

Sports Fiction for Teens

The Perfect Shot

Elaine Marie Alphin (YA ALPHIN)

Basketball can only do so much to help Brian forget his girlfriend's murder. (Grades 9+)

Tangerine

Edward Bloor (YA BLOOR)

Paul may be blind, but that doesn't stop him from playing soccer or seeing through his family's lies. (Grades 6-8)

Born in Sin

Evelyn Coleman (YA COLEMAN)

"I've seen you swim, girl. You're the best. And whenever you're ready you can win. Or, you can give up." (Grades 8+)

Crackback

John Coy (YA COY)

Miles longs to get back onto the football field, but he's not sure that drugs are the answer. (Grades 7+)

Whale Talk

Chris Crutcher (YA CRUTCHER)

There's bad & good news about the CHS swim team. The bad: they have no pool. The good: only one of them can swim. (Grades 8+)

Gym Candy

Carl Deuker (YA DEUKER)

A steroid edge may not be worth the side effects. (Grades 9+)

Bend It Like Beckham

Narinder Dhami (YA DHAMI)

Jess dreams of playing soccer, but her traditional Indian parents have other ideas. (Grades 8+)

Offsides

Erik Eskilsen (YA ESCKILSEN)

What should Tom do: Play the sport he loves & betray his heritage, or abandon soccer & stand up for his values? (Grades 8+)

Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery

John Feinstein (YA FEINSTEIN)

Winning a trip to the Final Four is a dream come true, until Danny overhears talk of blackmail...and a thrown game. (Grades 6-10)

Football Genius

Tim Green (YA GREEN)

Predicting football is an amazing ability, but can it truly help your favorite team avoid another losing season? (Grades 6-8)

Football Hero

Tim Green (YA GREEN)

The football genius returns! Can he possibly triumph over his greedy uncle, a boring job and the Mafia? (Grades 6-8)

Open Ice

Pat Hughes (YA HUGHES)

Ace hockey player Nick gets a concussion on the ice, sending his life into a downward spiral. (Grades 9+)

Hail Caesar

Thu Huong Ha (YA HA)

As a star basketball player, Caesar has everything, both on and off the court...or does he? (Grades 10+)

The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon

Stephen King (YA KING)

A girl. Lost in the woods, with nothing to see her through but her wits & her baseball hero. (Grades 9+)

Last Days of Summer

Steve Kluger (YA KLUGER)

"Dear Mr. Banks: I am a 12-year-old boy and I am dying from malaria. Please hit a home run for me because I don't think I will be around much longer." (Grades 9+)

Shakespeare Bat: Cleanup

Ron Koertge (YA KOERTGE)

Mononucleosis forces Kevin to take a break from baseball...and hone his poetry skills. Sonnets and baseball collide! (Grades 6-9)

The Contender

Robert Lipsyte (YA LIPSYTE)

"It's the climbing that makes the man. Getting to the top is an extra reward." Will Alfred keep climbing, or give up? (Grades 6+)

Raiders Night

Robert Lipsyte (YA LIPSYTE)

Can high school football have a dark side? (Grades 10+)

Heat

Mike Lupica (YA LUPICA)

12-year-old star Michael Arroyo's one love is pitching, but now he's been barred. (Grades 6-8)

The Big Game of Everything

Chris Lynch (YA LYNCH)

"My grandfather possesses a shocking comb-over, a kilt, about half of his original marbles, and his own golf complex. This summer, we are going to be working for him." (Grades 7-9)

Slam!

Walter Dean Myers (YA MYERS)

On the court, Slam dunks! So why is his off-court life out of control? (Grades 8+)

Paranoid Park

Blake Nelson (YA NELSON)

He was just skateboarding in Portland. The murder part was an accident. (Grades 9+)

The Keeper

Mal Peet (YA PEET)

Trained by a mystical rainforest spirit, El Gato could be the greatest goalkeeper to ever play the game... (Grades 8+)

Ball Don't Lie

Matt de la Peña (YA PEÑA)

Professional basketball is Sticky's dream, but overcoming the dangers of inner-city Los Angeles stands in his way. (Grades 9+)

Three Clams and an Oyster

Randy Powell (YA POWELL)

Who are you going to pick to be the new guy for your team: the stoner, the girl, or the guy with the roadkill hairdo? (Grades 7-10)

The White Gates

Bonnie Ramthun (YA RAMTHUN)

Welcome to Snow Park, Colorado, where snowboarding is life and mysteries abound. (Grades 6-9)

Amazing Grace

Megan Shull (YA SHULL)

How does a tennis star escape the pressures of fame? Move to Alaska! (Grades 7-10)

Peak

Roland Smith (YA SMITH)

Getting to the top of Mount Everest can be tough—especially when you're 14! (Grades 6-8)

Impact Zone [series]

Todd Strasser (YA STRASSER)

The only thing in Kai's life in a new town that doesn't suck is surfing. Trouble is, the other guys don't want Kai near the waves. (Grades 6-8)

Knights of the Hill Country

Tim Tharp (YA THARP)

For some, being a star linebacker is a dream come true. For Hampton Green, it may mean deciding between friendships and the sport he loves. (Grades 8+)

Pretty Tough

Liz Tigelaar (YA TIGELAAR)

Krista is the popular girl; Charlie is the outcast surfer. Now they've got to work together on the soccer field. (Grades 7+)

Cruise Control

Terry Trueman (YA TRUEMAN)

"How sick is this: I'm the major jock-stud in high school, but my brother has the brain of a badminton birdie and a body to match." (Grades 7+)

Fakie

Tony Varrato (YA VARRATO)

Alex's latest identity in the witness relocation program is a pro skater. Now he's gotta learn to tear the bricks up well enough to maintain his identity and stay alive. (Grades 6-8)

The Runner

Cynthia Voigt (YA VOIGT)

Bullet runs. It's what he does best. But can he keep running away from his problems? (Grades 8+)

Rucker Park Setup

Paul Volponi (YA VOLPONI)

Mackey's in for the biggest basketball game of his life—on the court where his friend was murdered. (Grades 9+)

Losing Is Not An Option

Rich Wallace (YA WALLACE)

Ron is a lot of things: a watcher, a hustler, a free-thrower, a poet, a rule breaker, & a ruthless competitor on the track. (Grades 8+)