



Conrad Fields



Topscorer

Topscorer is a page-turning YA novel about discovering your identity and values in life, and about the fight for your passion and talent in a highly competitive environment.

Conrad Fields writes captivatingly about being a young man in a rough environment and finding your path in life.

SYNOPSIS

Maybe you're the best. Maybe you score the most goals. But when you play in a team, the main focus is the collaboration.

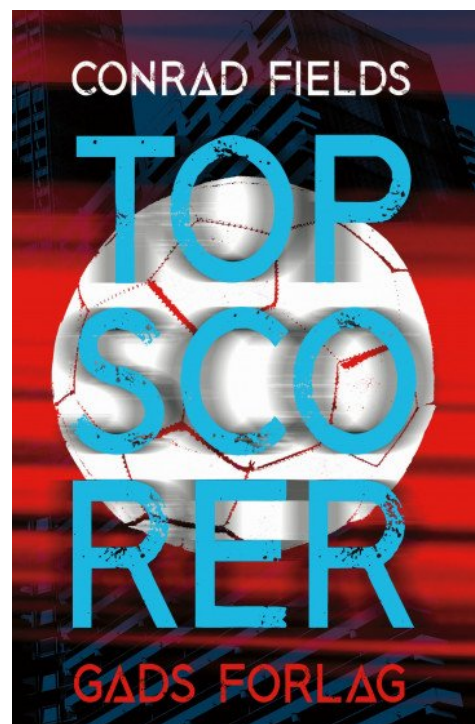
In the YA novel, *Topscorer*, the Danish-American author, Conrad Fields, writes captivatingly about identity, loneliness and the much-discussed competitiveness in the world of football.

The novel is a suspenseful coming-of-age story about a talented 16-year-old football player who struggles to find his identity and values. With a multi-cultural background, he is dark in comparison to his Danish friends, but white compared to his friends in the rough area where he lives. So far, he has been able to juggle his double-identity well – his white friends call him Jonas, his coloured friends call him Younes – but all of them admire him for his hard work and determination to make it as a professional football player.

Outside of the pitch, however, he sometimes makes the wrong decisions and Jonas/Younes finds himself in a situation where his future is compromised. Luckily, he is talent-spotted by a German club and gets a ticket out, but in his new life in Germany, he needs to navigate a whole new set of rules – both on and outside the pitch. Here your team-mate is also your competitor, as there is only space for 11 men on the pitch. At the same time, you must be a team player – both in football as well as in life – because alone, you are bound to fail.

REVIEWS

"The author is one of the best at depicting young people navigating in the rougher Danish environments... an exciting and captivating glimpse at the life of a talented young man and the obstacles he encounters when trying to balance a life as a professional football player with the expectations of his old friends from the block." – Martin W Hansen (DBC (Danish Library Centre))



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