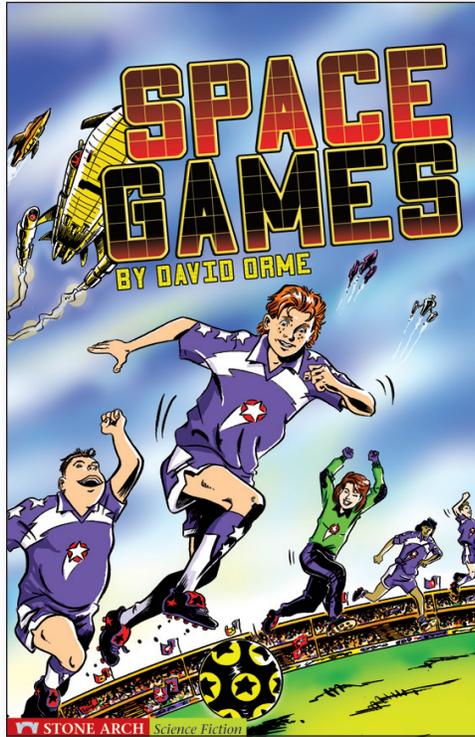




READER'S THEATER



Space Games **by David Orme**

Characters: **Todd, a soccer fan**
Becky, a soccer fan
Captain Robins, commander of a spaceship
Dad, Todd's father
Narrator

Genre: **Science Fiction**

Ages: **10-15**

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Narrator: Todd and Becky both loved soccer. And they both lived in space inside a gigantic spaceship. There was just one problem. There was no place on the spaceship where they could play their favorite sport.

Becky: I wish we had a place to kick a soccer ball around.

Todd: I know. I'm tired of playing virtual soccer.

Narrator: Captain Robins, the captain of the spaceship *Searcher*, soon visited Todd and Becky. They didn't see him often, but he was a very friendly man.

Captain: Hello, kids, how is it going today?

Becky: Terrible!

Todd: Yeah, terrible.

Captain: Why is that?

Todd: We don't have anywhere to play soccer!

Narrator: The captain told the kids that there wasn't much room on a star ship. Then he said:

Captain: Even if there were, you would still need another team to play against.

Narrator: Todd and Becky looked sad.

Captain: I will see what I can do.

Todd: Thanks, Captain!

Becky: Yeah, thanks!

Narrator: Three days later, Todd got a message.

Dad: Todd, there is a message for you on the computer.

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- Narrator:** Todd read the message. It said there would be a soccer game in Hold 5-C. Todd's dad said:
- Dad:** Good old Captain Robins. The holds are where we keep the cargo. But Hold 5-C is empty on this trip! It's a big space, just right for soccer.
- Narrator:** The captain's message also said the kid's soccer team would have another team to play against.
- Dad:** Another team?
- Todd:** Yeah, they're called the Searcher's United.
- Dad:** I wonder who they are.
- Narrator:** Just then, Becky came in.
- Becky:** I heard about the other team from my mom. She was working in the control room and heard all about them. The captain's really good at soccer. He and his crew have made up their own team to play against us!
- Narrator:** Todd wasn't sure playing against the captain and his crew was such a great idea.
- Todd:** Those guys are real athletes!
- Narrator:** But they all decided to give it a shot.
- Becky:** All right, let's do it!
- Narrator:** After school, Todd got his team to practice their skills.
- Todd:** All right, everyone. We need to be better!
- Becky:** We're trying as hard as we can!
- Narrator:** The team practiced for a week. Finally it was time to go down to the hold where the soccer game would be held.
- Becky:** Wow, this place sure is big.

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Narrator:

The young soccer players saw the crew setting up cameras. Now the game would be seen all over the ship.

Todd:

Well, we've practiced hard and now it is time for the game. Are you ready?

Becky:

Ready as I'll ever be!

Todd:

Let's start the game!

Narrator:

As they walked onto the field, Todd felt his knees shaking. He hoped it didn't show on TV.

Captain:

Have a good game, Todd.

Todd:

Thanks, Captain! You too.

Narrator:

Then Todd kicked off. Which team will win? Check out the book *Space Games* by David Orme and see what other surprises happen to the young soccer team from outer space.

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