Sports Books

Baseball

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High school baseball star Jim Roark is delighted to meet Jennifer Douglas, the second basewoman on the girls’ softball team, until she becomes the first female player on his all-male team.

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With their ability to travel through time using vintage baseball cards, Joe & his father have the opportunity to find out whether Babe Ruth really did call his shot when he hit that homerun in the 3rd game of the 1932 World Series against the Chicago Cubs.

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Bill must come to grips with the death of a friend and the fact that despite his talent, the dream of professional baseball might be in reach for his best friend Jeff, but not for him.

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A young baseball player struggles to overcome his fear of a pitched ball, improve his throwing, and somehow redeem himself in the eyes of his teammates.

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A girl, who dresses like a boy in order to play professional baseball during the late nineteenth century, tracks the murderer of her best friend to London where she encounters the killer of her father.

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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.

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Nelson wonders what he's doing in the middle of the night, waiting for the ghost writer or whoever to appear. The messages have helped the team toward the playoffs, but they're scaring them too.
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<td>On the day that Seth met Jimmy, his life changed. Seth had been unfocused and confused, never coming to terms with the death of his father. Jimmy's self-assurance, displayed on the baseball field, encourages Seth both in school and baseball.</td>
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<td><strong>Heat</strong>  Lupica, Mike  5.3  FIC 220</td>
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<td>Pitching prodigy, Michael Arroyo, is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.</td>
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<td><strong>High Heat</strong>  Deuker, Carl  4.2  FIC 277</td>
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<td>When sophomore Shane Hunter’s father is arrested for money laundering at his Lexus dealership, the star pitcher’s life of affluence and private school begins to fall apart.</td>
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<td>Joe and his mom aren’t rich so when Joe finds a valuable baseball card in an old lady's attic, he thinks he’s got it made. Joe is an avid baseball card collector, so he knows the Honus Wagner card is a rare find. He doesn’t know what adventures are ahead.</td>
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<td>With his ability to travel through time by using baseball cards, Joe goes back to 1947 to meet Jackie Robinson, turning into a black boy in the process.</td>
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<td><strong>Joey Pigza Loses Control</strong>  Gantos, Jack  4.9  FIC 195</td>
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<td>Joey goes to spend the summer with the hard drinking father he’s never known. He wants to show his dad how much he loves him, but Carter Pigza is not an easy guy to love. As a pitcher, Joey tries to help the team his dad coaches win the championship.</td>
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<td><strong>Living the Dream: 1996 Olympic Gold Medal Winner</strong>  Richardson, Dot  921 RIC 180</td>
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<td>The true story of the woman considered to the greatest female softball player of all time. This book takes you behind the scenes at the 1996 Summer Olympics where Dot Richardson and her team win the gold.</td>
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<td><strong>Mickey and Me</strong>  Gutman, Dan  4.3  FIC 152</td>
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<td>Joe intends to travel back to the 1951 World Series and warn Mickey Mantle of an impending accident. But Joe’s friend Samantha switches baseball cards and he finds himself traveling to 1944 and the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League.</td>
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Out of Order  
**Jenkins, A.M.**  
4.2  
FIC JEN  
247

Sophomore Colt Trammel loves baseball and his girlfriend Grace, but he hates the rest of high school and maintains a tough facade to hide his feelings of inferiority.

Painting the Black  
**Deuker, Carl**  
4.4  
FIC DEU  
248

When star athlete Josh Daniels moves in across the street, Remy Ward doesn't realize how much his life will change during his senior year at Seattle’s Crown Hill High.

Playing the Field  
**Rallison, Janette**  
4.9  
FIC RAL  
172

Thirteen year old McKay must keep up his algebra grade to stay on the baseball team. His pal Tony suggests that he befriend Serena, who gets straight A’s and could tutor him. Who would have thought you'd have to figure out girls to play baseball?

Samurai Shortstop  
**Gratz, Alan**  
FIC GRA  
280

Sixteen year old Toyo is sent to a prestigious Japanese boarding school where he receives traditional samurai training. Toyo is a good short stop and can't believe he isn't invited to try out for the school team. Toyo struggles with his father over traditional ways and his love of baseball.

Striking Out Will Weaver  
**Weaver, Will**  
3.8  
FIC WEA  
272

Since the grisly death of his older brother, 13 year old Billy has had a distant relationship with his father, but an opportunity to play summer baseball offers him some hope of moving away from the haunting past.

The Baseball Card Conspiracy  
**Dixon, Franklin W.**  
5.0  
FIC DIX  
153

The Hardys go to bat against a major league team of counterfeiters. There's trouble in the cards when they visit a baseball memorabilia convention in NYC. Bif buys a hard-to-find card, only to learn that it is a counterfeit.

The Rookie Arrives  
**Dygard, Thomas**  
5.2  
FIC DYG  
197

Cocky Ted Bell moves from being star of his high school baseball team directly into playing in the major leagues and finds that he has a lot to learn before becoming the world’s greatest third baseman.

The Thrill of the Grass  
**Kinsella, W.**  
FIC KIN  
196

Lovers of baseball will thrill to the variety of the eleven stories in this collection: The Last Pennant before Armageddon, The Baseball Spur, How I Got My Nickname, Bud and Tom, Nursie, The Night Manny Mota Tied the Record, and more.
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## Basketball

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Jimmy, a junior standout guard, is selected to be part of "Team Dream Team" to represent the USA in an international tournament. As the sole white player, he makes some unexpected discoveries about prejudice, racism, and terrorism.

A teenage basketball player from Harlem is befriended by a former professional player who, after being forced to quit because of a point shaving scandal, hopes to prevent other young athletes from repeating his mistake.

The Amhurst Lady Hurricanes were a talented team with a near-perfect record but had a reputation for choking and losing at the state playoffs. After five years of a disappointing showing at state, the Hurricanes have one more chance to go all the way. A true story that looks into the hearts and minds of the players.

While dealing with his parents' divorce, Nick Abbott, a sophomore, strives to become the star player on his basketball team. He forms an uneasy bond with an angry, disturbed teammate. They become a dynamic duo on the court.

Struggling with his feelings of inadequacy and his failure to make the basketball team in his new school in Seattle, seventeen-year-old Joe Faust finds himself willing to trade his soul for one perfect season of basketball.

18 year old, team captain Corey, sees a threat to his dream of winning the basketball championship, when he discovers that the team's new player's ambition to make the team, leads to blackmail.

Feeling abandoned by his parents, who have gone their separate ways and left him behind, 17 year old Jay, now living in an apartment above a bar, finds hope for the future in a church sponsored basketball team, and a female friend.
Sports Books

The Hoopster
Sitomer, Alan Lawrence
4.9 FIC SIT 218

On the basketball court, Andre jockeys for position among his multicultural group of friends, but off the court, the African-American team’s write up puts him in the spotlight.

The Moves Make the Man
Brooks, Bruce
5.4 FIC BRO 252

An African-American boy, Jerome, and an emotionally troubled white boy, Bix, form a precarious relationship on the court. Jerome decides to teach Bix the right moves.

The Outside Shot
Myers, Walter Dean
FIC MYE 185

When Lonnie leaves Harlem for a basketball scholarship at a midwestern college, he knows he must keep his head straight and his record clean, in order to have a chance to make it to the NBA.

The Squared Circle
Bennett, James
5.2 FIC BEN 247

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 interesting life challenges.

Too Far
Lupica, Mike
FIC LUP 290

This thriller/mystery tells of a high school basketball team whose winning season is threatened by the murder of its manager. The author is a well-known ESPN reporter.

Travel Team
Lupica, Mike
5.4 FIC LUP 274

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.

Hunting

Title: Brian's Hunt
Author: Paulsen, Gary
AR Level: 5.9 FIC PAU

Two years after having survived a plane crash into the Canadian wilderness, a sixteen-year-old returns to the wild to befriend a wounded dog and hunt a rogue bear.
**Sports Books**

**Cry of the Wolf**  
Burgess, Melvin  
6.2  
FIC  
BUR  
128

A hunter determined to wipe out every wolf in England almost succeeds, but then finds himself the prey.

**Hunter in the Dark**  
Hughes, Monica  
5.0  
FIC  
HUG  
131

A teenage boy goes on a secret hunting trip alone, in an effort to come to terms with his leukemia and to test his strength and resourcefulness in battling the elements and stalking the white-tailed deer that is his quarry.

**Lord of the Kill**  
Taylor, Theodore  
5.0  
FIC  
TAY  
246

When a half-eaten body is found inside a locked jaguar cage, 18 year old Ben Jepson knows it's no prank--someone is trying to make trouble for the Big Cat Preserve and its manager, Ben's father, an outspoken conservationist.

**Skeeter**  
Smith, Kay K.  
4.3  
FIC  
SMI  
208

This is the adventures of two white teenage boys in rural Tennessee, befriended by an old black man, who is a legendary hunter.

**The Archer's and Bowhunter's Bible**  
Lawrence, H. L.  
799.2  
FIC  
LAW  
188

Up-to-date information about modern high-tech equipment, techniques and safety. Illustrated with 200 drawings and photographs for beginners or accomplished archers and bowhunters.

**The Country Ahead of Us, the Country Behind**  
Guterson, David  
FIC  
GUT  
164

In this collection of short stories, set in the Pacific Northwest, award winning Guterson offers stories of hunting, fishing, and male bonding, often contrasting the robustness of youth with the frailty of age.

**Where the Red Fern Grows**  
Rawls, Wilson  
4.9  
FIC  
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A boy and his two dogs, Old Dan and Little Ann, go through adventure and tragedy trying to "tree" the elusive raccoon in the Ozark Mountain Valley.
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#### Skateboarding

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A teenagers trip with a skateboard team lets her learn that teenage love doesn't necessarily last forever.

Wishing to be like his older but dead brother, who often materializes to give Wally advice and support, Wally enters a skateboarding competition and finally gains the confidence to be himself.

In Hawk, Tony goes behind the scenes of competitions, demos, and movies and shows with brutal honesty, the glamorous and not so glamorous demands of being a professional skateboarder.

Presents the development of skateboarding since the 1920's as well as techniques of moving, turning, stopping, and the need for protective clothing and equipment.

#### Soccer

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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.

Each member of the South Orange River seventh-grade soccer team has qualities of excellence, but not on the soccer field.
**Sports Books**

**Tangerine**  
*Bloor, Edward*  
4.3  
FIC  
BLO  
294

12 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. He slowly begins to remember the ugly truth about the incident that damaged his eyesight.

**Top Wing**  
*Christopher, Matt*  
4.3  
305.42  
HOD  
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Dana searches for the truth behind the fire at soccer teammate Benton's house. Dana's father is being blamed, so Dana's team has ostracized him.

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**Swimming**

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Fifteen-year-old Alex struggles to overcome personal trauma and hardship as she competes with her arch rival for a place on the New Zealand swimming team participating in the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome.

**On My Honor**  
*Bauer, Marion Dane*  
4.7  
FIC  
BAU  
90

When his best friend drowns while they are both swimming in a treacherous river that they promised never to go near, Joel is devastated and terrified at having to tell both sets of parents the terrible consequences of their disobedience.

**River Boy**  
*Bowler, Tim*  
5.3  
FIC  
BOW  
234

Jesse is a passionate distance swimmer, but when her grandfather has a heart attack, he insists on returning to the river he knew as a boy. As her grandfather finishes his painting, "River Boy." Jesse encounters her own River Boy.

**Stotan!**  
*Crutcher, Chris*  
5.8  
FIC  
CRU  
183

To be a Stotan, is to push one's physical and emotional capabilities beyond the limit, as four high school swimmers find out when they accept the challenge of the week.
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Swimming to Antarctica: Tales of a Long Distance Swimmer  
Cox, Lynne  
6.6  
921  
359 COX
At age of sixteen, legendary swimmer Lynn Cox reached her goal of setting a world record for swimming the English Channel. She swam Colles Strait and the Straight of Magellan. This is the true story of her swim across the Bering Strait and the Seas of Antarctica.

Swimming with the Whales  
Ellis, Ella Thorp  
FIC ELL  
178
Paolo, an 8th grader, dreams of swimming with the whales and has no desire to leave his Argentine coastal village, but is being pressured by his father to go to school in San Francisco where his mother lives.

Whale Talk  
Crutcher, Chris  
6.1  
FIC CRU  
220
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.

Tennis

Title: Joyride  
Author: Olson, Gretchen  
AR Level:  
Call #: FIC OLS  
# of Pages: 200

Instead of playing tennis, 17-year-old Jeff is required to spend his summer working on an Oregon strawberry farm where new friendships with field hands and migrant workers, as well as the farmer’s daughter, change his outlook.

Skeleton Key  
Horowitz, Anthony  
4.9  
FIC HOR  
264
Reluctant teenage-spy Alex Rider, on a routine mission at the Wimbledon tennis championships, gets caught up in Chinese gangs, illegal nuclear weapons, and the suspect plans of his Russian host, General Sarov.

Volleyball

Tell Me If the Lovers are Losers  
Voight, Cynthia  
4.1  
FIC VOI  
198
In 1961 at a college for academically gifted women, three roommates, who differ substantially from each other, are brought together by a common interest in volleyball.