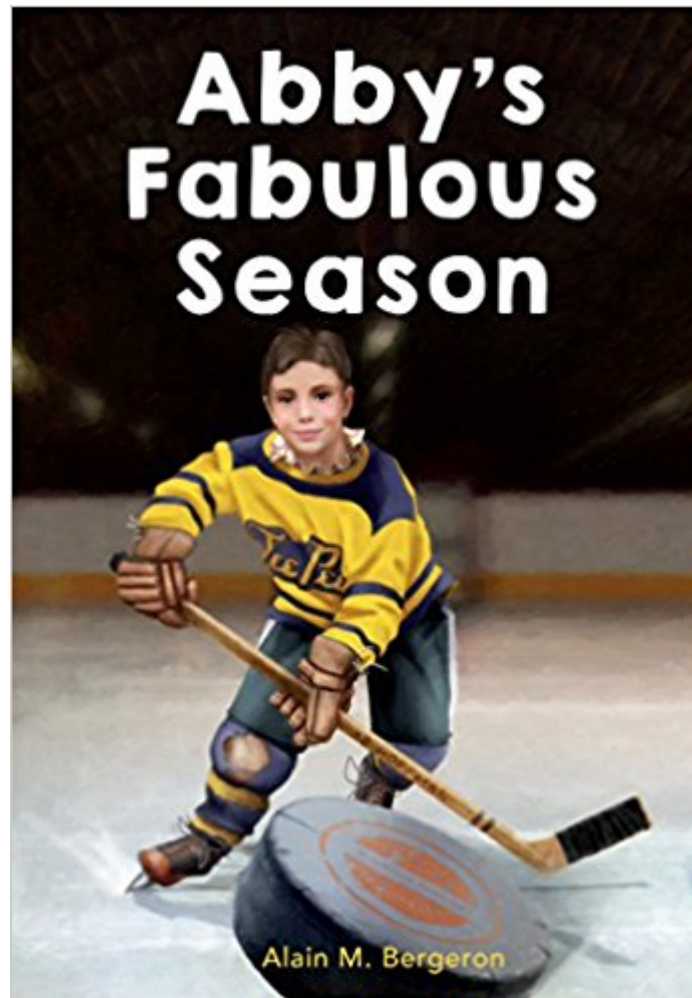




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# Abby's Fabulous Season



## Synopsis

In 1955, girls who played hockey were rare, and there was no chance of them playing on the boys'™ team. Abby, age 9, with her short haircut, supportive parents, and sheer bravado, bluffs her way onto the All-Star team of her league. When her secret is found out, she has to fight to stay on the team. Her story captures the attention of her city and then her whole country, as people begin to root for the plucky young girl who is as good as any boy. As many girls still struggle to be taken seriously in sports, they will find inspiration from this story inspired by the real-life Abby Hoffman, whose bravery on and off the ice helped pave the way for girls in hockey.

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.The pace of the story flows smoothly... While the story focuses on the gender restriction which prohibits Abby from openly participating in the boys'™s hockey league, readers are also exposed to other areas of 1950s'™ culture that were male dominated. Recommended.. (CM Magazine 2015-01-23)

Abby Hoffman helped pave the way for girls in hockey.

Abby Hoffman is a nine-year old girl who loves hockey. She has been playing with her brothers on

an outdoor rink and is pretty good. Unfortunately, it is 1955, and girls are supposed to figure skate, not play hockey. There are no hockey leagues for girls. When a league for children 9 to 11 opens up, with the support of her parents, Abby registers, disguised as a boy. Her name is registered as Ab Hoffman, she cuts her hair, borrows hockey equipment from her brothers, including a jock, somehow gets through the physical and begins her year as a hockey player for the St. Catharines Tee Peees. Abby is a good player, and escaping many close calls, she manages to stay under cover for the majority of the season. She is bullied somewhat by one of the other players, but this does not get her down. When she is drafted to the league's All Star team for a charity match her secret finally gets out. Abby does not quit and with strong support, she is finally allowed to play. Abby now had the opportunity to show what she and girl's in general can do on the ice, instead of worrying about being caught in her impersonation. She becomes a national sensation and is even interviewed about her situation. This is not a hockey story. Yes, there are some descriptions of the game, but you do not have to be a hockey fan to appreciate this story. The story is about gender discrimination and the determinations of this young girl, this is based on a true story, to play the game she loved with the support of her family. There are also other male dominated areas in the 1950s that are mentioned. The relationships Abby shares with her family; parents, brothers, grandparents is strong and supportive. Her best friend also supports her decisions along the way. I do not see this book as a YA book, but one for middle grades (gr. 6 to 8). Abby is young in this book and many of her actions and reactions are true to the age. At other times, she seems very grown up when interacting with the annoying and bullying teammate. While the rest of her teammates are mature about her participation in the league once they learn that she is a girl, this particular player continues to harass her. Rather than becoming defensive and pointing out his weaknesses, she comes to his aid when he is in need. There is an epilogue which informs readers of the current activities of Abby and her family members. Abby did not continue playing hockey, but moved on to crossing the gender barriers that existed in track and field. It would surprise no one to learn that she was successful in that area as well. I received a copy of this book from netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

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