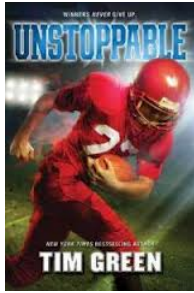


## Sports



Unstoppable

Green, Tim

Pages: 343

FIC GRE

If anyone understands the phrase "tough luck," it's Harrison. As a foster kid in a cruel home, he knows his dream of one day playing for the NFL is a long shot.

Then Harrison's luck seems to change. He is brought into a new home with kind, loving parents—his new dad is even a football coach. Harrison's big build and his incredible determination quickly make him a star running back on the junior high school team. In no time, he's practically unstoppable.



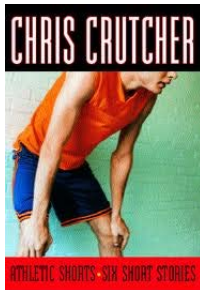
Leverage

Cohen, Joshua

Pages: 304

FIC COH

High school sophomore Danny excels at gymnastics but is bullied, like the rest of the gymnasts, by members of the football team, until an emotionally and physically scarred new student joins the football team and forms an unlikely friendship with Danny. This is a novel about being trapped inside a web of expectations, where one's family, community, team, and future rest on the assumed perpetuation of the established social order.



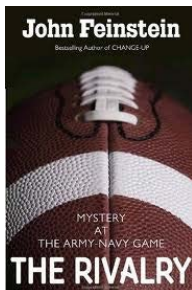
Athletic Shorts

Crutcher, Chris

Pages: 194

FIC CRU

In these six short stories, the author and his athlete protagonists take on such weighty issues as racism, homophobia, sexism and the teenager's essential task of coming to terms with his parents. At the same time the author makes the world of sports compelling enough to engage even the most easily bored readers.



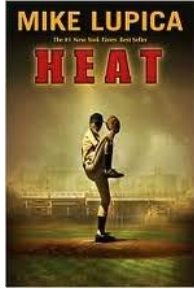
The Rivalry

Feinstein, John

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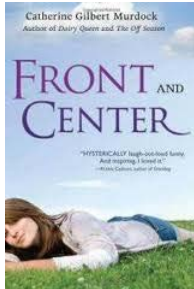
FIC FEI

Eighth-grade sportswriters Stevie and Susan Carol up to solve a mystery at the famous Army-Navy football game. In the course of pursuing their journalistic duties, they meet a number of real-life celebrities including journalist Bob Woodward, legendary basketball coaches Mike Krzyzewski and Bobby Knight, politico Ed Rendell, golfer Phil Mickelson, and sports commentator Tony Kornheiser. Even Barack Obama works the kids into his schedule.



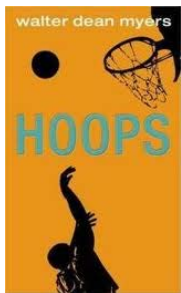
Heat  
Lupica, Mike  
Pages: 220  
FIC LUP

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. Michael tries to find a way to get his birth certificate from Cuba while at the same time keeping social services from finding out that he and his older brother are living on their own following the recent death of their beloved papi. Michael needs all the help he can get.



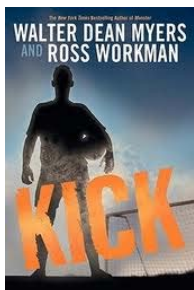
Front and Center  
Murdock, Catherine  
Pages: 256  
FIC MUR

Other folks have big plans for D.J. Like her coach. College scouts. All the town hoops fans. A certain Red Bend High School junior who's keen for romance and karaoke. Not to mention Brian Nelson, who she should not be thinking about! Who she is done with, thank you very much, but who keeps showing up anyway.



Hoops  
Myers, Walter Dean  
Pages: 183  
FIC MYE

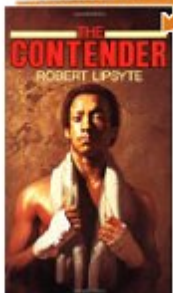
A teenage basketball player from Harlem named Lonnie Jackson has all eyes on him while he practices with his team for a city-wide basketball Tournament of Champions. His coach, Cal, knows Lonnie has what it takes to be a pro-basketball player, but warns him about giving in to the pressure. Cal knows because he, too, once had the chance – but sold out because of a point shaving scandal. His only hope is to prevent other young athletes from repeating his mistake.



Kick  
Myers, Walter & Ross Workman  
Pages: 197  
FIC KIC

Told in their separate voices, thirteen-year-old soccer star Kevin and police sergeant Brown, who knew his father, try to keep Kevin out of juvenile hall after he is arrested on very serious charges. Brown begins to suspect that the friend's family has something to hide. He also develops a bond with Kevin, who, although angry and troubled, is basically kindhearted and well-intentioned.

LOOK INSIDE!



The Contender

Lipsyte, Robert

Pages: 167

FIC LIP

Alfred Brooks is scared. He's a high school dropout and his grocery store job is leading nowhere. His best friend is sinking further and further into drug addiction. Some street kids are after him for something he didn't even do. So Alfred begins going to Donatelli's Gym, a boxing club in Harlem that has trained champions. There he learns it's the effort, not the win, that makes the man -- that last desperate struggle to get back on your feet when you thought you were down for the count.

LOOK INSIDE!



The Runner

Voigt, Cynthia

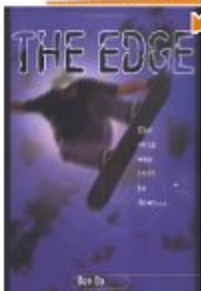
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F VOI

Bullet Tillerman runs. He runs to escape the criticism of his harsh, unforgiving father. He runs to numb the pain of his mother's inability to express her love. He is the star of the school track team, but he isn't a team man and doesn't want to be. Bullet runs for himself.

Bullet is unlikely choice to be asked to coach a new, African-American team member. But in coaching Tamer Shipp, Bullet learns some things about himself -- who he is, and who he can perhaps become.

LOOK INSIDE!



The Edge

Bo, Ben

Pages: 138

F BO

No one understands Declan. Not his mother or his father or his teachers. No one but, maybe his new group of friends. After moving, Declan will do anything to fit in at his new school, even if it is illegal. When he and his new friends get caught, the consequences are tragic. Given a second chance that he is not sure that he wants, Declan is sent to work at a ski lodge in the Canadian Rockies. Though he is not locked up, he feels trapped and lonely, and learns that second chances aren't easy. While there, Declan learns to snowboard and meets new friends, but the ghosts of his past keep rising up to haunt him. Standing on the edge, Declan realizes that the only way to break free is to face his past, and to look forward to the future



Soccerland

Choat, Beth

Pages: 242

F CHO

"One day I'm going to play for the U.S. Women's National Team." That's what Flora Dupre promised her mom, before her mom died of cancer. Flora and her mom had created a place called Soccerland, an escape world where they went and just talked soccer. And now Flora's dream of playing for the U.S.A. might be coming true. Flora's received the invitation of a lifetime: the chance to try out for the Under-15 U.S. Girls' Soccer Team, an opportunity that could put Flora on the road to making her dream a reality and reaching the real "Soccerland." But when Flora arrives at the International Sports Academy, the level of talent there is like nothing she's ever seen before. Flora struggles to hold her own, grappling with new positions on the pitch, injuries, a frustrating coach, and contempt from other players. But Flora is a big, strong Dupre girl—and she's not going to go down easy.



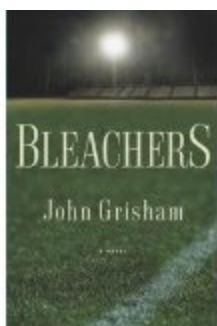
Safe at Home

Lupica, Mike

Pages: 192

F LUP

Nick Crandall feels like he doesn't belong anywhere. He doesn't fit in with his new foster parents. They don't know the first thing about sports - and he's not exactly the model student they want him to be. It's only a matter of time until they realize he's not the right kid for them. And Nick certainly doesn't belong playing varsity baseball. He's only twelve years old! His teammates want a catcher their own age. But Nick needs to prove that he belongs - to his parents, to his team, and to himself.



Bleachers

Grisham, John

Pages: 163

F GRI

When his old coach dies, high school football star Neely Crenshaw returns to his hometown after fifteen years, reunites with his former teammates, and struggles to resolve his mixed feelings about the man.



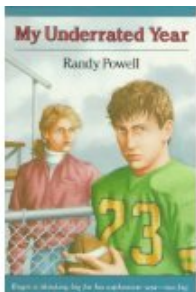
Fly Away

Rock, Nora

Pages: 179

F ROC

Marnie is forced into a leadership role on her competitive cheerleading team, but it's harder than she imagined to keep the Soar Starlings-and herself-aloft.



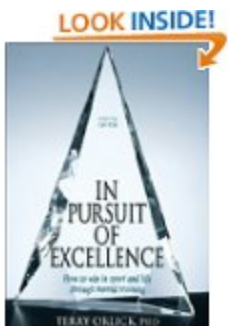
My underrated Year

Powell, Randy

Pages: 181

F POW

Roger Ottosen's football and tennis aspirations are jeopardized when twins Paul and Mary Jo Mountain enroll in his sophomore class. First, Paul beats Roger for the coveted varsity running back position, then Roger learns that Mary Jo, his secret heartthrob, plans to challenge his number one position on the tennis team. Discouraged but determined, Roger rallies his confidence and talents and reaps rewards. Abruptly promoted from junior varsity to varsity punt returner, Roger wins points and the "Most Underrated" award by season's end. At the same time, fear of competition on the tennis court inhibits Roger and Mary Jo's budding romance. When Roger's training and concentration ultimately defeat Mary Jo, their friendship is tested but not destroyed.



In Pursuit of

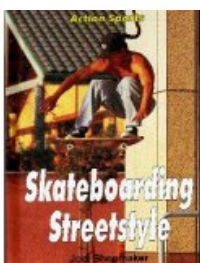
Excellence

Orlick, Terry

Pages: 242

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Reach your potential! Whether you are an athlete, a coach, or a promising high achiever in another walk of life, In Pursuit of Excellence provides the expert advice and proven techniques to help you fulfill your aspirations. Author Terry Orlick, an internationally acclaimed sport psychologist, has helped hundreds of Olympic and professional athletes maximize their performances and achieve their goals. In this fourth edition, Orlick provides new insights and a powerful step-by-step plan for you to develop your own personal path to excellence. You'll learn to focus for excellence and high-quality living. You'll gain a more positive outlook, a more focused commitment, better ways of dealing with distractions, and strategies for overcoming obstacles. You'll also achieve greater personal and professional satisfaction and discover better ways to work with teammates, respond more effectively to coaching, and become more self-directed in your thoughts and actions.



Skateboarding  
Streetstyle

Shoemaker, Joel

Pages: 47

F SHO

Includes bibliographical references and index.

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