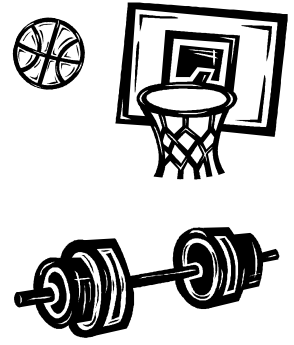


SPORTS BOOKS for Teens



The Perfect Shot by Elaine Marie Alphin

YA Alphin

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.



Basketball (Or Something Like It) by Nora Raleigh Baskin

YA Baskin

Hank, Nathan, Jeremy, and Anabel deal with the realities of middle school basketball, including family pressure, a series of coaches with very different personalities and agendas, and what it means to be a team--and a friend.

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

YA Bloor

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 slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.

Schooled by Paul Langan

YA Bluford

Lionel Shephard dreams of joining the NBA, but while his father disapproves of his plans, his teachers are threatening to fail him--unaware of his poor reading abilities--and Lionel needs to decide how far he is willing to go for his dreams.

Crackback by John Coy

YA 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.

Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher

YA Crutcher

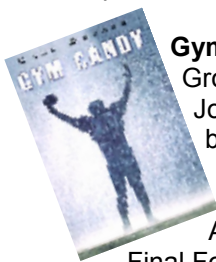
Intellectually and athletically gifted, Tj, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.



Ball Don't Lie by Matt De La Peña

YA DeLaPena

Seventeen-year-old Sticky lives to play basketball at school and at Lincoln Rec Center in Los Angeles and is headed for the pros, but he is unaware of the many dangers--including his own past--that threaten his dream.



Gym Candy by Carl Deuker

YA Deuker

Groomed by his father to be a star player, football is the only thing that has ever really mattered to Mick Johnson, who works hard for a spot on the varsity team his freshman year, then tries to hold onto his edge by using steroids, despite the consequences to his health and social life.

Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery by John Feinstein

YA Feinstein

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.

Soccer Chick Rules by Dawn Fitzgerald

YA Fitzgerald

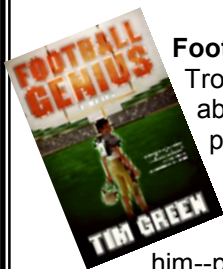
While trying to focus on a winning soccer season, thirteen-year-old Tess becomes involved in local politics when she learns that all sports programs at her school will be stopped unless a tax levy is passed.



Samurai Shortstop by Alan Gratz

YA Gratz

While obtaining a Western education at a prestigious Japanese boarding school in 1890, sixteen-year-old Toyo also receives traditional samurai training which has profound effects on both his baseball game and his relationship with his father.



Football Genius by Tim Green

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

YA Green

Open Ice by Pat Hughes

Hockey has been Nick Taglio's life since he was five years old, so when a massive concussion benches him--possibly for good--everything seems to fall apart, including his schoolwork, his family relationships, his friendships, and his love life.

YA Hughes

Rebound by Bob Krech

Determined to make the varsity basketball team, seventeen-year-old Ray finds his efforts to play both hindered and helped by the atmosphere of racism in his town.

YA Krech

Summer Ball by Mike Lupica

Danny's leaving Middletown for the summer and heading to Right Way basketball camp, where he's out of his element and may be out of his league. The country's best ballers are in attendance, and Danny will need to raise his game to match up.

YA Lupica

Game by Walter Dean Myers

Drew Lawson, counting on basketball to get him into college and out of Harlem, struggles to keep his cool when the coach brings in two white players and puts them in positions that clearly threaten Drew's game.

YA Myers



Edenville Owls by Robert Parker

Fourteen-year-old Bobby, living in a small Massachusetts town just after World War II, finds himself facing many new challenges as he tries to pull together his coachless basketball team, cope with new feelings for his old friend Joanie, and discover the identity of the mysterious stranger who seems to be threatening his teacher.

YA Parker

Keeper by Mal Peet

In an interview with a young journalist, World Cup hero, El Gato, describes his youth in the Brazilian rain forest and the events, experiences, and people that helped make him a great goalkeeper and renowned soccer star.

YA Peet

Under the Baseball Moon by John Ritter

Andy and Glory, two fifteen-year-olds from Ocean Beach, California, pursue their respective dreams of becoming a famous musician and a professional softball player.

YA Ritter



Shrink to Fit by Dona Sarkar

Basketball star Leah Mandeville thought losing weight would solve all her problems on the court and in the game of love, but even though she is getting thinner, her troubles seem to be getting bigger.

YA Sarkar

Amazing Grace by Megan Shull

Teen superstar Grace Kincaid telephones her mother that she wants out of the multi-million dollar endorsements and celebrity, and soon she finds herself in hiding with a new name and a new identity.

YA Shull

Take Off by Todd Strasser

Kai competes with the locals of Sun Haven in a surfing competition.

YA Strasser

Knights of the Hill Country by Tim Tharp

In his senior year, high school star linebacker Hampton Greene finally begins to think for himself and discovers that he might be interested in more than just football.

YA Tharp

Hard Hit by Ann Turner

A rising high school baseball star faces his most difficult challenge when his father is diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

YA Turner

Rucker Park Setup by Paul Volponi

While playing in a crucial basketball game on the very court where his best friend was murdered, Mackey tries to come to terms with his own part in that murder and decide whether to maintain his silence or tell J.R.'s father and the police what really happened.

YA Volponi



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