

YA F SHA

The Berlin Boxing Club by Robert Sharenow

In 1936 Berlin, fourteen-year-old Karl Stern, considered Jewish despite a non-religious upbringing, learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust.

YA F SMI

Peak by Roland Smith

A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

YA F VOL

The Final Four by Paul Volponi

Four players at the Final Four of the NCAA basketball tournament struggle with the pressures of tournament play and the expectations of society at large.

YA F WEA

Saturday Night Dirt by Will Weaver

In a small town in northern Minnesota, the much-anticipated Saturday night dirt-track race at the old-fashioned, barely viable, Headwaters Speedway becomes, in many ways, an important life-changing event for all the participants on and off the track.



NONFICTION

YA B HAM

Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton

The teenage surfer who lost her arm in a shark attack describes how she has coped with this life-altering event with the help of her faith, the changes in her life, and her return to the sport she loves.

YA B SHE

A Fighter's Heart by Sam Sheridan

After a series of wildly adventurous jobs around the world, Sam Sheridan found himself in Australia, loaded with cash and intent on not working until he'd spent it all. Now, he could finally indulge a long-dormant obsession: fighting. Within a year, he was training with the greatest fighter in Thai kickboxing history and stepping through the ropes for a professional bout.

YA 796 WHY

Why a Curveball Curves edited by Frank Vizard

What does Bernoulli's law have to do with curveballs? What does drag have to do with swimming? Will "gene doping" produce super athletes? Find out the science behind your favorite sport.

YA 796.023 SYL

Game Day by Kevin Sylvester

Not everyone can be an athlete, but that doesn't stop thousands of others from participating in world-class sporting events. The stories of 19 talented and dedicated behind-the-scenes stars of the sports world.

YA 796.522 RAL

Between a Rock and a Hard Place by Aron Ralston

One of the most extraordinary survival stories ever told-Aron Ralston's searing account of his six days trapped in one of the most remote spots in America, and how one inspired act of bravery brought him home.

Books for Athletes and Sports Lovers

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FICTION

YA F BLO

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

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

YA F BRA

Shift by Jennifer Bradbury

When best friends Chris and Win go on a cross country bicycle trek the summer after graduating and only one returns, the FBI wants to know what happened.

YA F COC

The Girl Who Threw Butterflies by Mick Cochrane

Eighth-grader Molly's ability to throw a knuckleball earns her a spot on the baseball team, which not only helps her feel connected to her recently deceased father, who loved baseball, it helps in other aspects of her life, as well.

YA F DEU

Gym Candy by Carl 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.

YA F GRE

Football Genius by Tom 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 F GOR

Pop by Gordon Korman

After a midsummer move to a new town, high-school quarterback Marcus Jordan becomes friends with a retired professional linebacker who is great at training him, but whose childish behavior keeps Marcus in hot water.

YA F HAL

Shutout by Brendan Halpin

Fourteen-year-old Amanda and her best friend Lena start high school looking forward to playing on the varsity soccer team, but when Lena makes varsity and Amanda only makes junior varsity, their long friendship rapidly changes.

YA F HER (ABE LINCOLN 2014)

Stupid Fast by Geoff Herbach

Just before his sixteenth birthday, Felton Reinstein has a sudden growth spurt that turns him from a small, jumpy, picked-on boy with the nickname of "Squirrel Nut" to a powerful athlete, leading to new friends, his first love, and the courage to confront his family's past and current problems.

YA F HOR

Slam by Nick Hornby

At the age of fifteen, Sam Jones's girlfriend gets pregnant and Sam's life of skateboarding and daydreaming about Tony Hawk changes drastically.

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YA F MAC

Boost by Kathy Mackel

Thirteen-year-old Savvy's dreams of starting for her elite basketball team are in danger when she is accused of taking steroids.

YA F MUR

Dairy Queen by Catherine Gilbert Murdock

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.

YA F MYE

Slam! by Walter Dean Myers

Seventeen-year-old "Slam" Harris is counting on his 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.

YA F PEN

Mexican Whiteboy by Matt de la Peña

Sixteen-year-old Danny searches for his identity amidst the confusion of being half-Mexican and half-white while spending a summer with his cousin and new friends on the baseball fields and back alleys of San Diego County, California.

YA F QUI

Boy 21 by Matthew Quick

Finley, an unnaturally quiet boy who is the only white player on his high school's varsity basketball team, lives in a dismal Pennsylvania town that is ruled by the Irish mob, and when his coach asks him to mentor a troubled African American student who has transferred there from an elite private school in California, he finds that they have a lot in common in spite of their apparent differences.