Double Reverse

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SUMMARY:
Jesse, the star high school quarterback, is off to college. His brother Jay is just happy to be on his high school team. Then the team’s quarterback gets hurt. Roles are reversed. Jesse has to decide if he still wants to play in college even if he will not play the position of quarterback.

BOOKTALK:
Two brothers, two football players. One a quarterback, the other his wide receiver. What happens when roles are reversed? Can the boys continue to play the game they love and adjust to playing new and different positions? And what happens when a soccer player - a girl - decides to quit soccer and join the football team as a kicker? Read Double Reverse to find out if the teams and players will be winners.

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Other books written by the author:
Dugout
Rivals
Go For the Goal
Perfect Game
Quarterback Season
Real Hoops
Throwing Heat
Touchdown Trouble

CHALLENGING WORDS
relieved [pg. 19] verb - to ease or alleviate pain distress, anxiety, need, etc.

gingerly [pg. 25] verb/adjective - with great care or caution

diagrammed [pg. 47] noun - a figure, usually consisting of a line drawing, a chart, plan or scheme

collapsed [pg. 52] verb - to fall or cave in, crumble suddenly

muttered [pg. 68] verb - to utter words indistinctly or in a low tone, often as if talking to oneself, murmur

ablaze [pg. 79] adjective - burning; on fire
clusters [pg. 81] noun - a number of things of the same kind, growing or held together, a bunch

inspection [pg. 97] noun - the act of inspecting or viewing, especially carefully or critically

scrimmage [pg. 105] noun - 1. a rough or vigorous struggle 2. a practice session or informal game

frantically [pg. 106] adjective - desperate or wild with excitement, passion, fear, pain etc., frenzied

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
1. Jesse loves football. Why is he questioning whether he wants to play in college?
2. Why is Jay hesitant about asking to be quarterback?
3. How do you think Jesse feels about his little brother being quarterback?
4. How did Savannah feel about leaving the soccer team and joining the football team?
5. Why is the team able to be more successful with Jay playing quarterback?

ACTIVITIES WITH STANDARDS:

Language Arts:

- Given the theme of sports, students will complete a trading card from Read Write and Think describing the characters, plot, conflict and resolution.

  **5.RL.2.2** Key Ideas and Textual Support: Determine a theme of a story, play, or poem from details in the text, including how characters respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text.

- Students will read this title or another sports related realistic fiction book and, using Animoto, or another movie related program, create a book trailer for the book. [https://animoto.com/](https://animoto.com/)

  **5.RL.4.1** Synthesis and Connection of Ideas: Analyze how visual and multimedia presentations and representations can enhance the meaning of a text.

  **5.W.4** The Writing Process: Apply the writing process to –Generate a draft
by developing, selecting and organizing ideas relevant to topic, purpose, and genre; revise to improve writing, using appropriate reference materials (e.g., quality of ideas, organization, sentence fluency, word choice); and edit writing for format and standard English conventions.

Use technology to interact and collaborate with others to publish legible documents.

5.SL.4.2 Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas: Create engaging presentations that include multimedia components and visual displays when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.

- Complete a Venn diagram to compare and contrast the differences and similarities between football and soccer.

5.RL.4.2 Synthesis and connection of Ideas: Compare and contrast stories in the same genre on their approaches to similar themes and topics.

RELATED INTERNET SITES:

http://sportsstoryseries.com/

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The NFL’s Site for Kids: http://www.nflrush.com/

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