



SPORTS Stories

The abbreviations after the title indicate where the books can be found:

YA= Young Adult Fiction

TEEN= Teen Room

Books vary in maturity level and content.

Amazing Grace

Megan Shull - YA SHULL

Tennis has a new "it" girl and her name is Grace Kincaid. The only problem is Grace has suddenly realized that being a teen sensation isn't all it's cracked up to be.

BERLIN BOXING CLUB

Robert Sharenow - YA SHARE

In 1936 Berlin, fourteen-year-old Karl Stern, considered Jewish despite a non-religious upbringing, learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust.

THE BIG GAME OF EVERYTHING

Chris Lynch - YA LYNCH

Jock and his eccentric family spend the summer working at Grampus's gold complex, where they end up learning the rules of "The Big Game of Everything."

BOOST

Kathryn Mackel - YA MACKEL

Thirteen-year-old Savvy's dreams of starting for her elite basketball team are in danger when she is accused of taking steroids.

BOY 21

Matthew Quick - YA QUICK

Finley, a quiet boy who is the only white player on his high school's varsity basketball team, lives in a dismal town that is ruled by the Irish mob, and when his coach asks him to mentor a troubled African American student who has transferred there from an elite private school in California, he finds that they have a lot in common in spite of their differences.

CATCHING JORDAN

Miranda Kenneally - TEEN KENNE

Jordan Woods, captain and quarterback of her high school football team, seeks an athletic college scholarship, but when Ty Green joins the team and takes her position, her scholarship chances and her camaraderie with the team are threatened.

COMPULSION

Heidi Ayrabe - YA AYARB

Poised to lead his high school soccer team to its third straight state championship, 17-year-old star player Jake Martin struggles to keep hidden his nearly debilitating obsessive-compulsive disorder.

CONTENDER

Robert Lipsyte - TEEN LIPSY

Feeling the pressures of Harlem life and its drug problems, police, and street fights, a seventeen-year-old high school drop-out turns to boxing.

DAIRY QUEEN

Catherine Murdock - YA & TEEN MURDO

After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.

THE FINAL FOUR

Paul Volponi - YA VOLPO

Competing on the four remaining teams during the NCAA basketball championship, four young athletes desperately strive to realize respective dreams while looking back on the events that have led to the most important games of their lives.

FOOTBALL GENIUS

Tim Green - TEEN GREEN

Troy, a sixth-grader with an unusual gift for predicting football plays before they occur, tries to use his ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, but he must first prove himself to the coach and team.

GAME

Myers, Walter Dean - TEEN MYERS

If Harlem High school senior Drew Lawson is going to realize his dream of playing college, then professional basketball, he will have to improve at being coached and being a team player, especially after a new white student threatens to take the scouts' attention away from him.

GAME CHANGER

Margaret Peterson Haddix - YA HADDI

Anticipating an athletic scholarship and a promising career, eighth-grader KT Sutton blacks out in the middle of a championship game and awakens in a different world where her school days are consumed by athletic drills, where after-school sports are replaced by popular academic competitions.

HEAT

Mike Lupica - Teen Lupica

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is trying to keep social services from finding out he is now an orphan and he is banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.

ICEMAN

Chris Lynch - TEEN LYNCH

Fourteen-year-old Eric, a ruthless hockey player prone to violence on the ice, tries to reconcile his own needs with those of his parents.

JIM & ME: A BASEBALL CARD ADVENTURE

Dan Gutman - YA GUTMA

Joe and his enemy, Bobby Fuller, use a vintage baseball card to travel in time, hoping to stop Jim Thorpe from participating in the 1912 Olympics and losing his medals, but instead they watch Thorpe struggle during his first season with the Giants.

JUMP**Elisa Lynn Carbone – YA CARBO**

Embarking on an adventurous life away from the confines of her restrictive family, P.K. joins her alluring new boyfriend on a series of rock-climbs in Yosemite and other national parks before the police try to convince her that her boyfriend is actually a violent person who might take her life. By the award-winning author of *Stealing Freedom*.

KICK**Walter Dean Myers – YA MYERS**

Told in their separate voices, thirteen-year-old soccer star Kevin and police sergeant Brown, who knew his father, try to keep Kevin out of juvenile hall after he is arrested on very serious charges.

LAST SHOT**John Feinstein - YA FEINS**

As the only white basketball player on the American "Dream Team," Jimmy Doyle makes some discoveries about racism, prejudice, and politics when the team plays in an international tournament.

NIGHT HOOPS**Carl Deuker - TEEN DEUKE**

While trying to prove that he is good enough to be on his high school's varsity basketball team, Nick must also deal with his parents' divorce and the erratic behavior of a troubled classmate who lives across the street.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR RUNNING**Michael Williams – YA WILLI**

When soldiers attack a small village in Zimbabwe, Deo goes on the run with Innocent, his older, mentally disabled brother, carrying little but a leather soccer ball filled with money, and after facing prejudice, poverty, and tragedy, it is in soccer that Deo finds renewed hope.

OUT OF NOWHERE**Maria Padian - YA PADIA**

Performing community service for pulling a stupid prank against a rival school, soccer star Tom tutors a Somali refugee with soccer dreams of his own.

PAYBACK TIME**Carl Deuker – YA DEUKE**

Hoping to land the first real story of his career by interviewing reluctant cornerback Angel Marichal, high school journalist Mitch True attempts to learn why Coach McNulty appears to be holding back the promising young athlete.

THE PICK-UP GAME: A FULL DAY OF FULL COURT**Marc Aaronson & Charles Smith, Jr. – YA PICK**

A series of short stories by such authors as Walter Dean Myers, Rita Williams-Garcia, and Joseph Bruchac, interspersed with poems and photographs, provides different perspectives on a game of streetball played one steamy July day at the West 4th Street court in New York City known as The Cage.

POP**Gordon Korman - YA & TEEN KORMA**

Lonely after a midsummer move to a new town, sixteen-year-old high school quarterback Marcus Jordan becomes friends with a retired professional linebacker who is great at training him, but whose childish behavior keeps Marcus in hot water.

THE RUNNING DREAM**Wendelin Van Draanen – YA & TEEN VANDRA**

Losing her leg in a car accident and fitted with a prosthetic that challenges her athletic ambitions, Jessica finds herself alienated from former friends and is tutored by a misfit girl she previously avoided.

SHUTOUT**Brendan Halpin – YA HALPI**

Fourteen-year-old Amanda and her best friend Lena start high school looking forward to playing on the varsity soccer team, but when Lena makes varsity and Amanda only makes junior varsity, their long friendship rapidly changes.

SOCCKERLAND**Beth Choat – YA CHOAT**

Two years after her mother's death of cancer, fourteen-year-old Flora leaves the family's Maine farm for Colorado's International Sports Academy, where fierce competition could end their dream of Flora playing for U.S. Soccer.

STUPID FAST**Geoff Herbach- TEEN HERBA**

Growing suddenly very tall in his sophomore year of high school, former small kid Felton Reinstein discovers that he has become a very fast runner but finds his athletic ambitions compromised by his mother's depression, his annoying younger brother, a first romance and a shocking secret from his past.

SUDDEN DEATH**Nick Hale – TEEN HALE**

When Jake Bastin's father, a former soccer star turned coach, is hired to coach a team in Saint Petersburg, Russia, they encounter a string of mysterious deaths, and Jake begins to wonder if his father could be involved in the crimes.

SUMMER BALL**Lupica, Mike – TEEN LUPIC**

Thirteen-year-old Danny must prove himself all over again for a disapproving coach and against new rivals at a summer basketball camp.

SUMMERLAND**Michael Chabon - YA CHABO**

Ethan Feld, the worst baseball player in the history of the game, finds himself recruited by a 100-year-old scout to help a band of fairies triumph over an ancient enemy.

TRAVEL TEAM**Mike Lupica - YA LUPIC**

After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.

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