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Eric Horton has been having disturbing nightmares of explosions and fire and someone screaming. The dreams keep him up at night, but during the day, as a goalkeeper on his high school's varsity soccer team, he has been unbeatable, saving shot after shot with what feels like a supernatural awareness of where the ball is headed. He also shares an uncommonly strong connection with Renee, the attractive new French exchange student. The wild visions and synchronicities pale in comparison to the strange experiments Renee's father is carrying out in the physics lab at the university, however. He has asked Eric to take part in the tests, which makes Eric question whether what he is seeing and hearing is reality or something far beyond it. When his friend Will develops a drinking problem and Renee starts flirting with other guys, Eric loses his confidence on the soccer field and in himself. If he is going to pull it all together, he will have to tap into a part of himself that he never knew existed.

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Bibliogyan says

The plot revolves around a high school student Eric Horton of the Monroe High school. He is on the soccer team as the goal keeper. The story starts with Eric been selected for the Varsity Team and becoming friends with his new classmate Renee. She is a transfer from France and her father is a scientist as well as a guest lecturer in their school.

The story then move forwards to what Renee's father is up-to. He is doing experiments with the Dark Energy and Dark Matter and connecting it with The Universal Energy field. We know that Eric has some influence in this aspect as he has a strong sense of knowing what might happen and even have foreboding dreams about accidents and explosions.

As he partakes more and more in Dr. Auberges experiments he begins to hone his skills better but is still unaware how it works or if it really does. The rest of the story is about Eric's relationship with his best friend Will and their gang and his budding romance with Renee. His dreams finally helps in saving his friends life's too.

I found the book to be interesting for sure. The characters are really mature and not too stereotypical. The storyline makes sense and the dialogues too are believable. It's a good slice of life mixed with a bit of sci-fi thrown in. I don't know what the author was aiming for but to me the book felt a bit dull as it was not what I was expecting. I expected more suspense or a more 'serious' subject but this is a typical YA slice of life story and perfect for the younger audience. It felt a bit underwhelming for me.

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CJ says

"The Field" by Tracy Richardson is a first-reads due out in October of 2013, and it is an amazing combination of a clean cut, coming of age soccer athlete with a hint of a precognition type trait mixed in with educational science, scietific experimentation based in factual past practices mostly during war times, and a little magic and mysticism all rolled into one.

Eric can ofter see what move is coming in his position of soccer goalkeeper and save the day for his team. He also falls for the new girl in school and becomes her science researching father's new test rat. Not to worry; he's totally into it. Subsequently the story is filled with plenty of science details that make learning an appealing proposition. Eric also starts having nightmares, of explosions and people screaming, that are disjointed enough that he cannot understand exactly what he is seeing.

Overall, I really liked The Field by Tracy Richardson and enjoyed so many different aspects of the story, even the fact that I can say that the cover on the ARC copy of the book is derived from page 154. That is so awesome.

Erin says

A fun book about soccer and tapping into hidden abilities. Eric makes the high school Varsity team as a goalie. He is able to predict where the ball will end up which really puts him on his game. He also meets the new girl, Renee, an exchange student from France, who he feels connected to. When Eric's dreams begin to haunt him and his best friend turns against him, he is left feeling hopeless and not connected. Can he tap back into the zone and get his life back in order?

You don't have to be a fan of soccer to like this book. I felt that the characters were credible. I enjoyed the psychic experiments that Eric works on in the lab. I also like the connection between Eric and Renee. I like Eric's character. He is genuine and really cares about everyone, especially Will, even after he is mean and disrespectful to him. I also really like Renee. She is a down to earth girl who continually supports Eric. I enjoyed this book!

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Kimber Wheaton says

I received this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

3.5 stars

The Field is an interesting YA read that's rather difficult to classify. It's part paranormal, part science. There's a bit of mystery and some romance. One thing I liked about this novel is that it's so different from other books I've read. Most YA authors don't explore science, much less physics. Some theoretical physics theories seem so fantastic, especially things like the universal consciousness (Ouch! Don't hit me, Sheldon Cooper!). In *The Field* we meet an esteemed physicist who is studying the universal consciousness, and one of his experiments is in remote viewing. How's that for mixing science and the paranormal?

Eric Horton is a soccer player with great athletic reflexes. At least he always thought they were reflexes until he meets Dr. Auberge. After participating in very successful remote viewing sessions, he begins to wonder if there's more to his instincts and dreams. Perhaps premonitions. The more Eric works with Dr. Auberge, the more he realizes that there may really be forces in nature that bind our consciousness together.

While I found the science in this book fascinating (I admit, I am a bit of a science buff), there were times when I felt I was at a lecture rather than pleasure reading. There's an awful lot of information the author needed to communicate to the reader for the book to make sense. I'm not a huge fan of info dumping, even when the information is interesting. That said, I did enjoy the book. Eric and Renee's budding romance was sweet and the action scenes at the soccer games were well-written.

I recommend *The Field* to everyone high school and up that enjoys an interesting and different read. There's something for everyone in this novel: science, sports, angst, and romance.

Laura says

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This book follows around Eric Horton. He is a junior in high school and has made the varsity soccer team, as one of two goalies. Eric seems to be a pretty average student, though he does take a couple AP classes, one being AP Environmental Science. His friends Will and Cole are also in this class. This class is also where he meets Renee, a new student that has come to America with her scientist father. This girl becomes Eric's love interest throughout the book.

Renee's father is a famous scientist who has come to America to do some research. He is offering an internship with for one student in the class. He is also looking for some participants for some research he is doing. Will, Cole, and eventually Renee all are included in this research. Eric learns some fantastic things about himself.

All while this is going on, we have Eric's soccer games. He has been having weird nightmares and has started to sense things during his games. Such as where the ball is going to be hit and when he should jump to block it. He thinks this is all his focusing that he has been practicing but he starts to question it. As the research continues, his abilities are getting stronger. He also starts having problems with his friend, and fellow soccer teammate, Will, and Renee.

Now I have to admit that I was a tad bored throughout the first half of the book. There were some exciting parts, such as his soccer games, and few heated scenes with his friends but other than that there is a lot of science talk and nothing really exciting happens. I am not that big on science, or soccer really, but I pushed through it. I am glad I did because the ending was really exciting. (No spoilers of course). This is where his dreams and all the research he has been included in really come into play. The ending was what bumped it up a star rating.

I had no problems with the writing style of the book. However, it sort of seemed like the author tried a little too hard on trying to sound like high school kids. There were some phrases and texts that didn't really sound like anything a high school kid would actually say. Also, Eric did seem to be a little full of himself when it came to his soccer games but what high school athlete isn't.

If you enjoy science and soccer then you will enjoy this book.

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Kelly Hager says

In the author bio at the end of the book, it says that Tracy Richardson loved *A Wrinkle in Time*. That's completely obvious when you read the book. Thematically, it's not science fiction per se (although there are elements of that) but there is such a love of science going through this book that I think anyone who loves that subject will absolutely adore this book. (It will also help if readers love soccer.)

I am not huge on science or soccer, but the premise of this book made me absolutely want to read it. This was such a cool idea and I was happy to see that while soccer definitely is important to the book's plot, it's

not on every single page. And it doesn't necessarily require readers to know a great deal about the game (huge relief for me, because I don't know much beyond "David Beckham").

Interesting concept and I will definitely check out whatever Tracy Richardson writes next.

Wolfie says

Writer Person

I find it funny how I read two soccer books back-to-back. Right after *The Romeo Club*, I jumped right into this one. I mention this because I was in the right sort of mind for the soccer references. It's not that I have anything against soccer, it's just that I personally haven't played in so long, I sort of forget what it's like. But now I'm digressing.

What I meant to get at was this: I've never seen quite a combination like this. A mix of soccer, physics, and.... a French girl. I never would have come up with all of that. But I like how Tracy Richardson made it all work somehow. It was a lot of info in a fairly short book, but I didn't feel overwhelmed or anything. The present tense narration was a bit of a shocker, but I got used to it. It just... worked somehow.

This is one of those rare cases where I don't love the male MC, but I still felt a connection to him. He had a voice that I could easily relate to and understand. When he was scared and confused about the dreams, I felt that, too. When he was pissed off at Will for drinking, you better believe I was pissed off, too. As for the whole Renee thing, I think the synopsis exaggerates quite a bit. I almost hated her for most of the book because of that one sentence. But as I read on, I found myself liking her a bit.

The love thing wasn't the main focus. It was mostly about the strange experiments and "the field" (I'll let you figure that out. I love how she made that work, too.) I'm personally a fan of that kind of physics. The super abstract kind that involves space and time (basically anything other than the physics class I'm currently taking). It has always intrigued me and I doubt that will ever stop. So I really did enjoy reading this. I'll have to look into those ideas a bit more. It's certainly not new, but the way she approached it was.

Overall, it was a great, quick read. I easily finished it in a day. And I won't be forgetting it anytime soon.

Recommendation: anybody who likes sci-fi and perhaps a bit of mystery

Sabrina says

This was a fun book that has soccer and hidden abilities which sound like they won't work well together but it does. Eric makes the varsity soccer team as a goalie and with his hidden ability he can tell where the ball is going to go and can block it every time. He also falls for the new girl Rene so everything seems to be going his way. That is until his dreams start to haunt him and his best friend turns against him can Eric get back on his game and make everything right again.

I am a huge soccer fan so I was excited to read a book that has soccer in it. But you don't have to enjoy soccer to like this book as the characters are very likeable and you will find yourself rooting for them. I loved the connection between Eric and Rene they are very sweet but Eric is defiantly my favorite character in this book. He is a really stand up guy who genuinely loves and cares about the people in his life and even his best friend when he turns on him. I just really enjoyed this book and look forward to reading more from Tracy in the future. 4/5 Bloody Fangs

Ann Jones says

Sports, science, paranormal activity and strong realistic teenage characters, male and female. There is nothing not to like about this book.

Marilyn says

The Field can be considered a form of science fiction. The author, a biology major, includes environmental issues and metaphysics in her story. Eric, the protagonist, can tell what others may be thinking, which can help him excel at his goalie position in his high school soccer team. He becomes involved with a collective energy experiment being conducted by a visiting scientist. Although he gets bothered by his abilities, he works things out by discussing events with his family and girlfriend Renee. His abilities not only help him in his sports but also in helping others survive. I really enjoyed this book. High school students interested in soccer and the phenomenon of "seeing" would love the book.

Nai says

It has been a long week, and this book really was what saved me this weekend. I've had a pretty crazy busy November and December isn't looking much less busy though I do very much look forward to a week of vacation around the holiday season. I haven't had time off like that, well, ever. So, YAY time to read! I felt rushed reading The Field, and was so happy that the lovely Emlyn gave me some extra time to post my review. It's the first time I've missed a date for one of my tours, and I feel really awful, because this was such a good book, and so worthy of praise. On to the review, and to give Tracy Richardson some much deserved feedback on another simply fantastic novel!

The Review

I'd call this book the perfect weekend read. I didn't read it all in one shot as the weekend was busy with a number of other things, but found that in three short sittings I got the relaxation and comfort I needed all while reading a great story. The synopsis was perfectly in line with the rest of the book, and I loved reading a YA novel that had a male character as the lead. The whole book reminded me of watching my brother grow up in so many ways. He didn't play soccer, and he really wasn't an A student, or the kid that applied for internships (that was totally me), but the emotions and actions and way he came into the house after school were so much like my brother. Richardson did a terrific job of portraying this young male, and it really felt like I was inside a teenage boy's yead for the entire story (which was a little scary at times!). I loved hearing about how intrigued Eric was by girls, or one specific girl, and all the implications that had on his school and sport life. Which brings me to my next point. I'm not a fan of sports, and in fact, some of the exact situations and details of the try-outs are exactly why I'm not 'into' sports. I'm not a very competitive person, which is

sometimes ironic given how perfectionist I can be. Again, loved, loved, loved the male perspective on this, and it pretty much remedied all the questions I had as a young adult myself about why guys love sports. :P So, even though sports are not my forte, nor my passion even in a spectator sense, this book had so many good things about it. It wasn't all about the ball, there were academics, YA love interest and well rounded characters (including some great dogs) to get to know. I'd highly recommend this book to any male young adult reader, and all the parents wondering about just WHAT is going on in their child's head. It was a great read, and much MUCH better than Eric's mom's parenting book.

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Cara says

Soccer, science, friendship, and romance make this a book any gender and readers from teens to adults could enjoy. Eric Horton is the kind of boy you want your daughter to date.

R3id Libby says

This book is a good summer read, and you may very well find yourself reading several chapters at a time. I finished the book in about a week; the plot is easy to follow, the characters relatable, and each word positively absorbing.

Whether you're on the soccer field with Eric and Will during each thrilling play, or on top of the mysterious rock watching the stars with Eric and Renee, or just kidding around with Cole, (with whom I feel a deep emotional resonance,) every scene is at once thrilling, thoughtful, and absorbing. Middle and high school students will find "The Field" exciting and easy to read, and parents will be fascinated to know what a day in the life of a high schooler is like nowadays.

However, the appeal of "The Field" is not limited to any demographic-- readers needn't be soccer fans, workers for clean coal, or cosmic energy field enthusiasts to get into every part of this story.

On a side-note, Richardson's simple, accessible writing style contrasts well with her husband's bold prose in his work "Fragile", and reading both books is an interesting experience: Two very different writing styles from under the same roof! Not to mention that their talented son did the cover art for "The Field". To connoisseurs of art, I say to expect great things from this family. And to readers, I say, "Bon appetit!"

Craig Tierney says

Eric and his friends are relatable characters throughout the novel, and the idea and use of the Universal Energy Field is an original set piece for this genre, but the pacing was too slow for me up until the last 10 chapters.

The soccer games had plenty of excitement and suspense, but Eric's day-to-day life and his experiments with Dr. Auberge just didn't keep me engaged very well.

The book is well written, but I think it would have been more interesting if Eric had figured out his ability to predict and prevent tragedy by using the Universal Energy Field at the beginning of the story. If the novel had been about Eric stopping his tragic visions from coming true I probably would have found it more engaging.

But what Ms Richardson does as far as characterization is strong and her descriptions of the soccer matches still makes this a worthy summer read.

Jennifer Smith says

First of all, I won this book in a Goodreads First Reads giveaway.

I hate writing bad review because it makes me feel like a horrible person, but I won this book in a First Reads giveaway so I feel obligated to review it. I did not like this book at all. It was so boring that I really struggled to finish it. The teenagers in the book were very unrealistic and the author completely failed at making them sound like real teenagers. She tried way too hard to add a bunch of cool phrases to the teenagers conversations and it just came across as cheesy. I'm not really sure what age group this book would appeal to. I think high school kids would make fun the dorky teenagers trying to sound cool and because of the f-bombs, I don't think it would be appropriate for younger kids. I thought the scientific parts of the book were really boring and unrealistic. I just did not get this book or enjoy it at all. I appreciate the author sending me an advanced readers copy in the giveaway and that is the only reason I gave the book 2 stars instead of just 1.
