

# Tough Boy Sonatas | 86 pages | Curtis L. Crisler | 9781932425772 | Boyds Mills Press, 2007 | 2007

About the Book Twelve-year-old Nick is a soccer-loving boy who absolutely hates books. In this follow-up to the Newbery-winning novel *The Crossover*, soccer, family, love, and friendship take center stage as Nick tries to figure out how to navigate his parents' divorce, stand up to a bully, and impress the girl of his dreams. © Crisler, Curtis. 2007. *Tough Boy Sonatas*. Honesdale, Penn: Wordsong/Boyd's Mills. © Frost, Helen. The book *Tough Boy Sonatas* was a collection of poems that were different from one another but all took place in the same city. For the majority of the poems I could not relate to them. However, they were pretty interesting and taught some meaningful messages. Title: *Tough Boy Sonatas* Author: Curtis L. Crisler Illustrator: Floyd Cooper Genre: Poem Theme(s): Poverty, crime, survival, streets Opening line/sentence: Oh city, City of misfortune, City of layoff industry, City with adult children on abandoned playgrounds, Pregnant city with no father, I sleep in your belly, I find comfort in your uncomfortable posture, Roach-like, I am everywhere, Especially. *Tough Boy Sonatas*. Unabridged Audiobook. Play it Free. With 30-Day Free Trial. Add to Cart. Price \$8.99 (USD). Remove From Cart. Wherever your home is, it's probably not as tough as Gary, Indiana. Gary has been called a lot of things. The Armpit of Chicago. The Land of Robbing Hoods. Hell. For the children of Gary, living often boils down to surviving. Maybe these kids get caught up in games of gin rummy. Listen to *Tough Boy Sonatas* and new releases of Audio Books Online Get any Free Streaming FREE during your Free Trial. We use your LinkedIn profile and activity data to personalize ads and to show you more relevant ads. You can change your ad preferences anytime. *Tough Boy Sonatas* Audio Books Online Free Streaming | *Tough Boy Sonatas* Audio Books Online Free Streaming. Upcoming SlideShare. Loading in 5. *Tough Boy Sonatas* Hardcover "February 1, 2007. by Curtis Crisler (Author), Floyd Cooper (Illustrator). 5.0 out of 5 stars 2 ratings. Starred Review. Grade 8 Up" In this collection of 38 poems, an unflinching narrative offers a view of the boys who run within the confines of the industrial town of Gary, IN. Their lives, unknown to the "groggy commuters" who flash by on the train, are harsh and difficult, bold and passionate. There's LaRoy, who sings, "i am not a failing flashlight. i am an inspired/inspiration"; they know I have/hope, and hope kills"; the classroom daydreamer who feels that the lopsided view of history he is being taught is whitewashing away his chances to be a contender; and Millicen