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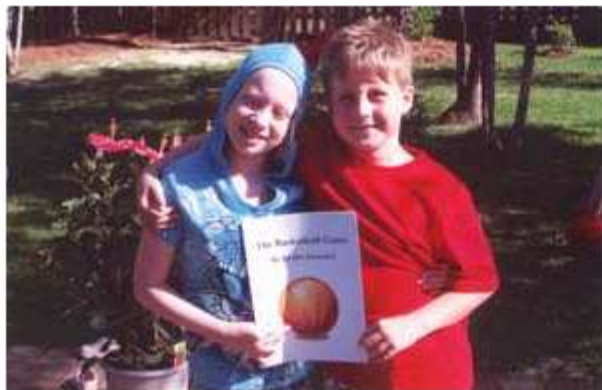
Boy's book raises \$2,500 for classmate

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Most forms of Prince Charming are not that of a 7-year-old boy, but that is how Tara Moore of Woolmarket describes Drake Senseney.

Drake recently wrote his own book to help his friend, Moore's 7-year-old daughter, Lexi, who has T-cell lymphoma.

Lexi was excited that she was recently presented a copy of the book, "The Basketball Game," by Drake himself.



submitted photo Lexi Moore, left, is presented a book from classmate and friend Drake Senseney. Drake, 7, recently wrote the book to raise funds for Lexi, who has T-cell lymphoma.

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"Guess what he let me do?" she asked. "He let me kiss him on the cheek."

The two met at Woolmarket Elementary School.

Wanting to help his friend, Drake said he one day thought of writing a book. That was about three months ago.

So far, sales of the book have raised about \$2,500 for Lexi. Several fundraisers for are being held this weekend.

To write the book, Drake's mom, Dee Dee, said, "He had me make him a page on the computer. He did all the typing (hunt and peck method), and I had to show him how to do the clip art."

Shea Williams, 20, Drake's cousin, also drew a couple of pictures for the book.

The book sells for \$1 because Drake insisted that his friends couldn't afford more, Dee Dee Senseney said.

The family printed the book themselves, but since then a local printer and a printer out of Jackson have printed boxes of the books for them, said Dee Dee Senseney.

The book has been sold to family, friends and at church.

"He (Drake) was very upset that he couldn't sell it at Wal-Mart," she said.

Senseney recently received the Quota Club Youth Embracing Service Award.

To get an update on Lexi, go to www.caringbridge.org/visit/leximoore.