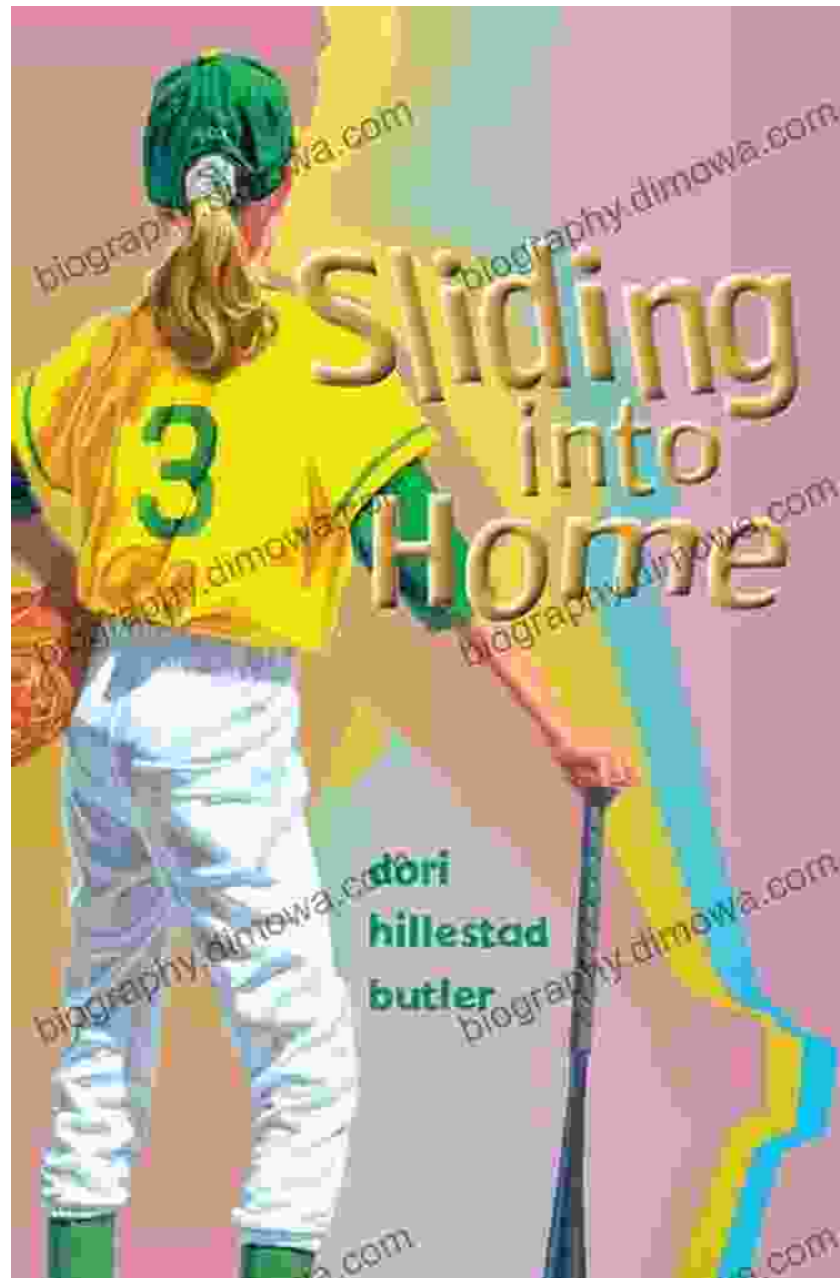
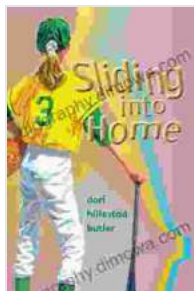


# Dive into the Heartwarming World of "Sliding Into Home" by Dori Hillestad Butler: A Captivating Story of Family, Baseball, and Belonging



Embark on an unforgettable literary journey with Dori Hillestad Butler's acclaimed novel "Sliding Into Home," a poignant and uplifting tale that explores the transformative power of family, baseball, and the unwavering pursuit of belonging.



### **Sliding into Home** by Dori Hillestad Butler

★★★★☆ 4.6 out of 5

- Language : English
- File size : 4257 KB
- Text-to-Speech : Enabled
- Screen Reader : Supported
- Enhanced typesetting : Enabled
- Word Wise : Enabled
- Print length : 197 pages
- Lending : Enabled



### **A Family United by Love and Baseball**

At the heart of "Sliding Into Home" lies the Harper family, a tight-knit clan that finds solace and connection in the shared passion for baseball. As the story unfolds, we are introduced to Julie Harper, a promising young baseball player whose dreams of making it to the Little League World Series are threatened by an unexpected challenge.

Julie's aspirations face a setback when her father, Coach Harper, is diagnosed with cancer. Determined to honor his legacy and fulfill her own dreams, Julie steps up to lead her team with courage and resilience. Together, the Harpers navigate the ups and downs of life, finding strength in their collective love for the game.

## **The Importance of Belonging**

Beyond the baseball diamond, "Sliding Into Home" delves into the profound themes of belonging and identity. Julie, a young girl in a male-dominated sport, grapples with the challenges and triumphs of being an outsider. The novel explores the obstacles that she faces and the ways in which she finds her place in a world that often tries to define her by her gender.

Julie's journey inspires readers to reflect on the importance of creating a sense of belonging for all, regardless of their differences. Through her story, Butler encourages us to embrace diversity and foster inclusive environments where everyone feels valued and respected.

## **A Celebration of Family, Friendship, and Perseverance**

"Sliding Into Home" is a heartwarming celebration of family, friendship, and the indomitable spirit that resides within us all. The novel showcases the unbreakable bonds that connect us and the power of perseverance in the face of adversity.

The Harper family's journey will resonate with readers of all ages, reminding us of the importance of cherishing the people we love, embracing challenges with unwavering determination, and never giving up on our dreams.

## **A Literary Gem that Captivates and Inspires**

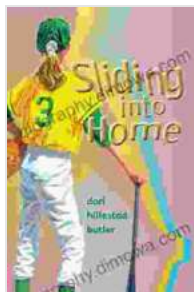
Dori Hillestad Butler's "Sliding Into Home" has received widespread critical acclaim and has won numerous awards, including the prestigious Newbery Medal. The novel's compelling characters, heartwarming story, and inspiring themes have captured the hearts of readers worldwide.

Whether you're a seasoned baseball fan or simply someone who appreciates a well-crafted and emotionally resonant tale, "Sliding Into Home" is an unforgettable read that will leave you cheering for Julie Harper and her family every step of the way.

## Join the Conversation

Share your thoughts on "Sliding Into Home" by using the hashtag #SlidingIntoHome on social media. Connect with fellow readers and engage in lively discussions about the novel's themes, characters, and its lasting impact.

Experience the transformative power of "Sliding Into Home" today and discover a heartwarming tale that will inspire you, uplift you, and leave an enduring mark on your heart.



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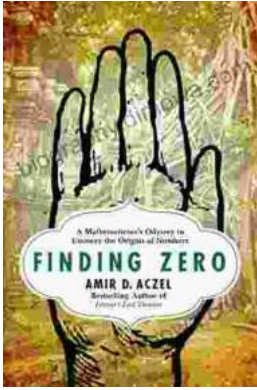
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