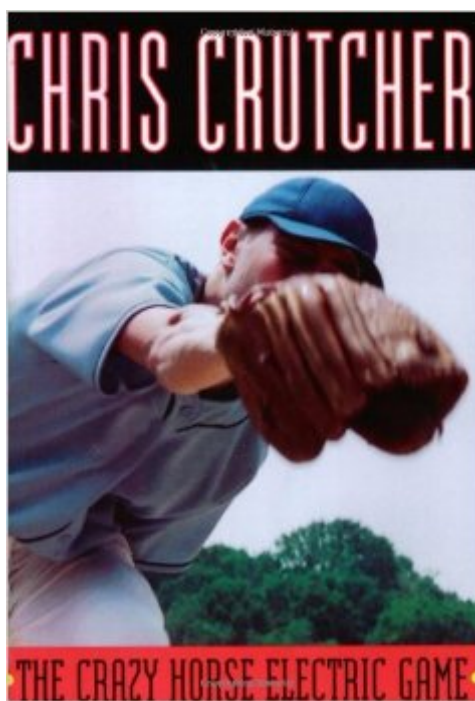


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# The Crazy Horse Electric Game



## Synopsis

Willie Weaver used to be a hero. Now he's nothing. Willie is a top athlete, the star of the legendary game against Crazy Horse Electric. Then a freak accident robs him of his once-amazing physical talents. Betrayed by his family, his girlfriend, and his own body, Willie's on the run, penniless and terrified on the streets, where he must fight to rebuild both his body and his life.

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## Customer Reviews

"The Crazy Horse Electric Game" is the greatest novel I have ever read! I'm not the kind of person who enjoys to read, but this was a novel that kept me very interested until the end. The name seemed very funny to me at first, but once I started reading the novel, it kept getting better. I really admire the main character, Willie Weaver; he had a very special talent. It was baseball. After, Willie beats the rival team, Crazy Horse Electric, he later gets injured and is crippled for the rest of his life. After that it seems to him as the world is turning against him, so he runs away. He later faces many more dilemmas. Please read this novel, you will not regret reading it!

Ages 13 and up. Willie Weaver is the luckiest guy on earth. He has it all going for him, he has talent, friends, and a great family. Everything is great when one day Willie has a terrible accident that leaves him crippled. Feeling awful he runs away from his home in Montana to the streets of Oakland California. In Oakland he is surrounded by thugs, pimps, and a lot of danger. The Crazy Horse Electric Game, is a great story of courage that will make you laugh and cry at the same time. This is

a great book for teenagers around the globe.

Crutcher is a genius. He wrote a fantastic story about a phenomanol sports kid named Willie Weaver who can't be stopped. Except by an accident of course, an accident that leaves Willie little coordination and no sports ability. His family and girlfriend abandon him so he runs away. Finally he finds a new school. He knows this is his last chance in life. This taught me to do your best in any situation and it just might pay off. I liked it because it had good imagery and it really sucked you into Chris Crutchers world of writing.

In *The Crazy Horse Electric Game*, a seventeen-year-old boy, named Willie, is a strong, popular and athletic individual who seems to have everything in life come his way. He has never faced any hard challenges that he could not overcome with ease and greatness, until the day he gets into a skiing accident in which he loses most of his motor and athletic skills. As a result to his accident, he must begin to relearn all of his gifted talents, which seemed to come so natural and easy to him before, but are now his greatest challenge. Willie becomes angry and frustrated with his world. He suppresses himself from friends and family members, and in the process, causing great pain and heartache for everyone with whom he contacts. The memories of the loss of his younger sister haunt him even more, and he is afraid to live. He decides to leave his small town in Montana and move to Oakland. There, with the help of his newfound friends and teachers, as well as a man who would seem to be unlikely source for assistance, Willie begins to learn how to do things for himself, becoming an independent person away from his home. Also, since he has to work extra hard just to regain abilities to talk, walk, run, and play sports again, he learns to value his life more. No longer are things in his life given to him; instead, he must work for everything and overcome obstacles he never thought possible. I enjoyed reading this book, and I recommend it to anyone, especially young males in their early to mid-teen years. An individual around this age bracket would find it really easy to relate to this book because it teaches about overcoming obstacles and valuing life to the fullest extent. However, all readers of this book will learn that no matter who a person is in life, no matter how easy things seem to that individual, all of what he or she has can be taken away in an instant. Readers will see how hard it is to regain the skills and talents once possessed to a very gifted person, and that only through hard work and perseverance was that person able to overcome such tragedies upon which life can bestow.

*The Crazy Horse Electric Game* illustrates how a small town sports star, Willie Weaver, becomes

unable to handle the changes that take place after an unfortunate accident. We see how Willie finds himself drifting away from his parents and he is faced with his girlfriend going out with another boy. He makes a decision to take drugs, that he is told will make him "feel better"(65), but what it really does is ruin his life by making all of his close friends and family lose faith in him. He decides to run away to leave what he has not been able to face. Willie finds himself going to OMLC, a school that gives children that don't like or can not handle public schools. The school teaches himself to control his body and become mature enough to handle the world challenges. The Crazy Horse Electric Game taught me that you need to work hard to win.

This is a shining example of Crutcher's ability to meet a young person at his or her lowest point. Through his expert writing, he walks devastated characters from their dark hopelessness to a reasonable, acceptable reason for living. You really fight for this young man as he fights his way out of the quicksand.

I have read almost all of Chris Crutcher's books and I just want to say that this man is a genius. Just when I think I have read his best book yet I come up with another by him. I read Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes and was determined he couldn't write any better. This book made me cry. The ending was wonderful and it makes you want to get to know Willie Weaver. If he is out there somewhere, I feel for him. He is one lucky kid and even if he was cracked in the head with a water ski, he still has everything thinking right up stairs. He stuck with his dream all along. I respect that.

Deals with loss and how a young man, who has everything going for him, soon finds himself unable to be an athlete. Crutcher does a great job of taking us on a journey with this young man. It's a wonderful and surprising journey.

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