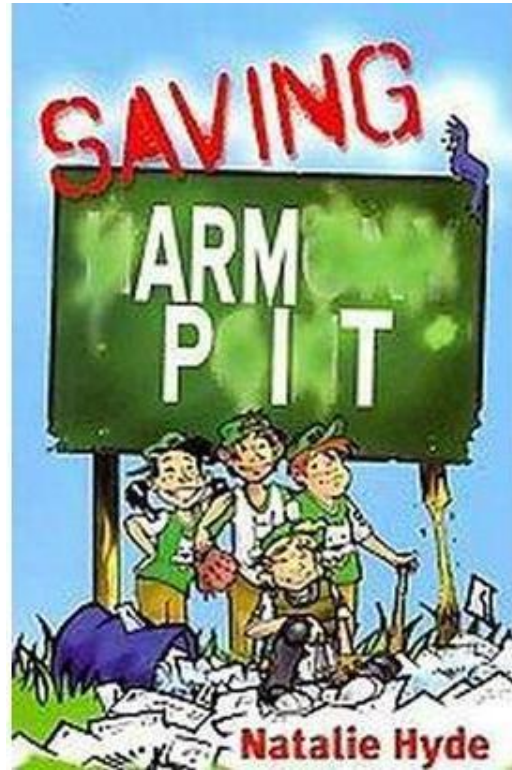


***Saving Arm Pit*** by Natalie Hyde  
(Fitzhenry and Whiteside, 2011)

*Without a real coach, the beleaguered Terriers baseball team has never won a game. Then from a most unexpected place, comes someone what can save the team.*

**Discussion Questions**

1. Why did someone deface the town sign that changed it from Harmony Point to Arm Pit?
2. Each chapter starts with a letter, or notice. What did these letters tell you about the town.
3. What is the difference between the two coaches – Coach Meyers and Coach Blackmore
4. Clay tells the story in first person. And he is the one to come up with the letter writing campaign to bring business to the post office. Sophie says on p. 73 “a bunch of kids can’t change anyone’s mind.” Why did his teammates at first give up on writing letters?
5. The team’ letter writing resulted in many positive changes for their town. Which letter do you think was most successful? How did the letters ultimately save the Post office?
6. What about the baseball action? Was it probable that the team could go from dead last to third place in the season? How did this happen?
7. What do you think about the coed team with a girl playing, and playing well along with the boys?
8. In this book it is the kids who bring about change not the adults – do you think kids have the power to make changes?



Caroline Ward, Coordinator, Youth Services,  
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