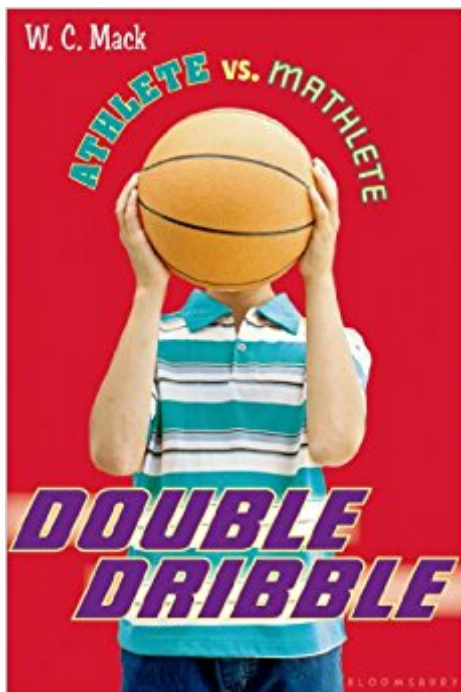


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# Athlete Vs. Mathlete: Double Dribble



## Synopsis

One month ago, academic whiz Russell Evans never thought he'd be a basketball superstar. But now he's playing on the seventh-grade team alongside his fraternal twin, Owen, and they're tearing up the court. The Pioneers are on a winning streak, and Russ and Owen are getting along better than ever. Until the Matthews twins (Mitch and Marcus) show up. These twins are a triple threat: practically basketball pros, academic geniuses, and . . . identical. Things heat up on the court and in the classroom as these brothers are poised to rule the school. Now Russ and Owen are fighting for the spotlight, and sabotage seems like their only hope. But when Marcus suffers an injury and Mitch falters during a big game without him, it becomes clear that the Matthews are powerless when separated. Will Russ and Owen take advantage? Or do they have other plans in mind?

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Gr 5-8 • Twelve-year-old Owen and Russell are twins, but they're about as different as can be. Owen is athletic; Russell is bookish. But Russell has discovered that he is a capable basketball player, so he and Owen converge on the court to make an imposing point-scoring duo, until a new set of twins comes to town. Mitch and Marcus exhibit prowess at everything they do-including basketball. They're granted spots without having to try out, and while their phenomenal skill helps the team, their time on the court means that someone else is getting benched. And when it's Owen, he has a hard time seeing past his jealousy-until one of the newcomers suffers an injury, and everyone learns that their confidence and skill may be a facade. Owen must decide if he can

push aside his feelings in order to find out what the new twins are really all about. This is a straight-up sports story from an author who clearly loves basketball. Chapters alternate between the brothers' viewpoints, and lots of dialogue moves the story right along. Most of the supporting cast is hard to differentiate, but Owen's and Russ's characterizations solidly depict middle school life. This second book in the series is a good choice for reluctant readers who like sports, but it may not have broad appeal beyond that demographic. --Amy Holland, Irondequoit Public Library, NY --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

In this follow-up to *Athlete vs. Mathlete* (2013), fraternal twins Russell and Owen Evans are the foundation of their seventh-grade basketball team. Brainy Russell, who recently joined the team, gains confidence every day, and jock Owen has a new appreciation for the progress his brother has made. The team is on a winning streak, and the play-offs are in sight. Then a set of "real" twins transfers in: Mitch and Marcus Matthews are identical, down to the stripes on their athletic socks. They are also crazy talented at both basketball and academics. They subsequently intimidate and wow their new classmates. Owen and Russell's ability to operate individually is contrasted with the insular world Mitch and Marcus have created for themselves. The author gives the Matthews twins a bit of a pass in terms of how their attitude initially sets the Evans twins against them, but, in the end, all the boys must work out a satisfactory way to coexist as teammates. The basketball action is usually seen through the eyes of Owen and is well paced and will appeal to athletes and mathletes alike. Grades 5-7. --Kara Dean --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

It was great I read the first book and it was just cool I kind of like Owen a bit better because Russel was kind of you know he kind of has weird ideas but they can be smart. Owen is funky, funny and sociable but can be really moody. Russel was really mathy and more like a mathematician. I love these series. Happy Thanksgiving

It was touching and it had problems and it had solutions. I gotta say it was better than the first

Great. Thanks.

Loved it Liked part when owen, one of the main characters helped someone else You should read this good book Don't miss out

This book was ok. It was very boring but a little bit funny

It's a great bookIt teaches them a lessonIt's my favorite book and it's one of my favorite sport

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