

GAME DAY!

PATTY HITS THE COURT PATTY AND THE SHADOWS PATTY TAKES CHARGE

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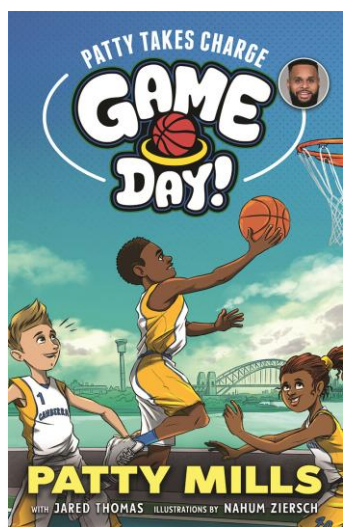
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Australian Olympian and NBA star Patty Mills entertains young readers, inspiring them to achieve their goals through sports, and take pride in their heritage.



- Based on Patty's experience playing sports as a kid growing up in Canberra.
- Explores hopes and dreams, triumphs and disappointments of a “sporty” child.
- Showcases pride in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage.
- Good sports values: self-belief, commitment, teamwork, perseverance, and life balance, as well as fun!



Next time I charged to the hoop and tried throwing the ball up when I was as close as I could get to the basket.

The ball bounced off the hoop, and I slapped my leg, totally annoyed with myself. Tyson caught the rebound, dribbled it back to his end of the court and scored.

I told myself that when I next got hold of the ball I needed to concentrate harder. But I missed on my next attempt too, and I heard Josie and Nathan groan.



Coach Clarke blew the whistle. When everyone was at the drinking fountain he came to me and said, “Patty, you have to work with your teammates. Basketball is a team game.” My face went hot. I didn’t know what Coach



Clarke was talking about. I knew basketball was a team game, but like most sports, I thought you won the game by scoring points, not by passing the ball around.