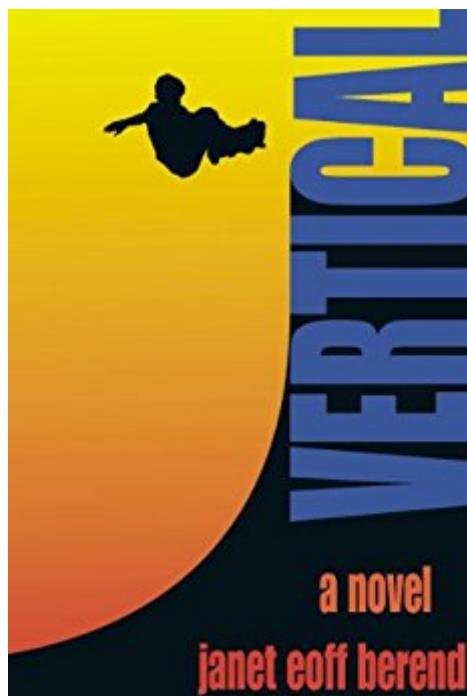


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Vertical



Synopsis

Skateboarder Josh Lowman witnesses one of the best skateboarders in town (the local bully) commit a crime. For days he agonizes over whether to tell anyone. Meanwhile, his friendships with a fellow skater, a girl in his English class, and a cool math tutor (a college student who skates) slowly steer him toward a new kind of courage.-----âœI think Vertical is awesome! It felt like I was reliving the early years where my passion for skateboarding was so new, fresh, and profound.âœ "Danny Way, three-time X Games gold medalistâœBerend captures perfectly the bravado and angst of teenage boys hooked on wanting to risk it all and terrified of losing something they can't define. A tightly drawn tale of when to speak out and the cost of friendship, Vertical glides in and out of trouble as deftly as Josh Lowman's skateboard.âœ "Sarah Collins Honenberger, author of the bestseller Catcher, CaughtâœVertical gives you the true feeling of what it's like to have an obsession with skateboarding.âœ "Mike McGill, skateboarding legendâœI really felt a connection to this book and all of the skateboarding parts. It just feels real.âœ "Mitchie Brusco, youngest athlete to compete in the X Games 2011 Mega Ramp, first person to land the 900 in Mega Ramp competitionâœThe narrator's voice is very authentic. Skating details are incredible. . . . The tension builds gradually and becomes a real page-turner. . . . Teens will appreciate the appeal of day-to-day skating challenges overlaid with larger life challenges. Being a teenager often does feel like being at the top of a large half pipe and what kid doesn't want to feel that exhilaration of soaring above it all?âœ "Laurie Stowell, Ph.D., California State University, San Marcos,Literacy Education

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Customer Reviews

I came across Vertical when looking for books to grab the attention of my tween-aged boys. They've plowed through all the usual sports books (Dan Gutman), fantasy (Rowling, Riordan and others) and aren't that interested in most adult fiction. Vertical strikes the perfect balance, using skateboarding as a context to tell a great story about life as a soon-to-be young adult, addressing lots of issues that consume kids that age (school, friends, etc.). They both ate it up, and I loved it too! Highly recommend this book (and hope there's a sequel so all of us can find out what happens next with Josh!).

Got a reluctant reader in the family? Here's the book! The skateboarding theme will draw in middle-grade boys in particular, but the realistic characters, situations, and dialogue will appeal to any young adult reader.

I think the book is a good book because it explains the friendship of two best friends I think. I was a good book that us all i can say

I am a high school teacher who also loves the sport of skateboarding in all of its forms....this book was sent to me by a friend and I bought another copy to pass along to student that reminds me of a character in the book....

Excellent story to support positive actions in rough teen years. Good spin

This is the best book I have read. They are a lot of fun, sad, and happy things that happen. It has a lot of things happening in the book.

This was purchased for a Christmas gift for my 10 year old Grandson who is an avid skateboarder.

The author personally signed this book for him and he was thrilled.

when i,m not skating i love reading about it and this book really made me feel like i was .

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