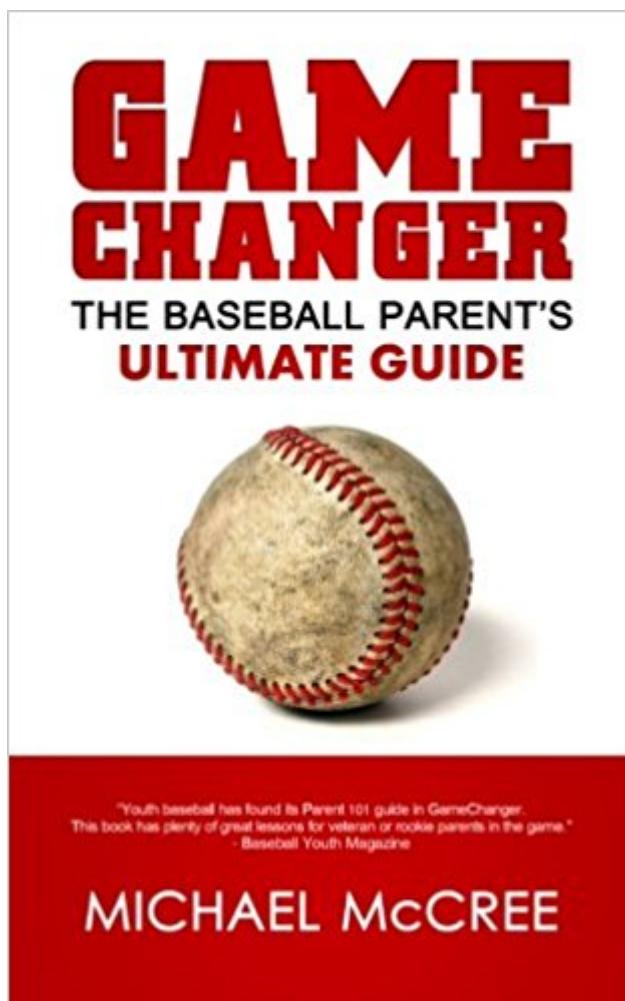


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# GameChanger: The Baseball Parent's Ultimate Guide



## **Synopsis**

GameChanger: The Baseball Parentâ™s Ultimate Guide is a unique work created by baseball trainer Michael McCree to communicate the best ways baseball parents can raise and guide their aspiring ball players. This book is designed to help parents realize that they can acquire the knowledge it takes to make a meaningful impact in the ongoing development of their youth baseball player (Applicable to Softball as well. Ages 5-13), regardless of prior understanding of the game. The information presented in GameChanger: The Baseball Parentâ™s Ultimate Guide will transform the way parents think about issues pertaining to youth baseball. The subject matter, written by a former collegiate baseball player with over 20 years of playing and private training experience, includes topics like character building, managing expectations, overcoming slumps, dealing with injuries, and teaching the mental aspect of baseball.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Michael McCree, a former collegiate baseball player who received a 4-year scholarship at Georgia State University, has coached hundreds of youth baseball players through private and team training and continues to have a widespread impact on players and parents alike. He currently coaches in Atlanta, Georgia and other surrounding areas. With a Masterâ™s of Science degree in Sports Administration, his main focus in athletics is geared toward the development and achievement of youth athletes. His work is attributed to his strong belief that youth athletic involvement is an essential tool in the refinement of character.

I had the opportunity to read Game Changer and would highly suggest the book as a "must read" for parents. As a former DI basketball player (Auburn University) and Little League baseball Coach for nearly 20 years, I highly endorse this great piece of work. When Coaching youth baseball I had to deal with a lot of dynamics. Parents were my greatest challenge in terms of expectations of their son and the harsh remarks I heard to their child. I found many Dads to be living vicariously through their sons. Some Moms were pretty tough to deal with as well. Conservatively, I would say over 90% of the parents I dealt with had no idea that DI baseball only offers 11.7 scholarships per year and that they are not full rides unless a player is drafted out of high school in the top 3 rounds. Game Changer provides valuable insight to parents and their youth players in a simplistic manner as relates to realistic expectations, conduct, training/preparation, etc. I give the book a thumbs up! Eric SimmonsAuburn University Basketball Letterman

This book is exactly what new baseball parents and veteran baseball parents have been looking for. If you are new to the sport with your little player it gives you all the basics. If you are a veteran it helps you with prepare yourself and young player for the development for the future. My favorite quote from the book "a college recruiter will never ask what your 8-14u record was. Focus on their development". Great book, a must have for all youth baseball parents.

As a Coach, I would like every parent involved in athletics to read this book. An insight to the inner workings of the game and the truth not the marketed truth. The game has become a business and this will give you a return to the game and what it's really about. I encourage my players to read this book and I have passed my copy around to the point it has literally fallen apart.

I highly recommend this book for anyone who has interest in learning the ins and outs of the game of baseball and/or has a family member interested in participating in the sport. The book was very informative, with great ideas and topics that I think many people tend to forget about. As a person who is unfamiliar with the world of baseball (there are even definitions for technical terms in the back of the book), I feel that this book gave a great, in-depth view on how this sport is played, but also the psychological and physical aspects of the game. I appreciate the author's ability to portray all dimensions involved for both the parent's AND the child's growth in learning the best approach to succeeding. And most importantly, having FUN! It is a very easy read! I think this is a great tool of reference that can be used at anytime throughout a child's baseball career. The author's passion for the game is evident throughout and after passing this book along to my cousin whose son is

interested in the game, I know that her and her son will benefit immensely!

This book is essential for parents navigating the baseball world. Coaches have a limited amount of time with your player and as a parent you need to be able to reinforce and help further what he coach is teaching. Your understanding of the game will also help make the experience more enjoyable. We have 2 boys playing right now - our 12 y/o is primarily a catcher and has played Travel Ball since he was 9, and our 8 y/o is entering his first travel season coming up...my husband played ball and is now coaching- this book he helped me catch up because I had no knowledge of the sport outside of spectating. I would love for this to be standard issue with your child's uniform on registration day!

Michael McCree's book GAME CHANGER really CHANGES THE GAME. This book answers all of the important questions parents should and must have about youth baseball. It's a fresh insight , loaded with information , reader friendly and has a special focus on the importance on how to choose the right private instructor for a child . As a former coach , it made my job a lot easier when knowledgeable parents already knew what was expected of their child , but also what was expected of them and their actions at the ballpark as well as at home. It was vital that the conduct , sportsmanship and work ethic be fully understood and shared by the child , the parent and the coach. This book will help parents understand and enjoy the game because it is a clear, simple and refreshing read. I give this book a " HIGH FIVE " and a " MUST READ " for parents and coaches who love baseball. Allen B. Thomas Montgomery , AL

I just finished your book Game Changer The baseball Parent's Ultimate Guide. It is filled with great information for parents, coaches and players. I plan to read through it again, it has a bunch of great reminders and can be used for more sports than just baseball. There was only one thing I found to be strange. The words boys, sons, men, his, he, himself were only used when talking about the young ball player. I still enjoyed the book and will suggest that others read it. With over 1,200 girls playing high school baseball and many more playing Little League and travel ball, I found it strange. So you know where I'm coming from I have 3 adult boys 30, 26 & 24. I also have a daughter that just turned 13 and she has played baseball for 5 years in Little League and on travel teams. Currently she's playing on 90' bases with the boys. Just something to think about. Girls are great athletes and baseball players also. Being a book targeted at parents of youth baseball players I would have liked it better if it was gender neutral. Your going to see more and more girls playing

baseball, coaching baseball, umpiring baseball, scouting baseball, owning baseball, it only makes sense. By the way a girl won the King/Queen of swat home run derby at Cooperstown in 2014. It was an all girl team and placed 36 out of 104 teams, all the others were boys teams. My daughter was one of the 10 girls of summer.

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