

Korman Scores

The Chicken Doesn't Skate

By Gordon Korman

What do you get when you mix weird science with a school hockey team? You get one hilarious story! The book is about a kid named Milo and his classmates who are trying to keep the hockey team's winning streak (and its mascot) alive.

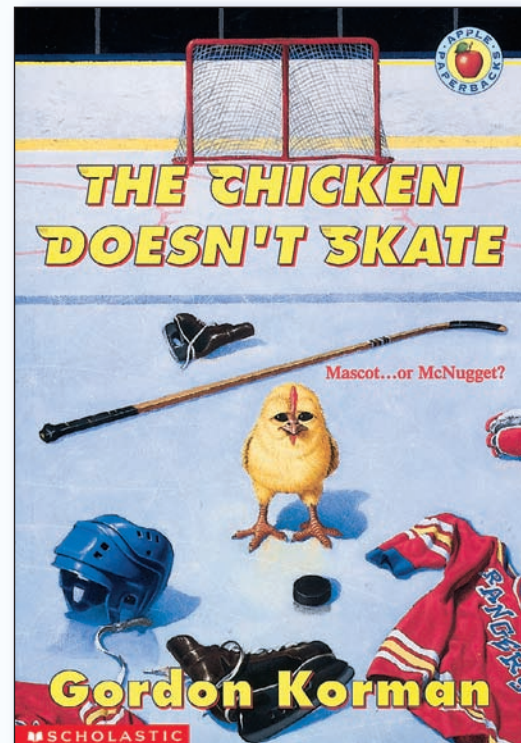
This humorous book is Korman at his best. He packs plenty of thrilling action into the fast-paced story. You'll be busy turning pages. But you might have to pause, occasionally, to wipe tears of laughter from your eyes.

The best part of this entertaining book is that each chapter is told from a different character's perspective. It's like getting to read their private journals. This helps you understand each character better. And it makes some of their crazy antics less, well, crazy.

Although Korman has long been a favorite of discriminating middle-school readers, some of his recent books didn't live up to his fans' high expectations. However, *The Chicken Doesn't Skate* puts him right back on top. I suggest you open up Korman's latest. You owe it to yourself to find out why the chicken doesn't skate!

Writer's Tip

- In a critical review, use *precise adjectives* to describe your subject clearly.
- Precise adjectives help the reader picture what is being described.



Precise Adjectives

- ▶ Reread the book review and circle the precise adjectives. Write the adjectives and what they help describe in the chart below.

Adjective	What It Describes

Your Turn

- ▶ Think about the review you are writing. Decide what things you will describe. Think of precise adjectives to describe them. Write your ideas in the chart below.

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- ▶ Use your chart to write a paragraph of your review using precise adjectives.