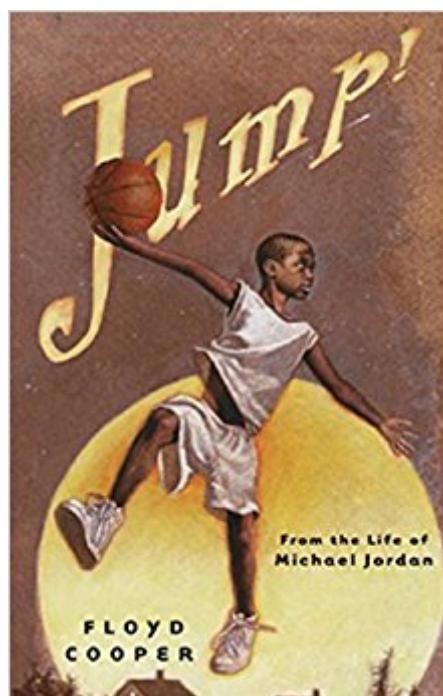


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# Jump!: From The Life Of Michael Jordan



## Synopsis

What was Michael Jordan like as a boy? You might be surprised that the greatest professional basketball player ever wasn't even the best player in his own family! Michael Jordan was once just an ordinary little boy growing up in a North Carolina suburb, trying to keep up with his older brother Larry. Michael was always good at sports, but it seemed like Larry was always going to be bigger, quicker, and luckier. But Michael never gave up, and his practicing began to pay off. Then one summer day during a backyard game of one-on-one, Larry Jordan's "little" brother took him--and the whole family--by surprise! Based on actual events, this story of a friendly sibling rivalry is enhanced by Floyd Cooper's stunning two-tone art. *Jump!* even features a gate-fold depicting Michael Jordan's trademark leap that will send young readers soaring.

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Grade 1-5  
This lovingly rendered picture book details the events in Jordan's childhood and adolescence that contributed to his basketball stardom. Cooper's signature artwork, done in umber washes of oil, feature soft outlines and harmonious tones of brown, orange, and blue. From a scene of children running wildly through a full house to one of Michael staring longingly at the bigger, older players competing on the blacktop court, the freedom of movement and the joys of athletic prowess and competition are expressed in every depiction of the characters. An author's

note details the superstar's accomplishments in professional sports. At times, Cooper's descriptions of the characters' feelings seem convoluted and unnecessarily long, but the text is easy to read, and events are related in a friendly, conversational style. While *Jump!* is not an essential purchase, it is a visually exciting one that will surely circulate among Jordan's many fans. —Anne M. Holcomb, Los Angeles Public Library Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

K-Gr. 3. Cooper, whose distinctive artwork has earned numerous Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book awards, contributes both words and pictures to this stirring childhood profile of basketball legend Michael Jordan. Each double-page spread features powerful portraits of Jordan, from a wildly energetic boy to a high-school basketball star jumping for a shot in a long gatefold. Children who view Jordan as a deity on the court will take comfort in Cooper's stories, written in casual, colloquial language, which portray the icon as a regular, energetic kid who worked exceptionally hard and sometimes failed. Cooper also emphasizes the help and encouragement that Jordan received, especially from his coach, and Cooper's focus on Jordan's motivating rivalry with his older brother adds dramatic tension. The layout in a few spreads is awkward, with images separated by the center binding. Nonetheless, children will appreciate this handsome tribute, which credits Jordan's determination and support from others, more than his prodigious talents, for his glorious success. Gillian EngbergCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

My students enjoyed this book very much! The illustrations are vivid. The story is well crafted.

this and salt in my shoes are great reads for up and coming readers who love sports

Just as described!

Bought this for my grandson and he LOVES it!

my baby loved it.

Great read. Perfect for kids.

A feel-good story of Steve's challenges and success, but lacks substance. It is kinda like a

doughnut, sweet and pleasant, but is fairly hollow. This book is an easy read and gave me a much greater appreciation for Steve Harvey as a person, as he has overcome a number of challenges. That being said, if you are looking for strategies, tools, or any sort of process to help you achieve success, this book does not have any of that. Essentially the book conveys the message that through a belief in God, a belief in yourself, hard work, and your willingness to take a chance; you can achieve success. This is conveyed through stories of Steve overcoming challenges.

This book shows young Michael Jordan who is driven to compete and win, despite his obvious physical shortcomings compared to his big brother. Being short and being young and being teased did not stop MJ from practicing, and practicing, and practicing. And winning. There's a book by Geoffrey Colvin called "Talent is Overrated" which talks about the need for persistent practice to reach the top of any field -- this is so important for parents to understand. *A Talent Is Overrated: What Really Separates World-Class Performers from Everybody Else* Another young Michael Jordan book we enjoy is "Salt in his Shoes" *A Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream*.

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