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Happiness is what matters the most. Sam the Athlete, written by Stuart McLean, illustrates Sam’s struggle in finding the right sport to play and ultimately fitting into the middle school. As a new middle school student, Sam tried soccer, baseball, ice hockey, etc..., but he did not like it. Then, he plays ice hockey and he loved it, but unfortunately, he didn’t know how to skate. However, Sam later finds a field hockey recruiting poster, and he joins the team. To Sam’s surprise, he realized that he was the only boy in the team. In dilemma, Sam decided to continue being part of the team with “shaved...legs” (68) and wearing a skirt. If wearing a skirt makes Sam happy, he should continue wearing them because that is what defines Sam. Since playing field hockey is the only sport he can do well, and that he enjoys, if wearing a skirt could make Sam continue playing the sport, and ultimately make him happy, then he should not think twice about wearing it. Also, he always wanted to be part of a team. If wearing a skirt is an indication where Sam could finally be part of a team and fit into middle school, he should continue wearing the skirt with pride. Even though Sam’s mother informed Sam that the skirt is actually called a kilt that is worn by both sexes, it didn’t matter to Sam as he knew that he wanted to belong in the team and told his mom that “everyone on the team wears one”. He finally found something that he really wanted, and he went for it. The skirt is not a kilt or any other skirt, it is now part of Sam that defines him in his middle school life. If Sam had chosen not to wear the skirt, and ultimately drop out of the team, he would once again be fighting to fit in. Sam followed what truly made him happy, and he found his peace in it.