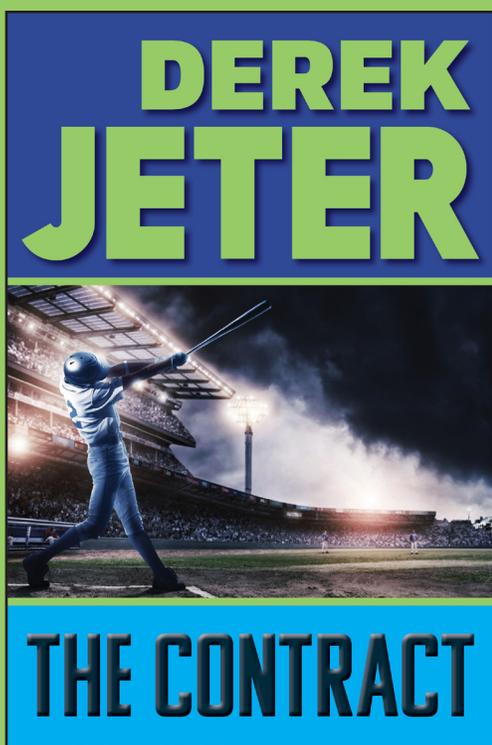


CREATE YOUR CONTRACT

In *The Contract*, Derek's parents write up guidelines for Derek to follow to help him achieve his dream of becoming the short-stop for the Yankees. Why not make your own contract to help you achieve YOUR dreams?



“I see you’re still serious about what we discussed last night,” said his dad. “That’s good. After you left our room, your mom and I jotted down some guidelines for you to follow. If you’re going to be the Yankees’ shortstop, you might as well get used to having a contract. Do you want to see what we wrote down?”

Derek nodded his head, then gulped as his father turned off the game and went upstairs. *What is this all about?* he thought. When his father came back downstairs, Mrs. Jeter was with him, and he had in his hand a sheet of yellow legal paper, which he placed on the table in front of Derek. “No negotiating,” his father said with a smile.

At the top of the paper, in capital letters, were the words CONTRACT FOR DEREK JETER.

—Excerpt from *The Contract*

JETER CHILDREN'S

CONTRACT FOR:

Follow these steps to make your own contract:

1. Think carefully about what should be filled out below in your contract. For inspiration, look at Derek's contract on the next page.
2. Discuss your ideas with a parent, guardian or adult mentor.
3. Agree on the terms of the contract with your parent or responsible adult.
4. Fill in your contract
5. Sign the bottom
6. Post your signed contract somewhere you'll see it often as a reminder and from time-to-time think about if you are fulfilling your end of the agreement.
7. REMEMBER: there will be serious consequences if you don't take your contract seriously!

I respect: _____

My role models are: _____

My grade expectations: _____

Bedtime: _____

My chore list: _____

Additional areas of improvement: _____

Failure to comply with the above will result in: _____

I AGREE: _____

CONTRACT FOR DEREK JETER

1. Family Comes First. Attend our nightly dinner.
2. Be a Role Model for SHarlee (She looks to you to model good behavior.)
3. Do Your Schoolwork and Maintain Good Grades (As or Bs.)
4. Bedtime. Lights out at nine p.m. on school nights.
5. Do Your Chores. Take out the garbage on weekends, and help with the dishes.
6. Respect Others. Be a good friend, classmate, and teammate. Listen to your teachers, coaches, and other adults.
7. Respect Yourself. Take good care of your body and your mind. Avoid alcohol and drugs. Surround yourself with positive friends with strong values.
8. Work Hard. You owe it to yourself and those around you to give your all. Do your best in everything that you do.

Failure to comply will result in the loss of playing sports and hanging out with your friends. Extra-special rewards include attending a major-league baseball game, choosing a location for dinner, and selecting another event of your choice.

I agree: _____

