

SPORTS FICTION



Beanball by Gene Fehler
After Luke "Wizard" Wallace is hit in the face by a fast pitch during a high school baseball game and is hospitalized, he, his family, and friends tell about the ordeal.

Black and white by Paul Volponi

Two best friends who are star basketball players on their high school team try to focus on the game after they are involved in several crimes and find that they are treated differently because of their skin color.



Boost by Kathryn Mackel
When thirteen-year-old Savvy moves from New Mexico to Rhode Island, she finds her niche in her new school by earning a spot on the senior basketball team.

Boy21 by Matthew Quick

Finley, the only white player on his high school's basketball team, is asked to mentor a troubled African American student who has transferred from another school. They find that they have more in common than they realize.



The comeback season by Jennifer Smith
Ryan and Nick meet at the Chicago Cubs opening day baseball game and start a friendship that is threatened when Nick reveals his serious illness.

Cover-up by John Feinstein

Teenage sports reporters, Susan Carol and Stevie, discover suspicious activities by one of the teams in the Super Bowl and investigate to learn the truth.



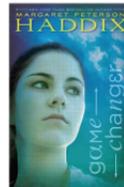
Curveball: the year I lost my grip by Jordan Sonnenblick
When a freakish injury ends Peter Friedman's pitching career, he has major things to figure out. He turns to photography to make his big comeback.

Dairy queen by Catherine Gilbert Murdock

While training him for football over the summer, D.J. is attracted to Brian, the rival school's quarterback. When she becomes the only female on her school's football team that autumn, their new relationship is strained.



First descent by Pam Withers
Rex heads to Columbia, South America to kayak down the river known as El Furioso. When he arrives, he soon realizes the river isn't his only challenge.



Game changer by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Softball star KT Sutton blacks out during a championship game and when she awakes, everything has changed.



Hoops by Walter Dean Myers
A teenage boy in Harlem meets a former professional basketball player who hopes to help young men avoid the mistakes he made.

Last shot: a Final Four mystery by John Feinstein
Two journalism students, Stevie and Susan Carol, win a contest to cover the NCAA Final Four basketball tournaments. When they overhear a player being blackmailed into throwing the last game, they try to stop it.



Peak by Roland Smith

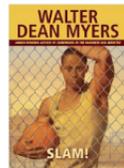
Fourteen-year-old Peak Marcello attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.



Rebound by Bob Krech
Ray has been trying to make the basketball team for two years. When a new coach is hired he finally makes the team, but must deal with prejudice as he adjusts to this new sport.

Second impact by Perri Klass

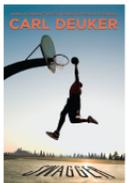
Star high school quarterback Jerry Downing sustains serious head injuries while playing football and takes up writing a blog about sports.



Slam! by Walter Dean Myers
Greg, also known as Slam for his excellent ability on the basketball court, struggles in school and in his friendships after moving to a new school and therefore might not be able to play the sport.

Swagger by Carl Deuker

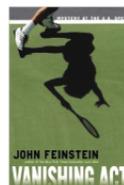
High school senior Jonas Dolan is on the fast track to a promising basketball career until he must make a tough decision that puts his future on the line.



Tangerine by Edward Bloor
Paul, twelve-year-old soccer player extraordinaire, begins to remember the hazy details of the accident that impaired his eyesight while struggling to get out of the shadow of his older, football-playing brother.

Throwing like a girl by Weezie Kerr Mackey

When Ella moves from Chicago to Dallas in her sophomore year, she adjusts by joining the softball team even though she has not played in years.



Vanishing Act by John Feinstein
Sports reporters, Susan Carol and Stevie, try to solve the disappearance of a key tennis player at the U.S. Open tennis championship.