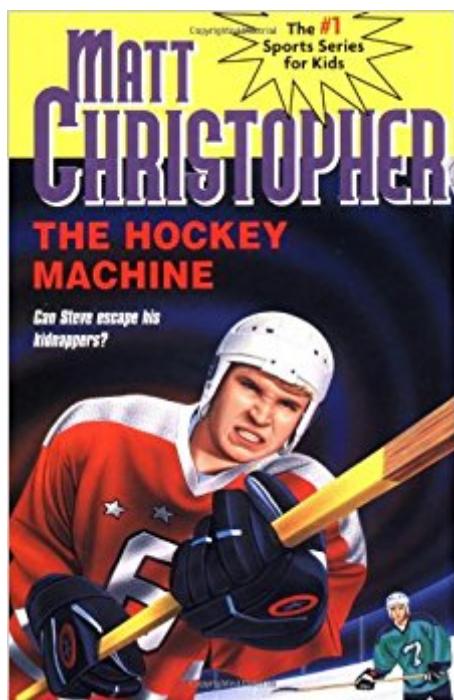


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# The Hockey Machine (Matt Christopher Sports Classics)



## **Synopsis**

THE HOCKEY MACHINE Can Steve escape his kidnappers? After leading his hockey team to victory one afternoon, Steve Crandall accepts a ride home in the limousine of an avid fan his own age. Steve is surprised to learn that his fan is a multimillionaire and boy genius, but even more startling is the rich kid's proposal that Steve play center on his professional junior hockey team. Before Steve can respond or even consult his parents, he is flown to the team headquarters-where he soon discovers he's the multimillionaire's prisoner!

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 3-6 A typical Matt Christopher sports adventure. Thirteen-year-old Steve Crandall, an excellent young hockey player, is kidnapped by a teenage genius to play on his professional junior hockey team. Hockey plays are presented in an accurate manner with correct terminology along with a suspenseful, but predictable, plot. Steve's survival is based on a winning record and his own ingenuity. The mixture of dialogue and description lend reality to a story that seems a little far-fetched, but the story should capture young hockey enthusiasts and readers of sports adventures. The black-and-white sketches of events from the story help to lend credibility. Janice C.

Matt Christopher is the best selling name behind more than 100 sports-themed books for young readers.

All time favorite book as a kid

Beautiful! He's finally reading with interest

I didn't read it. I bought it as a gift for a nine year old advanced boy. The printing looked as if it would be easy to read

It was a gift.

It's another exciting adventure story by Matt Christopher that every hockey fan will like. A surprise twist has a star hockey player kidnapped and hockey prisoner on another team. My kids love it and share it with their friends. It's a suspense fill mystery with lots of action, I strongly recommend it, I give it five stars, and I'm Marvin P. Ferguson, author of The Unknown Baseball Player.

By: Matt Christopher Have you ever been away from your parents or someone you loved for a long period of time? Well if you have I bet you don't like it. In the book "The Hockey Machine" by Matt Christopher, the protagonist, Steve, plays ice hockey for hockey team called the Bobtails. Steve lives with his parents, or used to anyway. One day after hockey, just as Steve was leaving, he heard a voice say, "Hi Steve, I'm Mark," he announced. Steve did not know who this was. Then Mark added, "Me and my older friend have been watching you play hockey". " Come on he is in the car waiting to meet you." Marks older friend is Kenneth. Kenneth is a coach of a ice-hockey team in Indianapolis. When Steve and Kenneth met they talked, and after that Kenneth asked Steve if he wanted to go and get something to eat for lunch. Steve told him no because he had to get home. Kenneth said that he would take him home right after they ate. Without saying anything Mark pushed Steve in. Steve got in and Steve, Mark, Kenneth, and the driver all went out to lunch. On the ride back to Steve's house, Steve fell asleep. When Steve awoke he was still in the car. Then he asked in a worried voice, " Where are we going?" Kenneth answered, "To Indianapolis." Steve

shrieked, "What, you said that you would take me home right after lunch." Kenneth ruled, "You're going to play on my hockey team, the Chariots. I already asked your parents when you were asleep." Steve said "Prove it." Kenneth pulled out a letter and gave it to Steve. The letter was typed out. Steve thought in his head that anybody could have typed this letter. After Steve was finished reading the letter he finally questioned, " how come I didn't even get a chance to say good-bye to my parents?" No one answered. As soon as they reached the airport they got on to an airplane to fly to Indianapolis. After they got there Steve met the hockey team. They stayed in their own hotel. After Steve met the guys he asked Mark if Mark would talk to Kenneth because Steve was already feeling home sick. Mark told him "quit thinking about your home. It just makes you more worried." Then he advised "all of the guys and I did." Steve just bowed his head in sadness, and all he could do was think about home! If you've ever felt like Steve has, all you want to do is go home and see your parents. See what happens to Steve if you get the book The Hockey Machine

Steve Crandall is the best player on the Bobtails hockey team. When the Bobtails were playing against the Buckeyes Steve got six goals, which is two hat tricks. After the game Steve met Kenneth Argard Jr. Kenneth is hockey genuineness and helps out with the Chariots, and he's rich. Steve took a limo ride with Kenneth in Kenneth's limo. Steve and Kenneth went to the hotel where the Chariots are staying. Then Steve becomes a Chariot. The first game was against the drivers, the Chariots won that game. Then the Chariots went to Buffalo to play against the Blue Leafs. The final score was 9-3 Chariots won. Then the Chariots went to Mulberry city to play the Condors. Steve got a goal in the game and the Chariots won. That night the Chariots stayed at a hotel, and that night Steve ran away to see his parents. The Chariots wanted Steve back, but they didn't get him. The problem in the Hockey Machine is that Steve wanted to see his parents when he a Chariot and what do you think the resolution will be?

This book The Hockey Machine is about a kid named Steve. After an ordinary game Steve gets kidnaped but he doesn't know it. The kidnappers [Kenneth] took him to a nice dinner. Kenneth takes Steve to what looks like a hockey camp. After a few weeks, Steve wants to get out and go home. He tries to escape, but guards catch him. He then has to sit in a cell for 48 hours. Now he tries to escape again, and he gets to a phone booth. Then Steve remembers his uncle lives in the area, so he calls him. His uncle finds him immediately. Next Steve finally goes home. I thought this was one of the best books because I like mystery books. By: Tyler

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