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# Stupid Fast (Felton Reinstein Trilogy Book 1)



## Synopsis

Praise for Stupid Fast "A rare mix of raw honesty and hilarity. Stupid Fast is Stupid Good!" -Peter Bognanni, author of The House of Tomorrow I AM NOT STUPID FUNNY. I AM STUPID FAST. My name is Felton Reinstein, which is not a fast name. But last November, my voice finally dropped and I grew all this hair and then I got stupid fast. Fast like a donkey. Zing! Now they want me, the guy they used to call Squirrel Nut, to try out for the football team. With the jocks. But will that fix my mom? Make my brother stop dressing like a pirate? Most important, will it get me girls-especially Aleah? So I train. And I run. And I sneak off to Aleah's house in the night. But deep down I know I can't run forever. And I wonder what will happen when I finally have to stop.

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## Customer Reviews

If you are a kid between the ages of 12 and 17 and love to read sports books, I would highly recommend this as one of the next ones you should pick up and dive into. The book Stupid Fast by Geoff Herbach tells the story of a 15 year old kid named Felton Reinstein who throughout his year at

school finds his special talent, the fact that he is stupid fast. Although Felton hasn't lived an easy or very happy life he finds joy in just running fast. His childhood was full of good memories until one day when Felton was around 5 and he walked into the garage to find that his dad had hung himself. Ever since that incident he has had social anxiety and hasn't had many friends. That is one big setback in his life that has made him clash heads with his younger brother Andrew and his mother Jerry. Felton finds a break in his life that brings him out of the dark. Football. He makes the football team and starts lifting weights and suddenly people start to notice him and he begins to make friends, which is just what he needed in the situation he was stuck in. The theme of this book is that in your life you are going to have obstacles and you will have to overcome. This is brought up many times throughout the book and is heavily shown. For example he had really one friend and that friend left for the summer so who was there to hangout with? He overcame this by joining football and going to weights and talking to new people. The book is a total of 311 pages and can be a pretty quick read. Next time your hungry for a good book about sports, emotions, or problems this is definitely a book you should read.

This book is incredible. The characters are amazing. The plot was amazing. This is such a good story about family and heartbreak and mental health. It was also funny! I laughed so much. I also cried, but I definitely laughed. Felton was one of the most real teenage boys I've read from. I think that Herbach created one of the most successful characters I've read in a long time. The supporting cast of characters was great too. I have never had my heart broken in the way that Andrew broke it. Andrew made the story take a new level of seriousness. He created a level of darkness that I enjoyed. While I loved the characters, I really loved the story. This was a real story about growing up and about family. But it's also a story about mental health and how it can build and destroy things. I think this story was important. The way the two brothers were coping with this situation they were put in was so interesting! The way Andrew stood up to it and Felton ran away from it said a lot about where they were in maturity. 13 and 16 are so different and Herbach portrayed their stages of life with such perfection. I give this book all the stars. I recommend it to anyone. Read it! It's good!

Geoff Herbach's Felton Reinstein is one incredible character. His voice is funny, sweet, confused and just plain nice but life has not been easy for Felton and his family. At the age of five, Felton finds his father's body after he hung himself. Felton grows up insecure with some bad advice from his mother, doctors, and not having a father figure. The summer that his best friend unexpectedly leaves to take care of his grandmother; everything goes crazy- Felton's mom agrees that he will

take over his best friend's paper route; he shoots up inch by inch, eats everything in sight, starts lifting weights for football, and running. Felton meets Aleah Jennings when he drops a newspaper off at his best friend's house. Aleah is a superb piano player and likes Felton. Felton begins seeing Aleah daily and they definitely have a romantic, sweet connection. But then his mother starts acting strange, cursing, drinking, and as a final threat she stops being a mother to Felton and his little brother, Andrew. Felton doesn't want to burden anyone with his family problems and his father's suicide is always a specter that keeps chipping away at his mother, brother, and Felton. I laughed at Felton's thoughts and actions but I really felt for Felton when his family was falling apart; he didn't know what to do, how to act and he withdrew by missing lifting, practices, not seeing his friends or Aleah. What will happen to Felton is worth all the drama and laughs. Herbach's book is a recommended read, I can't wait to see what my students think, since this is a Reading Olympic book selection.

My 13 yr old son enjoyed the book and you know for a teenager to read anything it takes an act of God or it's for a grade!!!

I brought Stupid Fast home from Book Expo America in 2011 for Steve to read because it seemed like something he would like. Sports, male protag, male author. He read it basically in one sitting, laughing out loud quite a few times, and wrote a good review for it. I stuck it on my own shelf to read later because I was intrigued. This book is a win! The humor is something that I found funny, too - I even read a few passages out loud to Steve after I laughed about them, which is kind of ridiculous because he had already read the book, so he just politely nodded as I was laughing and laughing. This mainly happened when Felton and his brother were bantering back and forth, but really, Felton has a great voice. What brings this to a full five star book for me is that it's not only a funny book, but it also deals with some bigger issues. There were times I was laughing on one page and feeling my heart squeeze for Felton and his brother on the next. The things they have to deal with are serious, so if the humor doesn't keep you reading, the serious parts of their lives will. I read the second half of the book in one sitting because I had to know how it was all resolved. For those afraid that it will be tons of sports talk-no worries there. There is a general sports tone, sure, but it's not full of sports scenes and vocabulary. There is just enough to satisfy someone who likes sports and little enough for someone who doesn't like sports to enjoy it, too. I loved Stupid Fast. I am pretty excited to read the companion that just released, Nothing Special!

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