

Death by Toilet Paper

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Benjamin, a seventh grade boy, is trying his hardest to win contests and sell candy bars; however, it is not for himself, but for his family. If he does not win enough contests, his family will be evicted from their home. This is the story of his struggle to win a large enough cash prize to save his family and keep a promise to his dad before he died.

Stories like these are usually not my cup of tea- the cover and title made me feel like this would be a story for much younger children. But upon reading it, I found this was not the case and it had a much deeper storyline than I initially thought. Benjamin's story and the people that are in it hit close to home, and I couldn't help but admire this boy in his actions throughout his struggles. I would recommend this book for preteens and anyone older, despite any preconceptions against the book.