

## FOOTBALL

### *Damage*

By A.M. Jenkins  
YA FIC Jen

Seventeen-year-old football hero Austin, trying to understand the inexplicable depression that has drained his interest in life, thinks that he has found relief in a girl who seems very special.

### *Varsity Blues*

By Jon Baker  
YA PB FIC Bak

Mox and his friends play football by their rules and go out as heroes their way.

### *Juice*

By Eric Walters  
YA FIC Wal

Moose must decide if he should risk taking steroids to become a big star on the football team.



## TENNIS

### *The Whistling Toilets*

By Randy Powell  
YA FIC Pow

While coaching tennis for a group of inner city "runts" as well as for his friend Ginny, a star player, sixteen-year-old Stan grows in understanding himself and others.



## TRACK

### *Runner*

By Cynthia Voigt  
YA FIC Voi

As a dedicated runner, a teenage boy has always managed to distance himself from other people until the experience of coaching one of his teammates on the track team gradually helps him see the value of giving and receiving.



## HOCKEY

### *Iceman*

By Chris Lynch  
YA FIC Lyn

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.



## OTHER SPORTS

### *Slot Machine*

By Chris Lynch  
YA FIC Lyn

When overweight thirteen-year-old Elvan Bishop is sent to camp at St. Paul's Seminary Retreat Center, he and his two best friends are forced to try out various sports in order to find out where they belong.

### *Athletic Shorts*

By Chris Crutcher  
YA FIC Cru

The stereotype of jocks as insensitive dullards is challenged in stories that grapple with the big questions of life as well as with athletic prowess.

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# Books about Sports



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## SWIMMING

### **Born in Sin**

By Evelyn Coleman  
YA FIC Col

Despite serious obstacles and setbacks, fourteen-year-old Keisha pursues her dream of becoming an Olympic swimmer and medical doctor.

### **Stotan!**

By Chris Crutcher  
YA FIC Cru

A high school coach invites members of his swimming team to a memorable week of rigorous training that tests their moral fiber as well as their physical stamina.

### **Whale Talk**

By Chris Crutcher  
YA FIC Cru  
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Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.

## SOCCER

### **Pretty Tough**

By Liz Tigelaar  
YA FIC Tig

Two feuding sisters take their rivalry to the soccer field when both girls make the high school team.

### **Tangerine**

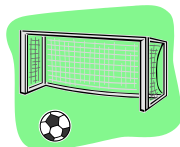
By Edward Bloor  
YA FIC Blo  
YA PLAY FIC Blo

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.

### **Twelve Days in August**

By Liza Ketchum  
YA FIC Ket

Twelve days in August change a sixteen-year-old's perceptions of himself, his family, girls, and gays.



## BASEBALL

### **Baseball Crazy**

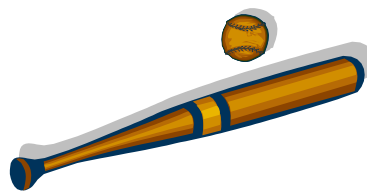
YA FIC Bas

Ten short stories about the different aspects of baseball.

### **The Big Field**

By Mike Lupica  
YA FIC Lup

When fourteen-year-old baseball player Hutch feels threatened by the arrival of a new teammate named Darryl, he tried to work through his own insecurities about Darryl and his remote father who was once a great ball player too.



### **Extra Innings**

By Robert Newton Peck  
YA PB FIC Pec

After a tragic airplane crash that claims the lives of most of his family, sixteen-year-old Tate goes to live with his wealthy great-grandfather and his adopted black great aunt Vidalia and he finds unexpected solace in the stories of her childhood spent traveling with a Depression-era Negro baseball team.

### **No Cream Puffs**

By Karen Day  
YA FIC Day

In 1980, when twelve-year old Madison, who loves to play baseball, decides to play in her town's baseball league, she never envisions the uproar it causes when she becomes the first girl to join.

### **Too Many Time Machines**

By Mark Alan Stamaty  
YA COMIC Sta

Roger uses his time machine to visit Babe Ruth and learn some of the secrets of the Babe's success, enabling Roger's team to win the Championship.

## BASKETBALL

### **Danger Zone**

By David Klass  
YA FIC Kla

When he joins a predominantly black "Teen Dream Team" that will be representing the U.S. in an international basketball tournament in Rome, Jimmy Doyle makes some unexpected discoveries about prejudice, racism and politics.

### **Last Shot : a Final Four Mystery**

By John Feinstein  
YA FIC Fei

After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.

### **The Outside Shot**

By Walter Dean Myers  
YA PB FIC Mye

Recruited by a small Midwestern college to play basketball, a Harlem boy has many new experiences, including working with a child who needs physical therapy and dealing with corruption in college sports.

### **Players**

By Joyce Sweeney  
Eighteen-year-old Corey sees a threat to his dream of winning the basketball championship when he discovers that the new player on his team is a girl-stealing, friend-farming, team destroying force of evil.

### **Slam!**

By Walter Dean Myers.  
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Sixteen-year-old "Slam" Harris is counting on his noteworthy basketball talents to get him out of the inner city and give him a chance to succeed in life, but his coach sees things differently.

