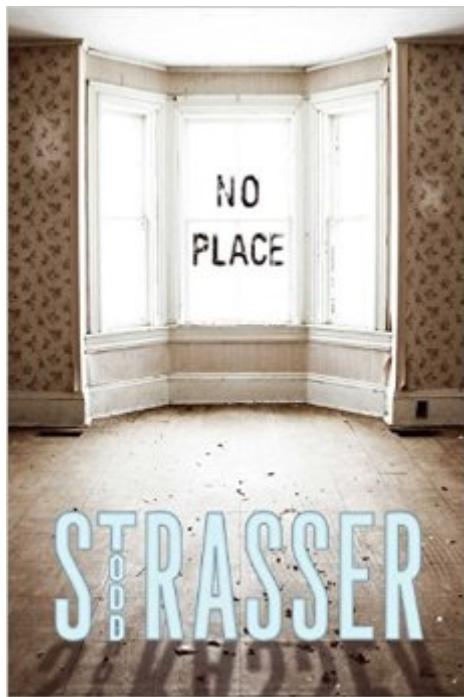


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# No Place



## **Synopsis**

When Dan and his family go from middle class to homeless, issues of injustice rise to the forefront in this relatable, timely novel from Todd Strasser. It seems like Dan has it all. He's a baseball star who hangs with the popular crowd and dates the hottest girl in school. Then his family loses their home. Forced to move into the town's Tent City, Dan feels his world shifting. His friends try to pretend that everything's cool, but they're not the ones living among the homeless. As Dan struggles to adjust to his new life, he gets involved with the people who are fighting for better conditions and services for the residents of Tent City. But someone wants Tent City gone, and will stop at nothing until it's destroyed...

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 12 and up

Grade Level: 7 and up

## **Customer Reviews**

I'm writing a positive review of this book. Character, Dan and family end up moving to a "city of tents" for the homeless. The book shares all of the emotions of a HS senior dealing with all aspects of being homeless. He hides the facts from his friends as long as he can, he stands up for the homeless' needs and wants, he's a hard worker looking for odd jobs, and much more. This book is an excellent book for teens as well as adults to read to put aside prejudices of the people going through bad times. Our own single daughter was caught up in being unemployed by no fault of her

own (once during the aftermath of 9/11; and the 2006 recession). She's a hard working young person that each time pulled herself up by the boot straps to gain control of her own life. It's not easy for people caught in the middle class of life. Yes, there were some selfish means that a townsperson took, but the truth prevailed. I plan on adding this book to my Youth section of the church library.

I love everything Todd Strasser has written. I especially like the way he delves into topics that are current and important, and while I have enjoyed much of the recent dystopian YA literature, I'm relieved to see that there are authors willing to take on realistic fiction about topics like poverty and homelessness. The main character in this book had lived a life much like that of many of my students, and his reaction to the rapid change of his situation, the denial and humiliation, is completely believable, easy to relate to, easy to empathize with. Strasser includes suspense, romance, and sports in a quick read that will surely appeal to thoughtful readers.

Very pleased with purchase! Thank you

My copy is missing 33 pages?

Sometimes when your kid asks for a book (likely at the suggestion of her schoolteacher) you have to consider the topic and substitute books where the characters take action that is perhaps more self-reliant and positive. In this case I substituted "Spencer's Mountain," "Island of the Blue Dolphins," and "The Witch of Blackbird Pond." Had she been a boy I would have added "Where the Red Fern Grows."

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