Over the Line
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Content:
Bill Milsom, a fifteen-year-old boy, has his first school day at Elihu Root Senior High School, where two thousand students are enrolled. Everything is new for him, but of course this makes life exciting. Bill immediately gets to know a "black" boy, Phillip Ashley Freemann, and they become friends. His girlfriend, Becky, is also a first-year student at the Senior High, but they are not in the same courses and so Bill hardly sees her. After school he has his daily soccer practice, because he wants to be part of the Root team more than anything else in his life. Next Friday proves to be a turning point in Bill’s life. Firstly, he learns that he is not among the 25 lucky ones appointed* to this season’s football team and, secondly, his girlfriend drops him. Now Bill is making some rash choices and, thus, stepping over the line. Will he be able to
handle the consequences for having done so? Find the answer to this question by reading this novel.

* to appoint to - berufen, nominieren, aufstellen

**Recommendation:**
The exciting book *Over The Line* is especially devised for pupils from grades 7 to 9. It shows young readers how they should not deal with difficult situations in their lives. The story is written in an easily comprehensible style and footnotes explain the few difficult words used. There are also illustrations to be found in this book which help get the story's gist. At the end of the text the reader is provided with** questions. By answering them he or she can make sure that the plot of the book has been fully understood. All in all, this book is a good way for young learners to improve their English.

**to provide sb. with sth. - jem. mit etw. versorgen**

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