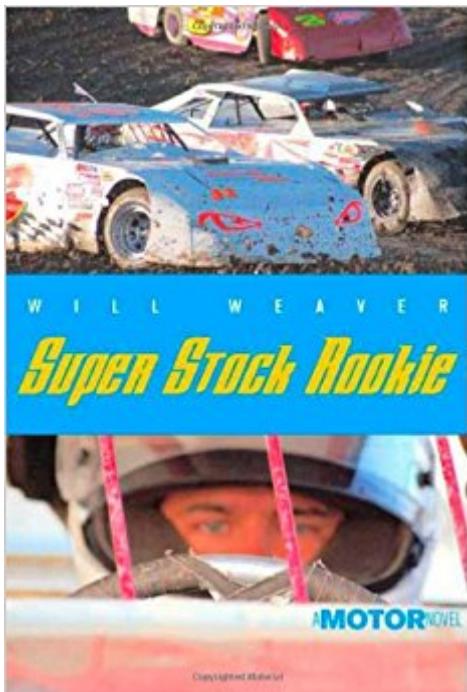


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# Super Stock Rookie (Motor Novels)



## Synopsis

After a couple of seasons of small-town racing, things are shifting into high gear for a young dirt-track driver with the skills to make it big. Trace Bonham has landed a corporate sponsor and a custom-built dream ride. But this means Trace can no longer pilot his dad's Street Stock Chevy, and must let a new kid get behind the wheel. It also means having to turn his back on his hometown speedway, which his team leaders think is a hayseed operation not worth their time, even though it's run by a girl who matters to Trace in a big way. Filled with authentic race-car action and detail, Will Weaver's fast-paced novel is the story of a boy struggling with the speed and demands of his own success.

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Grade 8 Up •Teenage stock-car racer Trace Bonham is chosen to receive a corporate sponsorship, with a lucrative contract, a custom-built Super Stock vehicle, and his own racing team. He has suspicions about his Team Blu sponsor almost from the beginning, especially since their representatives seem more interested in his looks than in his driving ability. He overcomes his reservations and signs on, only to be accused of having an illegal vehicle in his first race at his

home track. His car passes the technical inspection, but his crew discourages him from asking too many questions about the engine. Trace has other problems as well, including the breakup of his parents' marriage and his mixed feelings about moving away from his friends and the girl he likes. With references to digital tachs, kill switches, drop-in valve springs, Street and Pure Stocks, Mini-Stocks, and Mod Fours, the novel is likely to appeal to youngsters who normally shy away from fiction. It seems probable, however, that these readers will be frustrated by having to wait for the next installment to see how the issues raised in this novel are resolved. •Richard Luzer, Fair Haven Union High School, VT Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Trace Bonham, last seen in *Saturday Night Dirt* (2008), returns with hopes to move beyond his local rural Minnesota race-car track. He tries out for the driver of a car sponsored by an outfit called Team Blu, and much to his surprise, he is picked and sets off on the mid-level stock-car circuit in the Midwest. Weaver offers outstanding descriptions of the races, putting readers in the center of the action and showing how skills, such as the ability to read the subtleties of the track, make the difference between winning and losing. The novel ends with several questions hanging, presumably to be answered later in the series. Grades 8-11. --Todd Morning

It was OK. Not all that thrilling

Had it sent to my grandson, and he thought it was great, and will be ordering more.

*SUPER STOCK ROOKIE* is another fast-paced racing story by Will Weaver. This is the second in his MOTOR NOVEL series and is sure to grab the attention of reluctant teen readers - even if they aren't particularly racing fans. Trace Bonham has been racing Street Stock for years on small town tracks throughout the northern Midwest. Now, it's possible that he might get a chance to race a new, top-of-the-line Super Stock car. All he has to do is attend a tryout sponsored by a group called Team Blu and hope for the best. Joining Trace are some of his friends from his hometown track at Headwaters Speedway. Mel runs the track with her dad. Patrick sings the national anthem before races, does grunt work around the track, and wishes he could be a driver someday. There are also other racing teams that have watched Trace grow into the racer he is today. All of them wish him the best at the tryout, but if he makes it, will his success change these longtime relationships? Team Blu offers Trace the best of everything - a great new car, topnotch mechanics and pit crew, and a super

trailer complete with his own quality sleeping quarters. He just has to drive fast, look great, and promote their product. Seems pretty simple, but ...I'm not a racing fan at all, but I found myself caught up in the action from the very first page. Weaver's first MOTOR NOVEL, titled SATURDAY NIGHT DIRT, was also a page-turner, so I'm definitely looking forward to whatever follows next. Reviewed by: Sally Kruger, aka "Readingjunk"y

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