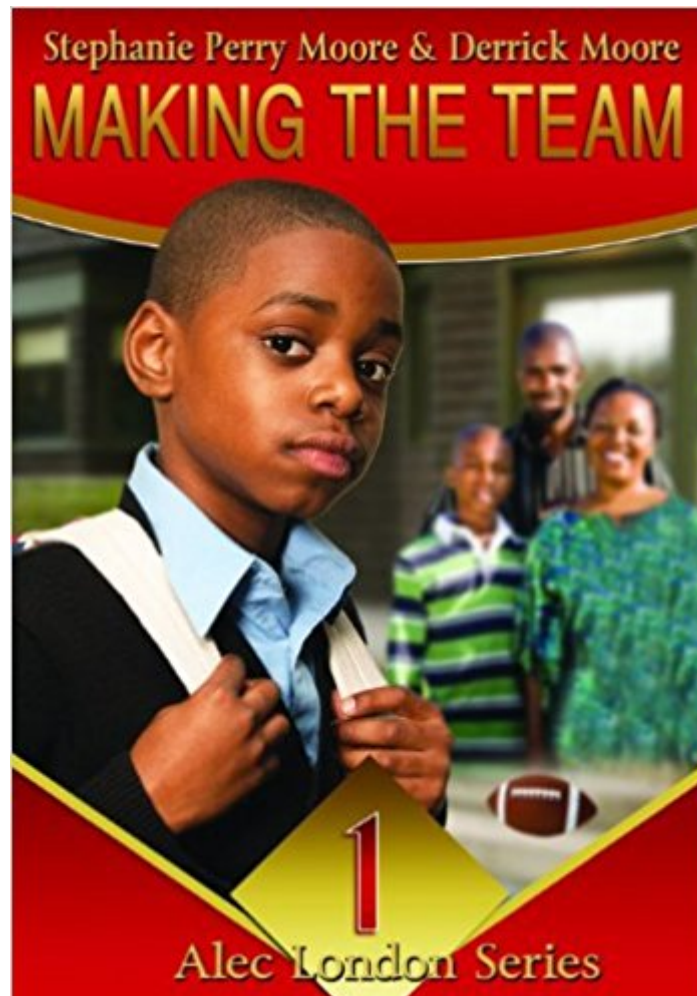




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Making The Team (Alec London Series)



Synopsis

The Alec London Series is a series written for boys, 8 to 12 years old. Alec London is introduced in Stephanie Perry Moore's previously released series, The Morgan Love Series. In this new series, readers get a glimpse of Alec's life up close and personal. The series provides moral lessons that will aid in character development teaching boys how to effectively deal with the various issues they face at this stage of life. The series will also help boys develop their English and math skills as they read through the stories and complete the entertaining and educational exercises provided at the end of each chapter and in the back of the book. Alec London is a fourth grader whose world is spinning out of control. On the first day of fourth grade, Alec gets picked on by his classmate, Tyrod, because his dad is the school's new assistant principal. Alec, refusing to become the "principal's pet," attempts to fix things by lashing out at Tyrod. As a result he is sent to the principal's office where he receives a lecture on anger from his dad. Alec finds himself struggling even more when his mom decides to move to L.A. to pursue an acting job, leaving her family behind. Alec is angry and sad and he feels betrayed by his mom for leaving him for a job. Alec's grandma moves in with them after his mother leaves to help keep the family going until she comes back. Alec is not happy with his mom's move or his grandma's move. In an attempt to help lift Alec's spirit and encourage him to use his anger for something good, Alec's dad suggests that he try out for the school football team. When Alec makes the team, beating out his brother Antoine for a starting position, there is trouble. Antoine becomes jealous because Alec is not only doing better than him in school but now in football too. Dad steps in and makes the boys work things out. In the midst of trying to adjust to having his dad at school with him, Alec, out of frustration, says he wishes his grandma was not there and then later she has a heart attack, Alec feels guilty. Through football, lessons from his father and the story of Joseph, Alec learns that God allows things to happen in people's lives to help them grow. He also learns how to trust and depend on God to work things out.

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Customer Reviews

The only person who cares about me is Mom. Now that she's gone I'm stuck at home with my angry dad and my annoying brother. Antoine thinks he's all that and won't get off my case. And now that Dad is the assistant principal at school, everything is a mess! That kid Tyrod is out to get me in trouble. Antoine is all mad because the football coach likes my moves better than his. And Grandma has completely taken over our house. At least Morgan and my boy Trey are in my class. But things are getting weird with Morgan and I'm not sure why. Even with all the trouble, I'm starting to see that Dad really does have my back. He's trying to do things God's way. Like teaching me what it means to be a team player at home, at school, and on the football field. He might even get Mom to come home. Like I told my friend Morgan, I think it's all going to work out because we are on God's team. Stephanie Perry Moore is the author of several Christian fiction book series targeting youth and young adults, including the Payton Skky, Carmen Browne, and Yasmin Peace series. Stephanie speaks with youth across the country about living life to the fullest, God's way. Derrick Moore is a former NFL football player. He currently serves as the chaplain of the football program at Georgia Tech and is a motivational speaker for professional teams, civic groups, churches, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Derrick and Stephanie live in the greater Atlanta area with their three children.

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I purchased the trilogy for my great nephew and he loved them. I will be ordering a few more copies for the children in my mentor programs.

My son was reading for a summer reading program. This book was recommended for him to read. It was a good book for my 8 year old son.

The book was well written, had a very positive message and the characters were very easy to relate to. I think so much of the book that I plan to give it as a gift at the end of the school year to some of my Sunday School students.

Great Book For Your Pre-Teen Boy. My son LOVED reading from this series of book. This was the 1st in the series that he read!

Bought it as a set as a gift. I can't wait to present it!!! Very excited!!! Love this book series!!!!

Wonderful reading for my son. The characters are relatable to his current daily activities. Can't wait to read entire series.

I like this book and will probably try another from the series. This kids life is not all perfect which I like. There is a religious element, I think the character prays, but its not trying to convert your kid or anything for those who aren't religious. I have two boys that are around the ages of the boys in the story that are obsessed with football and are in constant competition with each other so this story kept my 9 year olds attention. He liked the football trivia and word games. The subject matter is age appropriate.

I am always glad when I can find something positive for our young children, our African-American children, especially African-American boys. Making the team is about an AA boy named Alec London. Alec endures adolescent issues that are expected when a child is displaced from one area and school to another. In addition, Alec witnesses his parents in several arguments and eventually his mother moves across the country to pursue an acting career. In addition, Alec is having troubles in school while missing his mother dearly. The Moores' have done a swell job in showing African-American boys in a positive light. Not all young black males, do drugs, join gangs and other mischievous activity that media has made them known for. I love the letters Alec writes to his mother at the end of each chapter, along with the various types of puzzles and quizzes. In my opinion, this breaks up the monotony for its readers and challenges them not only to read, but also to think. So many children's and young adult titles are geared towards females; it's refreshing to see literature for boys. I recommend this book, and the entire series, to any young boy, of any culture.

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