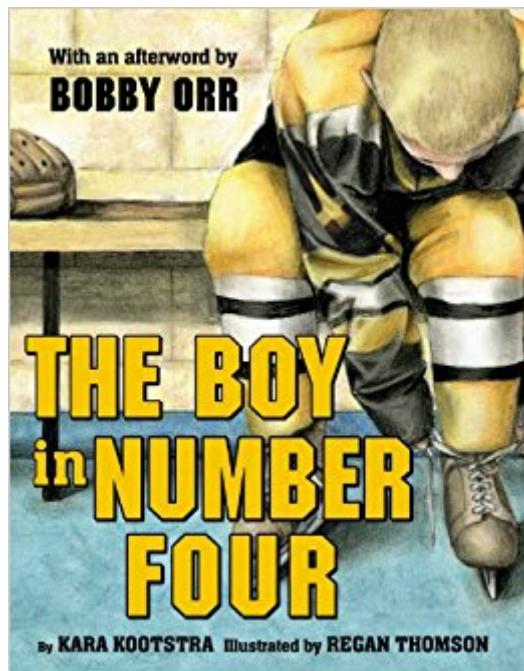


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# The Boy In Number Four



## Synopsis

## Book Information

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### Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 3 •Aimed at young readers, this picture book focuses on the early development of hockey great Bobby Orr's character and fortitude. Setting itself apart from most biographies, this

rhyming homage to Orr focuses instead on the athlete's diligence and determination to play for a major team from a young age. Although the text is somewhat hampered by hackneyed inspirational phrases ("There were times when it was easy, and others that were tough, and moments when it seemed/it would be better to give up."), the illustrations, based on Orr's personal photographs, are lovely. Sharp drawings, rendered in colored pencil, are rich in tone, capturing the unique contours of the ice as well as the complexity of shadow throughout each panel. A full-page afterward by Orr encourages kids to be active, participating in whatever sport they love. VERDICT This book is sure to find its place among hockey, fans young and old. —Carol Connor, Cincinnati Public Schools, OH

Kara Kootstra has always been a hockey fan. She lives in Windsor, Ontario, with her husband, Kyle, and her two children. This is her first book. Regan Thomson is a graduate in Graphic Design from Humber College in Toronto and taught art at Kent Academy in Jos Nigeria. She lives in Harrow, Ontario, with her husband, Steve, and their children. Bobby Orr was in the NHL from 1966 to 1978. He dramatically changed the way hockey was played by becoming an offense-minded defenseman. Twice he won the Art Ross trophy for leading the league in scoring. Bobby Orr was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1979.

My 2.5 year old loves this book. We are big Bruins fans at our house. He now says "the amazing Bobby Orr!" (The last line in the book) Whenever he sees the iconic picture. The story is simple and sweet and instills good values. Basically goes through the young boy's life, practicing, working hard, learning respect, being a good sport, and finally achieving his dream. We love this book so much, that I've now given it as a gift 3 times.

Grandson, 7, loves this book. He's a Hockey guy all the way. Written by Gordie Howe.

I gave this book to my 4 year old hockey enthusiast son and he loves it. He has had it for two days and we've read it at least 15 times. Great artwork, simple story. Definitely a good book for young sports fans.

My 5 yr old boy LOVES this book. I really like it as well...especially the message Bobby Orr writes at the end.

My four-year old son received this book as a part of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. I was ecstatic when I saw this arrive in the mail. I had bought a bunch of hockey books for my oldest when he was that age so this fit right in. I loved the art work and the message Bobby passes along to the kids at the end.

Great hockey book! My son loves it! ( my Dad does too)

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