook was provided to me free of charge through NetGalley for the sole purpose of an honest review. All thoughts, comments, and ratings are my own.

There are lots of sports books, baseball and football especially, where the only connection to the game is that the kids are on some team and maybe some of the action takes place on the field or in the locker room. Then there are sports books that are really just about the game - will the hero make the varsity, will the team get to the playoffs? That's all fine, but if you can balance an interesting plot, compelling characters, and some insight into the game, then you really have something. Well, that's what you get with all of MacGregor's Screech Owls books. In this outing the Owls are attending a huge peewee hockey tournament in Ottawa. Because Ottawa will be the site of a major economic summit at the same time, many world leaders will be attending the final games. As a consequence, the tournament becomes the target of a mad terrorist. And the Screech Owls are in the middle of it all. We get a good look at all of the team members. Our narrator, Travis, is a solid, level headed kid, and a dependable commentator on all of the action, both hockey driven and plot driven. The rest of the teammates each add their own bit of spice to the stew, from the colorful and slightly nuts kids to the quieter ones. Their personalities mix well, and the sub-plots and set pieces involving their escapades work well. All of this is overseen by adults who make brief appearances, but seem to have things in hand. The terror plot is actually a bit creepy, and the villain struck me as a little more

close-to-home terrifying than he needed to be, but that isn't anywhere near the main focus of the book. Where this volume really shines is in the hockey action. There's some sports history, some discussion of tactics, breathless descriptions of the Owls' games, and admiring descriptions of the styles of play of other teams in other tournament games. And the balance is just right. There's not so much detail that you feel like you're following a play-by-play announcer, but the descriptions are more than just cursory. Usually, any game episode illustrates a point - maybe about style of play or tactics, or maybe about sportsmanship and fair play. None of this goes on too long or is beaten to death. So, a casual fan learns a little bit more about the game and a hardcore fan gets a nice treat. And even for a casual fan, none of it is too obscure, (as can be the case in, say, some of the cricket sports books I've read). So, good kids, exciting hockey, a plot to hold it all together. If you have a reader who likes team sports, even if he or she isn't totally into hockey, this could be a very nice find. Please note that I received a free advance copy of this book in exchange for a candid review. Apart from that I have no connection at all to either the author or the publisher of this book.

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