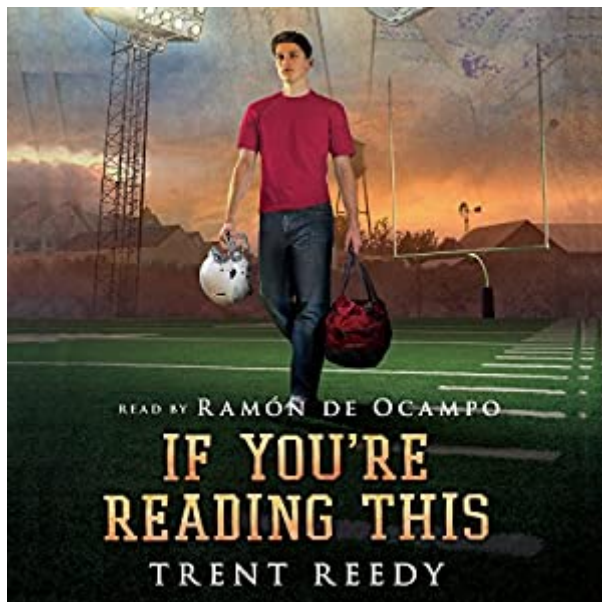


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## Synopsis

From the author of *Words in the Dust* and *Divided We Fall*: A heartwarming book about a son reconnecting with the father he lost in Afghanistan. Mike was seven when his father was killed in mysterious circumstances in Afghanistan. Eight years later, the family still hasn't recovered: Mike's mom is overworked and overprotective; his younger sister, Mary, feels no connection to the father she barely remembers; and in his quest to be "the man of the family", Mike knows he's missing out on everyday high school life. Then, out of the blue, Mike receives a letter from his father - the first of a series Dad wrote in Afghanistan, just in case he didn't come home, meant to share some wisdom with his son on the eve of Mike's 16th birthday. As the letters come in, Mike revels in spending time with his dad again, and takes his encouragement to try new things - to go out for the football team, and ask out the beautiful Isma. But who's been keeping the letters all these years? And how did Dad actually die? As the answers to these mysteries are revealed, Mike and his family find a way to heal and move forward at last.

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## Customer Reviews

Sixteen year old Mike has a heavy load to carry in his young life. His father died in Afganistan when he was 7 years old. Now older, he receives letters set before his Dad died. Where are these letters and a CD coming from? He also has to deal with his mother who is living in the past and mourns the death of her husband. Sister, Mary is typical sibling, but comes through in the end. A nice girl at school is a good friend for Mike. This book deals with family relationships and peers / playing

football without mother's permission. His escape is working for Derek at his farm. All of these issues come to a peak towards the end of the book. Excellent written and SO glad that there isn't a swear word in the Book. Recommended for church libraries.

As the wife of a career soldier and mother to his children, I find this story is an awesome gift from father to son. Not many men are able to put these feelings into words. Mr Reedy offers an understanding that family members, and nonmilitary, can wrap their minds around. I know it has for me. So, thank you for writing this book.

A teen starts getting letters from his dad, a soldier who was killed seven years earlier in Afghanistan. This novel follows the boy through struggles at school and at home, aided by guidance from his late father. This is a five-star book that will keep you turning the pages. It will especially be appreciated by football fans. While there is a great deal of detail about football plays, you don't have to be a sports fan to appreciate the bonding, camaraderie and sense of belonging that being part of a team can bring, whether in high school or the military. This is aptly portrayed in this coming-of-age story.

Set in Iowa, this novel is the coming of age take of a young 16-year-old boy who begins receiving letters from his father who was killed in Afghanistan when he was eight. It is a great read for reluctant readers.

The story is well-crafted and interesting. There are a few loose ends that leave me asking questions, but overall a good read. My students are enjoying it so far.

Great book fast delivery 5 stars

It's very good and interesting. Anybody that was in the military or likes football should read this.  
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It was a good book but it takes a while to get interesting it got boring during that time

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