

Sports Books

Heart of a Champion **Deuker, Carl** 4.2 FIC 168
DEU

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.

Heat **Lupica, Mike** 5.3 FIC 220
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.

High Heat **Deuker, Carl** 4.2 FIC 277
DEU

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.

Honus and Me **Gutman, Dan** 4.3 FIC 140
GUT

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.

Jackie & Me **Gutman, Dan** 4.3 FIC 145
GUT

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.

Joey Pigza Loses Control **Gantos, Jack** 4.9 FIC 195
GAN

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.

**Living the Dream: 1996 Olympic
Gold Medal Winner** **Richardson, Dot** 921 RIC 180

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.

Mickey and Me **Gutman, Dan** 4.3 FIC 152
GUT

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.

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Basketball

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<i>Danger Zone</i>	<i>Klass, David</i>	5.3	FIC KLA	232
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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.

<i>Hoops</i>	<i>Myers, Walter Dean</i>	4.6	FIC MYE	183
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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.

<i>In these Girls, Hope is a Muscle</i>	<i>Blair, Madeleine</i>		796.323 BLA	266
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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

<i>Night Hoops</i>	<i>Deuker, Carl</i>	4.5	FIC DEU	212
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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.

<i>On the Devil's Court</i>	<i>Deuker, Carl</i>	4.9	FIC DEU	252
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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.

<i>Players</i>	<i>Sweeney, Joyce</i>	4.7	FIC SWE	222
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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.

<i>Playing Without the Ball</i>	<i>Wallace, Rich</i>	4.1	FIC WAL	213
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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.

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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
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
RAW 212

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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<i>For Always</i>	<i>Bunting, Eve</i>		<i>FIC BUN</i>	<i>37</i>

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

<i>Ghost Brother</i>	<i>Adler, C.S.</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>FIC ADL</i>	<i>150</i>
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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.

<i>Hawk: Occupation: Skateboarder</i>	<i>Hawk, Tony</i>		<i>921 Haw</i>	<i>307</i>
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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.

<i>Skateboarding Streetstyle</i>	<i>Shoemaker, Joel</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>796.21</i>	<i>47</i>
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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

<u>Title:</u>	<u>Author:</u>	<u>AR Level:</u>	<u>Call #:</u>	<u># of Pages:</u>
<i>Keeper</i>	<i>Peet, Mal</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>FIC PEE</i>	<i>225</i>

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.

<i>S.O.R. Losers</i>	<i>Avi</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>FIC AVI</i>	<i>90</i>
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Each member of the South Orange River seventh-grade soccer team has qualities of excellence, but not on the soccer field.

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<i>Tangerine</i>	<i>Bloor, Edward</i>	4.3	<i>FIC</i> <i>BLO</i>	294
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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.

<i>Top Wing</i>	<i>Christopher, Matt</i>	4.3	305.42 <i>HOD</i>	170
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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.

Swimming

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<i>In Lane Three</i>	<i>Duder, Tessa</i>	5.6	<i>FIC</i> <i>DUD</i>	259
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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.

<i>On My Honor</i>	<i>Bauer, Marion Dane</i>	4.7	<i>FIC</i> <i>BAU</i>	90
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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.

<i>River Boy</i>	<i>Bowler, Tim</i>	5.3	<i>FIC</i> <i>BOW</i>	234
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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.

<i>Stotan!</i>	<i>Crutcher, Chris</i>	5.8	<i>FIC</i> <i>CRU</i>	183
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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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<i>Swimming to Antarctica: Tales of a Long Distance Swimmer</i>	Cox, Lynne	6.6	921 COX	359
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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.

<i>Swimming with the Whales</i>	Ellis, Ella Thorp		FIC ELL	178
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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.

<i>Whale Talk</i>	Crutcher, Chris	6.1	FIC CRU	220
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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

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<i>Joyride</i>	Olson, Gretchen		FIC OLS	200
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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.

<i>Skeleton Key</i>	Horowitz, Anthony	4.9	FIC HOR	264
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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

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<i>Tell Me If the Lovers are Losers</i>	Voight, Cynthia	4.1	FIC VOI	198
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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.

