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Editorial Review

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Gr 4-7-Korman's many fans will not be disappointed with this latest novel. Cameron is a gamer; he doesn't like to do anything else. Spending every moment he can playing video games, he sometimes gets carried away. This is how the kitchen burns down and he loses his gaming privileges. His parents decide he needs to get involved in a group and interact with other kids his own age. So he and his friends create the Positive Action Group as a front so they can simply continue gaming. Things get hairy when people become interested in actually joining the group and it gets a faculty advisor. Suddenly the fake group has become very real. Korman has a talent for writing engaging characters in wacky, laugh-out-loud plotlines. This story is told through multiple perspectives, though it is Cameron who stands out. He talks and acts like a real gamer, lending the high jinks an undercurrent of authenticity. As the Positive Action Group becomes real, things begin to change for Cameron as he learns the value in helping others. VERDICT Short chapters and chuckle-inducing moments give this book a charm that is hard to resist. An excellent pick for reluctant readers.-Patrick Tierney, Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary School, Providence, RIα(c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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Gordon Korman is the #1 bestselling author of three books in The 39 Clues series as well as seven books in his Swindle series: *Swindle*, *Zoobreak*, *Framed*, *Showoff*, *Hideout*, *Jackpot*, and *Unleashed*. His other books include *This Can't Be Happening at Macdonald Hall!* (published when he was fourteen); *The Toilet Paper Tigers*; *Radio Fifth Grade*; the trilogies *Island*, *Everest*, *Dive*, *Kidnapped*, and *Titanic*; and the series *The Hypnotists* and *On the Run*. He lives in New York with his family and can be found on the web at www.gordonkorman.com.

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