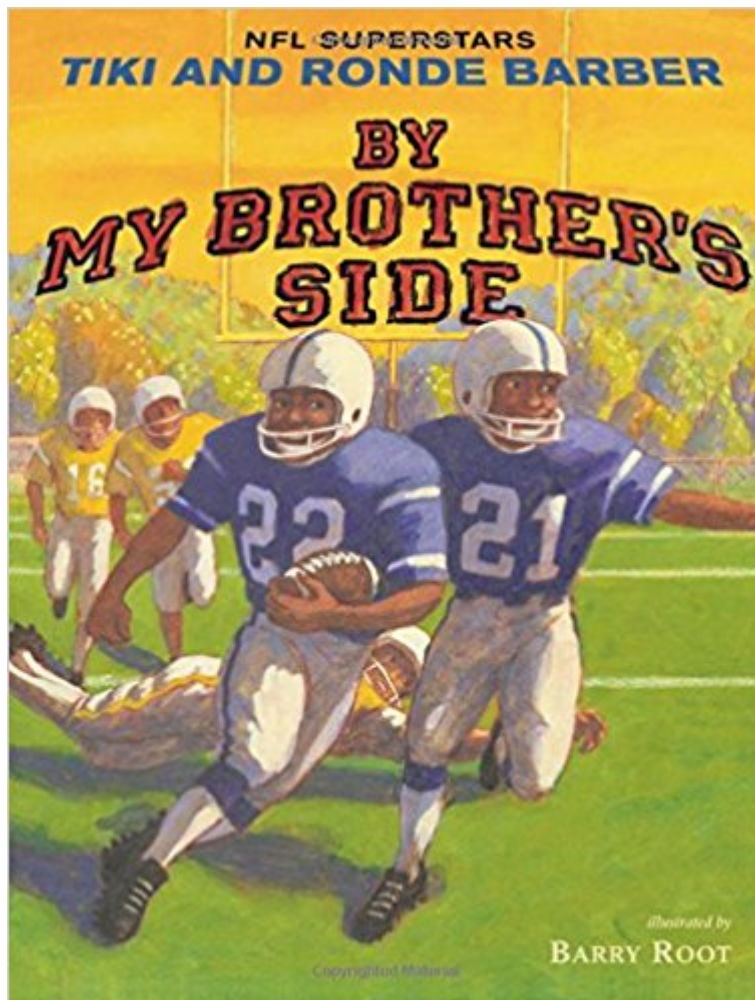




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# By My Brother's Side



## Synopsis

Tiki and Ronde were each other's best friends. Together from the start, these twins might not have been the strongest or the tallest, but they were fast and worked hard at what they loved. And they loved sports, especially football. Then one day Tiki badly hurt his knee in a biking accident, and he was sure he'd never be able to play again. Their mother had always told them, "You are each other's best friends. Stick together, believe in yourselves, and you can do anything." They kept her words in their hearts and never gave up. Based on the childhood of National Football League superstars Ronde and Tiki Barber, this inspiring book about the values of family, hard work, and determination is the story of what it takes to be a champion.

## Book Information

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Grade Level: 1 - 5

## Customer Reviews

Grade 1-5 "NFL stars Tiki and Ronde Barber present sports fans with a sun-drenched childhood anecdote about perseverance. Although the twins were "born smaller than most babies," they grew up to be a rowdy pair. The boys never left one another's side until the summer when Tiki took a bad spill from his bike and broke his leg, forcing him to miss the entire baseball season. The narrative follows the siblings' agony during their summer-long separation and their eventual joy at being teammates again. Despite its lengthy, lackluster text and a somewhat anticlimactic ending, the authors' role-model status will attract an audience, and Root's soft, watercolor-and-gouache

illustrations will capture readers' imaginations. Vibrant oranges and yellows suffuse the pages, creating a sense of nostalgia. Similar to Deloris and Roslyn M. Jordan's *Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream* (S & S, 2000), the Barbers' tale will be a popular addition to sports collections.â "Ann M. Holcomb, Los Angeles Public Library Copyright Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Gr. 1-3. There's not much of a story in this picture book written by the Barber twins, who both currently play in the NFL. On a summer afternoon, young Tiki breaks his leg in a bicycle accident and spends the next few months laid up, watching Ronde's baseball games and occasionally sneaking out of the house himself to get in some illicit playing time. He gradually recovers, and is ready for football in the fall. Along the way, he listens to plenty of pat phrases about keeping a good attitude. Root's watercolor-and-gouache double-page spreads nicely capture young players in action in a variety of sports. His image of the two brothers sitting by a football field among the orange hues of a waning autumn afternoon is particularly striking. Young fans of the Barber brothers will enjoy this book. Others may wish for a plot with more action and substance. Todd MorningCopyright Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved

My 9-year-old son chose this for a book report. I looked up the reading level on Scholastic. The book was much easier than I expected. We will read the other titles for sure but this is just a quick read and I was looking for a chapter book. If I had shown me a preview, I would have chosen differently.

I have a 7 year old daughter, and this book was on her Summer reading list. I was really concerned that there would be a lot of whining from her over this story, considering the subject matter--football. She is a girly-girl through and through. However, it surprisingly enough struck a cord with her, and she loved it!! I would highly recommend this book--the message manages to transcend the gender roles that my pink princess lovin pre-pubescent daughter lives by ;)

Great book and author. Grandsons love it!

Wonderful. My students loved it!

It is a good book and the twins are take good care of their twin and they like sports it is good book

Bought this for my grandson who likes football and he enjoyed it.

I have 2 nephews that are very close brothers. I got this book for them because they had been fighting alot. One plays sports and the other had major surgery and cant play for awhile. This book helped them understand their situation and they help each other now all the time. IT IS GREAT!

My son loved this book.

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