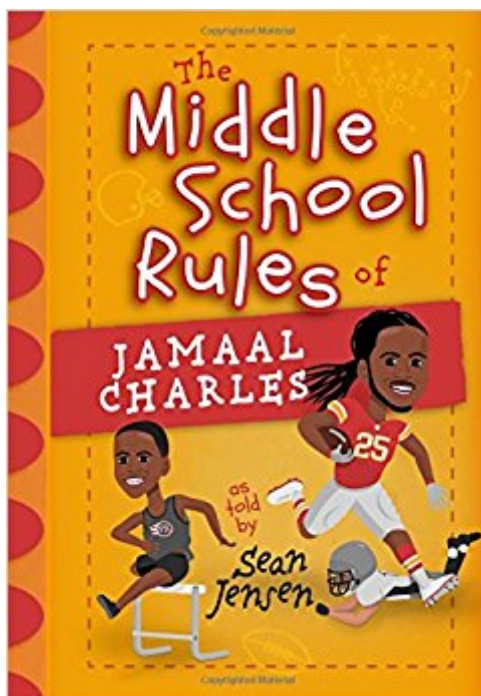


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# The Middle School Rules Of Jamaal Charles: As Told By Sean Jensen



## Synopsis

Five running backs were selected in the first round of the 2008 NFL Draft. Jamaal Charles was not among them. Despite piling up the fourth-most rushing yards at the University of Texas in just three seasons, he waited for eight other running backs to get selected ahead of him. The Middle School Rules of Jamaal Charles features the stories and lessons of Jamaal's childhood, defined by people overlooking him. Young readers will see how Jamaal deals with bullying and endures teasing because of a long undiagnosed learning disability that enabled him to participate in the Special Olympics as a 10-year-old. The gold medals he won at the Special Olympics empowered him, and Jamaal displayed a rare work ethic and determination in everything he did on the field and in the classroom. "I just kept working, just kept fighting," Jamaal says. "If you give up, you will not ever know how far you would have gotten." A state champion hurdler, Jamaal ran for 4,107 yards and 50 touchdowns in his final two seasons at Memorial High School in Port Arthur, Texas. But readers will see how hard Jamaal had to study to earn a high enough mark on a standardized test to qualify for a full athletic scholarship. Dogged by doubts about his size, Jamaal is already the Chiefs' all-time leading rusher, a four-time Pro Bowl selection and has more career rushing yards and total touchdowns than all but two of the eight running backs selected ahead of him in the 2008 NFL Draft. In fact, Jamaal owns a special NFL record: More yards per carry (5.5) than any other running back with at least 1,000 career carries! Jamaal wants his legacy to extend beyond football fields. His Jamaal Charles Youth Matters Family Foundation promotes the development of healthy minds and bodies and reinforces the motto that, "Determination wins." Jamaal inspired millions at the Opening Ceremony of the 2015 Special Olympics in Los Angeles by sharing his story of struggle and triumph. "I was afraid. I was lost. I had trouble reading. I found out I had a learning disability," he said. "People made fun of me. They said I would never go anywhere. But I learned I can fly... the Special Olympics gave me my first chance to discover a talent I did not know I had."

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SEAN JENSEN was born in South Korea. He was adopted and grew up in California, Massachusetts, and Virginia, mostly on or near military bases. Given his unique background, he's always been drawn to storytelling, a skill he developed at Northwestern University and crafted as a sportswriter for the last 16 years, almost exclusively covering the NFL. During his career, he has fostered strong relationships with athletes in multiple sports, and penned award-winning features on Derrick Rose and Jared Allen, among others. Sean and his wife make their home in Hopkins, MN.

Another great book in the Middle School Rules series. My 3rd grade son could not put it down, staying up well past his bedtime to continue reading. He is already beginning to re-read his favorite chapters. He loved learning about Jamaal and hearing his story, and it is quite inspirational. In 8 year old BK's words: "The Middle School Rules of Jamaal Charles is a great book, because it tells you rules that you and your family should always follow in your life. I especially liked Chapter 7 because Jamaal talks about the meals his Grandma would make after church for Sunday dinners. I also liked Chapter 32 because Jamaal tells you about going to the University of Texas and what the college is like."Our family highly recommends this book for your kids!!!

My 9 year old son loves these books. We have another one by this author about Charles "Peanut" Tillman. I was really excited when I found out that he was going to write a book with Jamaal Charles. We've looked up to him ever since his appearance at the Special Olympics as my son is autistic. It's easy reading for him.

My 9 year old loves this series. We can't wait for more!

I bought this for my son and he really enjoyed the story.

My son LOVES this series. He says this was a great story about perseverance and inspires you to never give up. He liked learning about Jamaal Charles' childhood and his experiences in school, including how difficult it was for him and how he got through it. This is a great book and a wonderful series to check out.

This is a great book that delves deeply into the life of Jamaal Charles. I have been very impressed with the way that this book was written and how inspiring the book was as well. The author truly has opened my eyes to the amazing man that Jamaal Charles is, but also the kind of life that people should look to want to live too. We need more people acting as role models like Jamaal Charles and I am so glad that kids can now learn from his example this in this great book!

A great book for any middle schooler. Highly recommended!

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