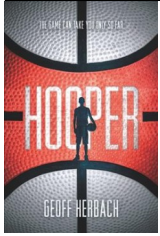
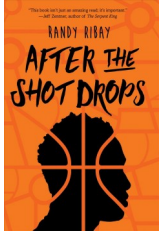


? More Teens Booklists



YA Sports Stories

Are you interested in reading some fiction centered around sports? The following books all have teenage main characters playing sports and learning about life.

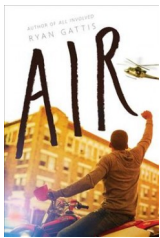


After the Shot Drops

Randy Ribay

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Ribay)

Bunny and Nasir have been best friends forever, but when Bunny accepts an athletic scholarship across town, Nasir feels betrayed. While Bunny tries to fit in with his new, privileged peers, Nasir spends more time with his cousin, Wallace, who is being evicted. Nasir can't help but wonder why the neighborhood is falling over itself to help Bunny when Wallace is in trouble.

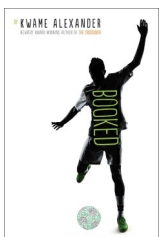


Air

Ryan Gattis

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Gattis)

After 17-year-old Grey witnesses the tragic death of his mother in Colorado, he is shipped off to live with his aunt in inner-city Baltimore, where he struggles to fit in to a new school and community. His new friend Akil introduces him to the enigmatic Kurtis, the leader of a group that uses high-octane sports as a form of social activism. By challenging the police with death-defying stunts and posting videos of them online, Kurtis, Grey, and their group become unlikely heroes in the fight against the prejudice that surrounds them.

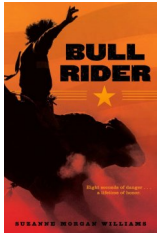


Booked

Kwame Alexander

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Alexand)

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

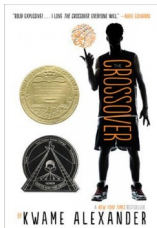


Bull Rider

Suzanne Williams

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Williams)

When his older brother, a bull-riding champion, returns from the Iraq War partially paralyzed, fourteen-year-old Cam takes a break from skateboarding to enter a bull-riding contest, in hopes of winning the \$15,000 prize and motivating his depressed brother to continue with his rehabilitation.

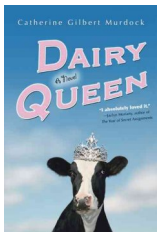


The Crossover

Kwame Alexander

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Alexand)

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.



Dairy Queen

Catherine Gilbert Murdock

(Young Adult Fiction - Y 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.



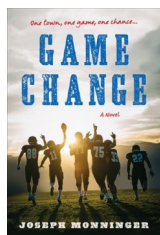
Fence Volume 1

CS Pacat

(Graphic Novels - GN Fence v. 1)

Nicholas, the illegitimate son of a retired fencing champion, is a scrappy fencing wunderkind, and dreams of getting the chance and the training to actually compete. After getting accepted to the

prodigious Kings Row private school, Nicholas is thrust into a cut-throat world, and finds himself facing not only his golden-boy half-brother, but the unbeatable, mysterious Seiji Katayama...

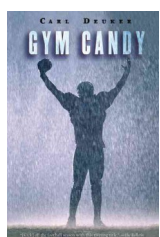


Game Change

Joseph Monninger

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Monning)

When the first string quarterback is injured a week before the state championship game, Zeb Holloway finds himself starting and realizing he may have a future outside his rural New Hampshire town.

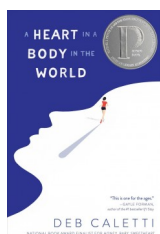


Gym Candy

Carl Deuker

(Young Adult Fiction - Y 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.

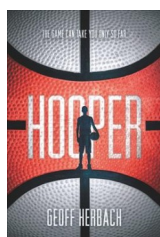


A Heart in a Body in the World

Deb Caletti

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Caletti)

Followed by Grandpa Ed in his RV and backed by her brother and friends, Annabelle, eighteen, runs from Seattle to Washington, D.C., becoming a reluctant activist as people connect her journey to her recent trauma.



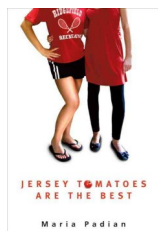
Hooper

Geoff Herbach

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Herbach)

For Adam Reed, basketball is a passport. Adam's basketball skills have taken him from an orphanage in Poland to a loving adoptive mother in Minnesota. When he's tapped to play on a select AAU team along

with some of the best players in the state, it just confirms that basketball is his ticket to the good life: to new friendships, to the girl of his dreams, to a better future.

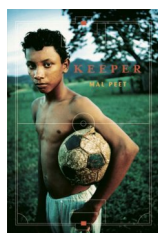


Jersey Tomatoes are the Best

Maria Padian

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Padian)

When fifteen-year-old best friends Henry and Eve leave New Jersey, one for tennis camp in Florida and one for ballet camp in New York, each faces challenges that put her long-cherished dreams of the future to the test

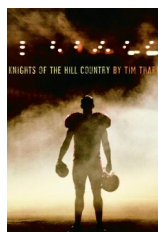


Keeper

Mal Peet

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Pe)

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.



Knights of the Hill Country

Tim Tharp

(Young Adult Fiction - Y 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.

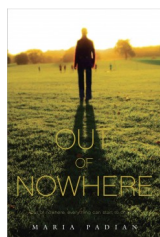


Leverage

Joshua Cohen

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Cohen)

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.

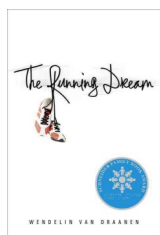


Out of Nowhere

Maria Padian

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Padian)

Performing community service for pulling a stupid prank against a rival high school, soccer star Tom tutors a Somali refugee with soccer dreams of his own.



The Running Dream

Wendelin Van Draanen

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Vandraa)

When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again.

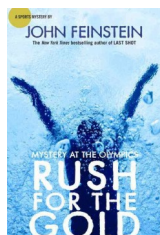


Running Full Tilt

Michael Currinder

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Currind)

Sixteen-year-old Leo Coughlin's life is increasingly stressful because his autistic older brother Caleb's behavior is becoming more bizarre and even violent, and their parents' marriage is falling apart--but Leo finds an escape in long distance running, and in two new friends: Curtis, himself a potential state champion who teaches him the strategy of running, and Mary, his would-be girlfriend.



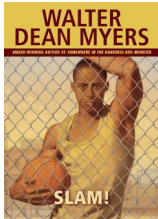
Rush for the Gold

John Feinstein

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Feinste)

Two teenaged aspiring journalists who are dating solve a mystery at the 2012 Olympic Games, while one

simultaneously competes for a gold medal in swimming.



Slam!

Walter Dean Myers

(Young Adult Fiction - Y My)

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.

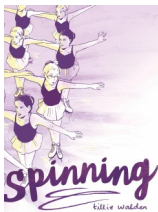


Slam! Volume One

Pamela Ribon

(Graphic Novels - Ribon)

In the fast-paced, hard-hitting, super cheeky, all-female world of banked track roller derby, two young women will have to decide if their budding friendship is stronger than the pull of a team when a win is on the line.



Spinning

Tillie Walden

(Graphic Novels - 796.91292 Walden Wal)

It was the same every morning. Wake up, grab the ice skates, and head to the rink while the world was still dark. Weekends were spent in glitter and tights at competitions. Perform. Smile. And do it again. She was good. She won. And she hated it. For ten years, figure skating was Tillie Walden's life. Skating was a central piece of her identity, her safe haven from the stress of school, bullies, and family. But as she switched schools, got into art, and fell in love with her first girlfriend, she began to question how the close-minded world of figure skating fit in with the rest of her life. The more Tillie thought about it, the more Tillie realized she'd outgrown her passion--and she finally needed to find her own voice.

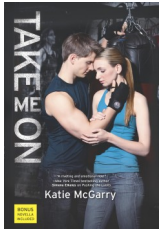


Stupid Fast

Geoff Herbach

(Young Adult Fiction - Y 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.

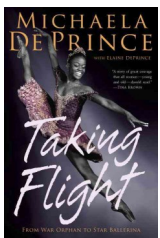


Take Me On

Katie McGarry

(Young Adult Fiction - Y MCGarry)

Abandoning kickboxing after a tragedy in the ring, champion fighter Haley is forced to train an attractive mixed martial arts student who secretly fights on Haley's behalf to redeem his troubled past.

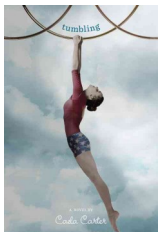


Taking Flight

Michaela DePrince

(Adult Nonfiction - 792.8028 DePrince)

Michaela DePrince lived the first few years of her life in war-torn Sierra Leone until she was adopted by an American family. Now seventeen, she is one of the premiere ballerinas in the United States.

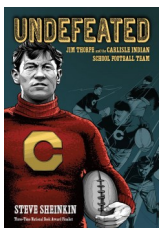


Tumbling

Caela Carter

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Carter)

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.



Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team

Steve Sheinkin

(Juvenile Nonfiction - J 796.332 Sheinkin)

A great American sport and Native American history come together in this true story of how Jim Thorpe and Pop Warner created the legendary Carlisle Indians football team.

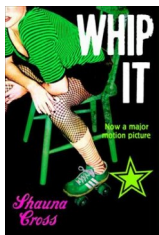


Whale Talk

Chris Crutcher

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Cr)

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.



Whip It

Shauna Cross

(Young Adult Fiction - Y Cross)

When sixteen-year-old rebel Bliss Cavendar, who is miserable living in a small Texas town with her beauty pageant-obsessed mother, secretly joins a roller derby team under the name "Babe Ruthless," her life gets better, although infinitely more confusing.

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