

BRIAN GOTTA

A U T H O R / S P E A K E R



ABOUT BRIAN GOTTA

My first book, *Congratulations! You're a Millionaire!* is the definitive guide to selling in business. My series of children's sports novels, *The Season's Not Over*, *Hanging In There*, *Time for Willy* and *The Unbelievable Point Guard* are aimed at the grade school-aged sports fan. *Winning Secrets* is recognized as the premier baseball coaches' guide.

Now, my Young Adult/Contemporary novel, *Him*, takes me in a completely new direction. Told from the point of view of the optimistic and good dog, Scout, *Him* is touching, funny and thought-provoking. Readers of all ages will fall in love with and want to rescue Scout.

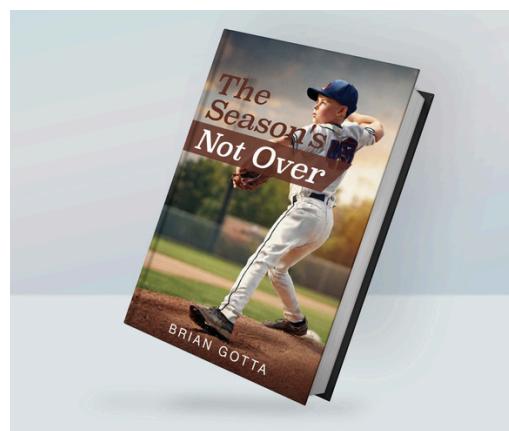
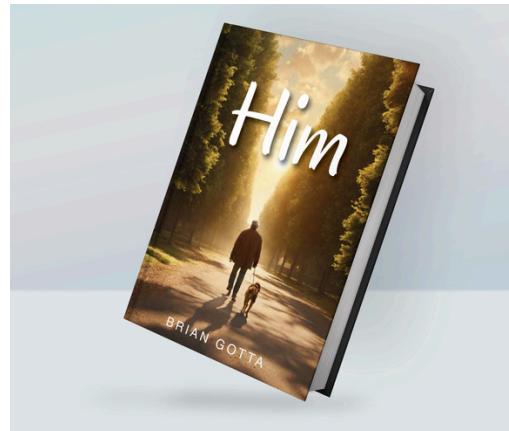
BOOK REVIEWS

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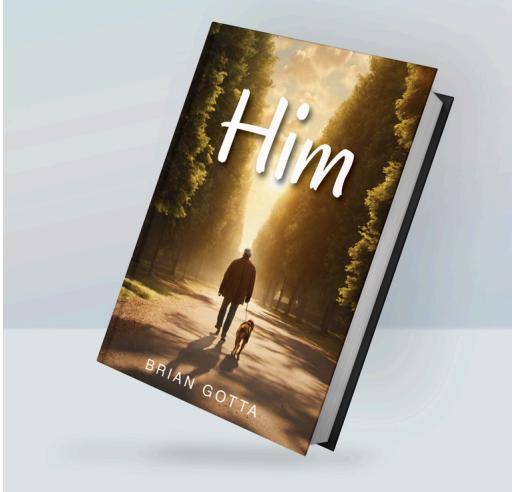
I had to confess I had a lifelong fear of dogs. But Brian didn't give up on me. He said, "I can't wait for you to meet Scout!" I'm happy I did. Brian was right. Scout is a loyal dog, completely devoted to his human. There's a lot he doesn't understand about the world and why things happen, but he tries his best. It took a bit of time to get into the dog's-eye-view and his understanding (or lack thereof) of human language, but to my surprise, I simply couldn't put the book down. I read the entire thing over the course of just a day, in two sessions. I'll try to keep his lessons in mind the next time I am sharing space with a dog. And maybe we will become good friends. I'm giving *Him* five paws up! - **Lori Holuta, A License to Quill**

THE SEASON'S NOT OVER

Brian Gotta knows baseball and the mindset of the middle school athlete in this superbly written novel, *The Season's Not Over*. It is an inspirational piece of children's literature in which sportsmanship is taught by example. This is a book all children must read, for it provides a positive portrait of what team sports is all about. - **Michael Thal, Scribesworld**



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Q & A FOR PRESS

How did you get your start writing books?

During my career as a sales manager, I began to journal the things I was teaching to my salespeople everyday, which resulted in my first book, *Congratulations! You're a Millionaire*.

What led you to write sports books?

When my children were young, I read to them some of the old Matt Christopher sports novels I had loved when I was a boy. I realized that, as great as those were, they seemed archaic, and I set out to create youth sports novels with more modern themes. At the same time, I was coaching my four kids in all their sports, especially baseball. I have probably coached as much youth baseball and softball as anyone, and I wrote *Winning Secrets* to share the knowledge I've obtained with others.

What was the idea behind *Him*?

I have a business associate who is retired and lives alone. One day he emailed me that he was going to miss our call because he was going out to get his new best friend. The poignancy of that struck me and, immediately, I had the idea for the novel.

What is something unique that others don't know about you?

I am a singer/songwriter and my band, Grand Adventures, just released our first album.

Where can your books be found?

On my website, BooksByGotta.com, or Amazon

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