

***Running Wild* by Thomas Dygard DYG**

When Coach Wilson and Officer Stowell encourage him to join the high school football team, Pete no longer believes that "nobody does anything for nothing."

***Slam!* By Walter Dean Myers MYE**

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.

***Snowboard Champ* by Paul Mantell CHR**

When Matt steps off the plane, he knows his life is about to change. For one thing, he'll be living with his uncle for a year. For another, compared to Chicago, Dragon Valley is tiny. But so long as Matt can hit the slopes with his snowboard, he figures he'll get along okay.

***The Squared Circle* by James Bennett BEN**

Sonny, a university freshman and star basketball player, finds that the pressures of college life, NCAA competition, and an unsettling relationship with his feminist cousin bring up painful memories that he must face before he can decide what is important.

***Striking Out* by Will Weaver WEA**

Since the death of his older brother, thirteen-year-old Billy Baggs has had a distant relationship with his father, but life on their farm in northern Minnesota begins to change when he starts to play baseball.

***Taking Sides* by Gary Soto SOT**

Fourteen-year-old Lincoln Mendoza, an aspiring basketball player, must come to terms with his divided loyalties when he moves from the Hispanic inner city to a white suburban neighborhood.

***There's a Girl in My Hammerlock* by Jerry Spinelli SPI**

Thirteen-year-old Maisie joins her school's formerly all-male wrestling team and tries to last through the season, despite opposition from other students, her best friend, and her own teammates.

***The Trading Game* by Alfred Slose SLO**

During a summer of baseball and baseball card trading, eleven-year-old Andy makes discoveries about his father, his grandfather, who played professional baseball, and himself.

***Travel Team* by Mike Lupica LUP**

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. Read other sports books by the same author.

***Whale Talk* by Chris Crutcher CRU**

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. Read other sports books by the same author.

***Wolfbay Wings* series by Bruce Brooks BRO**

A series about a middle school Canadian hockey team with each book concentrating on a different player.

***Wrestling Sturbridge* by Rich Wallace WAL**

Stuck in a small town where no one ever leaves and relegated by his wrestling coach to sit on the bench while his best friend becomes state champion, Ben decides he can't let his last high school wrestling season slip by without challenging his friend and the future.

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***All You've Got* by Karol Ann Hoeffner
HOE**

Golden girl Lauren is Villa Madonna Academy's star volleyball player and leader of the Madonnas. Spitfire Gabby leads the Reinas at archrival school Sacred Heart. But a twist of fate merges the Madonnas and the Reinas into one school—and one team. Now there's more at stake than winning or losing—the girls will have to battle just to make the cut.

***An Almost Perfect Game* by Stephen Manes
MAN**

As he and his grandmother keep score at the last game of the season for the local minor league team, Jake and his older brother begin to wonder if Jake's scorecard can control the outcome of the game.

***Bat 6* by Virginia Euwer Wolff WOL**

A Japanese American girl who has just spent 6 years in an internment camp meets a bitter girl whose father was killed in Pearl Harbor, and the two become rivals in baseball in this story narrated by the members of the opposing teams.

***Cobra Strike* by Sigmund Brouwer BRO**

After discovering tainted water in the creek near his grandmother's cabin in the Kentucky hills, senior Roy Linden slowly uncovers a connection between his high school team's new star quarterback, his own football future, and the source of the pollution.

***Crackback* by John Coy COY**

Miles barely recalls when football was fun after being sidelined by a new coach, constantly criticized by his father, and pressured by his best friend to take performance-enhancing drugs.

***Dairy Queen* by Catherine Murdock MUR**

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. Book one

***Danger Zone* by David Klass KLA**

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

***Girl Overboard* by Justina Headley HEA**

After a snowboarding accident, Syrah Cheng, a billionaire's daughter, must rehabilitate both her knee and her self-esteem while forging relationships with those who accept her for who she is.

***Gold Dust* by Chris Lynch LYN**

In 1975, twelve-year-old Richard befriends Napoleon, a Caribbean newcomer to his Catholic school, hoping that Napoleon will learn to love baseball and the Red Sox, and will win acceptance in the racially polarized Boston school.

***The Hoopster* by Alan Sitomer SIT**

Andre Anderson has a bright future as a basketball star until he is viciously attacked in a hate crime, causing him to question everything he once believed in.

***Last Shot: a Final Four Mystery* by John Feinstein FEI**

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

***My 13th Season* by Kristi Roberts ROB**

Already downhearted due to the loss of her mother and her father's overwhelming grief, thirteen-year-old Fran decides to give up her dream of becoming the first female in professional baseball after a coach attacks her just for being a girl.

***Night Hoops* by Carl Deuker DEU**

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 erratic behavior of a troubled classmate who lives across the street.

***The Perfect Shot* by Elaine Alphin ALP**

Brian uses basketball to block out memories of his girlfriend and her family who were gunned down a year ago, but the upcoming murder trial and a high school history assignment force him to face the past and decide how far he should go to see justice served.

***Pinned* by Alfred Martino MAR**

Dealing with family problems, girls, and their own competitive natures, high school seniors Ivan and Bobby face each other in the final match of the State Wrestling Championship.

***Playing the Field* by Phil Bildner BIL**

When seventeen-year-old Darcy Miller pretends to be a lesbian in order to play on the boys' baseball team, she must learn to battle discrimination on every playing field.

***Raging River* by Pam Withers WIT**

Arch rivals and sometimes friends Peter and Jake are delighted to be part of a whitewater-rafting trip. But after a series of disasters leaves the group stranded in the wilderness, it's up to them to confront the dangerous rapids to search for help. Book one.