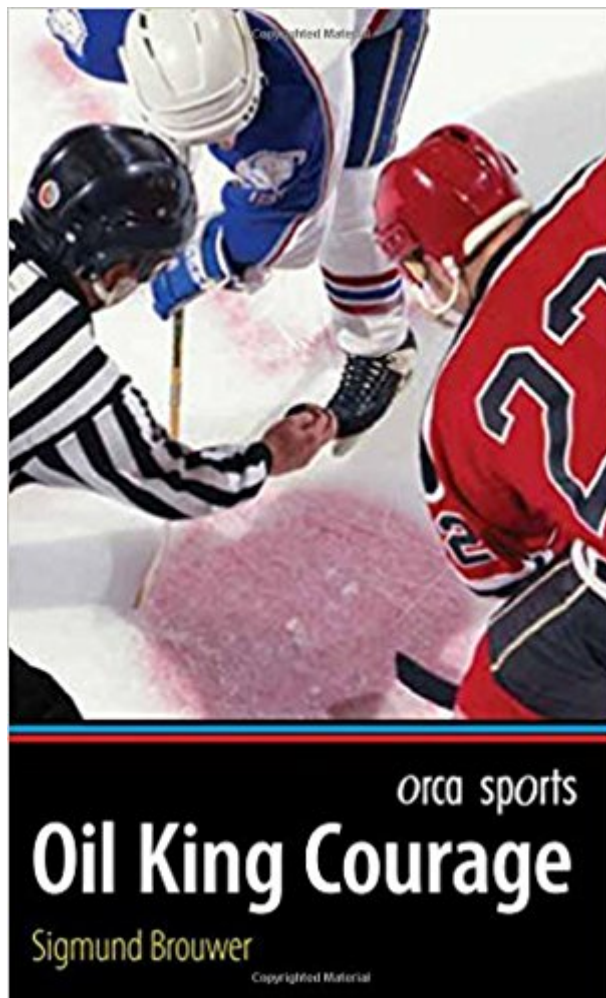


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# Oil King Courage (Orca Sports)



## Synopsis

When the Edmonton Oil Kings discover that Reuben Reuben has a hockey game as unforgettable as his name and his Inuit heritage, life changes in a hurry for him and his best friend Gear. A wealthy businessman sponsors a three-on-three pond-hockey tour across the western Arctic, and Reuben and Gear find out more than they ever bargained for about teamwork, about the North and about a dangerous family secret.

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"Young people will enjoy reading about the supportive friends, the exciting hockey scenes, and the mystery. This will appeal particularly to reluctant YA male readers." (NMRLS Youth Services Book Review 2010-04-01)"Brouwer has done a wonderful job of tying mystery, Inuit traditions and hockey together in a great story of family, loyalty and friendship. This high interest novel will satisfy not only reluctant readers, but others who enjoy a fast-paced storyâ |Highly Recommended." (CM Magazine 2010-09-03)"Canadian hockey will certainly be a hot topic in libraries following the recent Olympics. This quick read may satisfy the desires of those who want to read about the game." (Washington State YA Review 2010-03-01)

Reuben and Gear learn to appreciate art in the arctic.

Dedicated fans of Brouwer's previous works have a major disappointment coming their way with Oil King Courage. It seems all he did to write this book was Google "the basic rules of hockey" and "boring Canadian history". Even his usually incredible writing style fell through the ice on this one. To his credit, he did have a couple good laughs throughout and very faint glimpses at the grittiness he layers fast and thick on his epic thrillers such as Broken Angel and Double Helix. I've read close to 70 of his books, most of them two or three times, and I have to say this is his absolute worst book to date. Even his board books are better than this. Bottom line: don't read it. Please. It's embarrassing.

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