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Baseball

Alexander, K. Swing

Noah and his best friend Walt want to become cool, make the baseball team, and win over Sam, the girl Noah has loved for years. When Noah finds old love letters, Walt hatches a plan to woo Sam. But as Noah's love life and Walt's baseball career begin, the letters alter everything.

de la Peña, M. Mexican Whiteboy

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.

Deuker,C. Golden Arm

Lazarus Weathers, a high school senior from the wrong side of the tracks, seeks to protect his half-brother while pitching his way out of poverty, one strike at a time.

Lupica, M. Strike Zone

Twelve-year-old Nick García dreams of winning MVP of his summer baseball league, of finding a cure for his sister, of meeting his hero, Yankee pitcher Michael Arroyo, and of no longer living in fear of the government and ICE agents.

Basketball

Deuker, C. Swagger

High school senior point guard Jonas Dolan is on the fast track to a basketball career until an unthinkable choice puts his future on the line.

Farizan, S. Here to Stay

When a cyberbully sends the entire high school a picture of basketball hero Bijan Majidi, photoshopped to look like a terrorist, the school administration promises to find and punish the culprit, but Bijan just wants to pretend the incident never happened and move on.

Myers, W.D. All the Right Stuff

The summer after his absentee father is killed in a random shooting, Paul volunteers at a Harlem soup kitchen where he listens to lessons about "the social contract" from an elderly African American man, and mentors a seventeen-year-old unwed mother who wants to make it to college on a basketball scholarship.

Ribay, R. After the Shot Drops

Told from alternating perspectives, Bunny takes a basketball scholarship to an elite private school to help his family, leaving behind Nasir, his best friend, in their tough Philadelphia neighborhood.

Boxing

Holt, K.A. Knock Out
Told in assonant free verse, Levi was once a
premature baby who suffered from respiratory
problems; he recovered, and now in seventh grade,
he struggles to demonstrate to his divorced mother
and overprotective brother that he is okay--so when
his father suggests he take up boxing he falls in love
with the sport.

Cheerleading

Johnson, E.K. Exit, Pursued by a Bear

At cheerleading camp, Hermione is drugged and raped, but she is not sure whether it was one of her teammates or a boy on another team—and in the

aftermath she has to deal with the rumors in her small Ontario town, the often awkward reaction of her classmates, the rejection of her boyfriend, the discovery that her best friend, Polly, is gay, and above all the need to remember what happened so that the guilty boy can be brought to justice.

Field Hockey

Vivian. S. We are the Wildcats

A toxic coach finds himself outplayed by the high school girls on his team in this deeply suspenseful novel, which unspools over twenty-four hours through six diverse perspectives

Football

Feinstein, J. The Walk On

After moving to a new town his freshman year in high school, Alex Myers is happy to win a spot on the varsity team as a quarterback but must deal with the idea of not playing for two years since the first-string quarterback is not only a local hero, he is also son of the corrupt head coach

Henning, S. Throw Like a Girl

When high school junior Liv Rodriquez is kicked off her private school's softball team and loses her scholarship she must join her new school's football team to prove she can be a team player, all while falling for the star quarterback.

Lynch, C. Hit Count

Arlo Brodie loves being at the heart of the action on the football field, and while his dad cheers him on, his mother quotes head injury statistics and refuses to watch, but Arlo's winning plays, the cheering crowds, and the adrenaline rush are enough to convince him that everything is OK, in spite of the pain, the pounding, the dizziness, and the confusion.

Volpini, P. Top Prospect

Travis, a pre-teen quarterback with big potential, gets the opportunity of a lifetime when the coach of Gainesville University football program offers him a scholarship before Travis even gets to high school

Gymnastics

Carter, C. Tumbling

After sacrificing their childhoods, Grace, Leigh, Camille, Wilhelmina, and Monica are competing in the two days of the U.S. Olympic Gymnastics Trials, after which their lives will change forever.

Running

Currinder, M. Running Full Tilt

Like most siblings, Leo and Caleb have a complicated relationship. But Caleb's violent outbursts literally send Leo running. When the family is forced to relocate due to Caleb's uncontrollable behavior, Leo tries to settle into a new school, joining the crosscountry team and discovering his talent for racing and endurance for distance. With a little help from Curtis and Mary, he can appreciate his worth as a brother and his own capacity for growth, both on and off the field.

Reynolds, J. Ghost

Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential.

Reynolds, J. Lu

Lu knows he can lead Ghost, Patina, Sunny, and the team to victory at the championships, but it might

not be as easy as it seems. Suddenly, there are hurdles in Lu's way--literally and not-so-literally--and Lu needs to figure out, fast, what winning the gold really means.

Soccer

Kreie, C. The Captain

When a scandal upsets the high school soccer team, the captain, Malik, struggles to bring his team back together and learn to trust a new coach

Méndez, Y. Furia

Seventeen-year-old Camila Hassan, a rising soccer star in Rosario, Argentina, dreams of playing professionally, in defiance of her fathers' wishes and at the risk of her budding romance with Diego.

Swimming

Bryant, K. Geese are Never Swans

Gus channels all his emotions-about his older brother and his death by suicide-into training to earn a spot on the Olympic swim team.

Volleyball

Carpenter, N. The Edge of Anything
Len is a loner teen photographer haunted by a past
that's stagnated her work and left her terrified she's
losing her mind. Sage is a high school volleyball star
desperate to find a way around her sudden medical
disqualification. Both girls need college scholarships.
After a chance encounter, the two develop an
unlikely friendship that enables them to begin facing
their inner demons. But both Len and Sage are
keeping secrets that, left hidden, could cost them
everything, maybe even their lives.

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