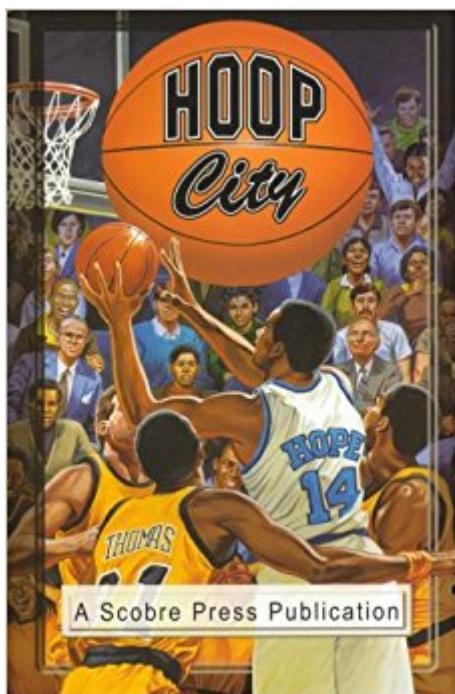


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# **Hoop City - Touchdown Edition (Dream Series) (Dream Touchdown Edition)**



## **Synopsis**

Hoop City is a basketball book about twin brothers growing up on the tough streets of New York City. While Mike Hope makes a bad decision that ends his basketball career, his brother Tony Hope finds the strength to continue his journey to NBA stardom without his wingman. This story about consequences, growing up, and basketball won Best Juvenile Fiction at the San Diego Book Awards in 2003. It is widely used for the NBA's Read to Achieve program.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 10 Up-Tony and Mike Hope, African-American twins living in Harlem, have just graduated from high school and both show enormous potential as basketball players. Just prior to leaving for college, Mike is accidentally shot at a party and is subsequently paralyzed from the waist down. His dreams are shattered, but Tony is determined to "make good" for both of them. He attends college and becomes a star, eventually triumphing as point guard for the New York Pride basketball team. During his first game, Mike enters the gym in his wheelchair, and Tony is astounded to see that his paralyzed brother has movement in his legs. Flat and tedious are words that best describe Hoop City. The characters are underdeveloped and lack individuality. Many teens will be repelled by the sugary optimism of this poorly developed story. Robert Gray, East Central Regional Library, Cambridge, MN Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Scott Blumenthal and Brett Hodus met on September 14th, 1999, the day that the two of them boarded the SS Universe Explorer for a 100-day voyage around the world. The two of them, one

from California and the other from New York, immediately became the closest of friends. One night, Scott and Brett became inspired. They spoke about their love for sports and their belief that they both could make a difference in this world. In the early hours of the morning, a dream was born. Scobre Press Corporation was to be the means by which Scott and Brett could apply their writing abilities and love of sports to the real world. They decided to start a publishing company that would bring children into the minds and hearts of their sports heroes. In the days and months since their voyage, Scott and Brett have made this dream a reality and Scobre Press Corporation has evolved. Scobre Press is the culmination of a dream. A book with a Scobre Press logo on it dares readers to dream as well!

I did not read the book, however, my 15-year-old "I hate to read" son did and he reported that it was a great book and one of his favorites and he even thought I would enjoy it. According to him, it was not only a great basketball book, but a story of overcoming trials.

My son is 10 years old, an avid basketball player, and has read this book 8 times! Maybe too simple for the "teen" crowd, but my son highly recommends it for kids his age.

I highly recommend this book for anybody that loves the game of basketball. I read this book in 2 days, it is that good! Mad props to the authors...

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