

Hit Count By Chris Lynch Almost the entire book is an inner monologue of the very boring and repetitive main character explaining how he likes to work out and play football because he likes to hit and be hit. This book is about a bad football player that works harder and harder every day till he is the star and and big and strong but what you see in him on the outside doesn't mean you know whats going on with him at home. 368 Chris Lynch is the Printz Honor Award winning author of several highly acclaimed young adult novels including KILL SWITCH ANGRY YOUNG MAN and INEXCUSABLE which was a National Book Award finalist and the recipient of six starred reviews: This is a good YA novel that I would recommend to high school boys. **I received this book from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. It shows the scary side of football - the injuries and head trauma: 368 Have you ever been told that you weren't good enough. This is what JV Coach Kasperian told Arlo after starting off his high school football career on a bad note, Arlo's journey to success is noted in Chris Lynch's "Hit Count". Arlo took note of what his coach told him after the first game of his high school football career.

Hit Count was a really good book by Chris Lynch. The book is about a kid playing football throughout high school and about his problems with everything else, This book kind of related to me always being under the wing of his older brother: I gave this book 4 stars because they don't let me do 4: 5 stars and that it kept me on my toes for 3/4 of the book but I knew what would happen after that, To conclude it was a very good book that related to me, 368 So this book is about a kid in high school who plays football and gets hit in the head a lot and likes it: This book will also repeatedly tell you over and over again that this is a high school football player who likes to hit and be hit a lot: Oh yeah there's a girlfriend and a mom who warn him about getting hit in the head too much: He loses his only friend because he's too caught up in the working out and football and hitting, He has a messed up brother that floats in and out of the story: And then wow suddenly he realizes he's been hit in the head a lot and maybe that's not so good, Chris Lynch is so much better than this I was seriously disappointed. I had some problems with it but as far as a Sports YA book goes it's solid, 368 I hit him so hard the clash of helmets and pads sounded like a gunshot across the field! The book Hit count is a very heartbreaking book in some parts. I think that this book is only recommended for teens and above. I feel that with all that I said this is still a amazing and heartbreaking book and I recommend it: 368 Lloyd liked to hit hard and he taught his brother Arlo everything he knows, Arlo makes the junior varsity football team his freshman year which is almost unheard of: Since Lloyd had taught Arlo everything Arlo is good at hitting hard. A sophomore on the JV team Dinos befriends Arlo and teaches him about conditioning, Football is more than just hard hitting you have to be able to last the whole game, Lloyd was jealous that he didn't make it as far as Arlo had, She was so fearful of head injuries that she kept The File that had every bit of information that had anything to do with traumatic brain injury: He treated his body like a temple and always stayed in top physical condition. But is all of this enough to avoid the effects of the Hit Count? I love football. My family and I watch our favorite team every Sunday Monday or Thursday or whatever day they are playing during the season, I'm not a big fan of high school football but I have attended a few games as a student. I have always had a fear of my child playing a sport like football where being slammed around is part of the objective, While they have made many strides in improving the equipment used it's hard to avoid concussions when you are constantly hit: During the summer between his freshman and sophomore year he worked out every day twice a day to get bigger and stronger for the upcoming season. Arlo's dream was to play collegiate and also national football, He was the only one who didn't take off besides Dinos a friend on the team that was a year older than he was: After team's were posted his name was on the varsity list and his the first step in his goal has been accomplished: However she did not like the aggressive part of football so she wanted to take a break: This time- out in their relationship allowed Arlo the motivation to play harder than he ever has to impress his girlfriend at the games or not. Although the season did not go as well as they wanted Arlo had a terrific season: In his junior and senior years he was an absolute monster: This book is geared toward high school students who like sports especially football, Although this book is

not hard to read there are a few words that are high school vocabulary, All of Arlo's hard work paid off and allowed him to be the starting linebacker for his High School Varsity Football team. Lynch's style is based on narratives telling stories about others: My first impression of this book was how good it was and the story it told was inspirational: 368 Even with the clarity of the theme it lacked the clarity for Arlo. My one major issue with this book is the lack of guilt and reflection: Usually that is a good thing but I wanted more of him telling the reader what not to do actually voicing to the reader the danger and not to push themselves. The correlation to the changes in his personality and the personality of his brother was extremely clear to the reader however it was not so clear to the character, I feel like the book fell flat at the end and failed to fully deliver its real message and warning to football players. Hit Count is a 5-star book up until the end which is the real downfall; the lack of reflection and regret: Read way more of my review of this book at <http://pagesforthoughts.com>, 5/5 stars Relevant discussion for teens and those playing contact sports, He is also the author of FREEWILL GOLD DUST ICEMAN GYPSY DAVY and SHADOWBOXER all ALA Best Books for Young Adults; EXTREME ELVIN WHITECHURCH and ALL THE OLD HAUNTS. He mentors aspiring writers and continues to work on new literary projects:



"I hit him so hard the clash of helmets and pads sounded like a gunshot across the field, I crushed him with the hit held on to him and crushed him again when I slammed him into the ground , " Arlo Brodie loves being at the heart of the action on the football field getting hit hard and hitting back harder: That's where he belongs leading his team to championships becoming "Starlo" on his way to the top. Arlo's dad cheers him on but his mother quotes head injury statistics and refuses to watch games. Arlo's girlfriend tries to make him see how dangerously he's playing; when that doesn't work she calls time out on their relationship. Even Arlo's coaches begin to track his hit count ready to pull him off the field when he nears the limit, The winning plays the cheering crowds and the adrenaline rush are enough to convince Arlo that everything is OK—in spite of the pain the pounding the dizziness and the confusion. Hit Count explores America's love affair with football and our attempts to reconcile the clear evidence of its dangers with our passion for the game[1]

I thought it was going to be more oafish.** 368 This was such a good book. It was a very gripping read. And then it ends. 368 I both hate and loved this book in a way. It is a very touchy and sad book too. As there is drug and alcohol use and adult language. Arlo's dad was a proud papa. And Arlo's mom was not into the game at all. None of this kept Arlo from playing and becoming Starlo. He excelled at the sport throughout his high school career. I liked this book more than I thought I would. From other reviews and kicked it into four wheel drive. Arlo's hard work paid off. At this time Arlo had a girlfriend named Sandy. He had a terrific high school football career. There are two themes in this story. The first is Hard work Pays off. He likes to talk about people's life stories. It was very show and not tell. blogspot.com/. 368 DNF due to messed up printing. About 30 pages missing mid-story in my copy. I did enjoy what I got to read though. 368 Full review here: <http://tinyurl.com/z6sdnn6> _____ 3. He holds an M.A. from the writing program at Emerson College. He lives in Boston and in Scotland. . I had arrived. But Arlo's not worried about tallying collisions. Hit Count.