

Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem [Sasquatch in the Paint](#) (Grade 5+)

Eighth-grader Theo Rollins' growth spurt has Coach Mandrake trying to transform him into a basketball star, but training time is hurting the science club's chances of winning the "Aca-lympics," and being accused of stealing could mean Theo is off both teams.

Barber, Tiki [Extra Innings](#) (Grade 4+)

Tiki and Ronde have their sights set on a big diamond--a baseball diamond! Sure, they're experienced athletes, but they've never played baseball before. Do they have what it takes to make the team?

Barber, Tiki [Wild Card](#) (Grade 4+)

Through the course of a difficult season, Ronde learns that his coach is right about football being a mental game, as he tries to fill in as kicker while he and his identical twin, Tiki, help Adam improve his grades.

Baskin, Nora Raleigh [Basketball \(or Something Like It\)](#) (Grade 5+)

Hank, Nathan, Jeremy, and Anabel deal with the realities of middle school basketball, including family pressure, a series of coaches with very different personalities and agendas, and what it means to be a team--and a friend.

Bowen, Fred [Throwing Heat](#) (Grade 4+)

Eighth-grader Jack Lerner relies on pitching fast balls until a young college coach teaches him that throwing the heat may not be the best way to win games.

Casanova, Mary [McKenna, Ready to Fly!](#) (Grade 3+)

When Seattle fourth-grader McKenna Brooks' cast comes off she dives back into gymnastics training in hopes of making the competitive team, but after volunteering at a therapeutic horseback riding center, she considers broadening her interests.

Christopher, Matt [Center Court Sting](#) (Grade 3+)

Daren's tendency to blame everyone but himself when anything goes wrong causes problems with his best friend, with a young neighbor who idolizes him, and with one of his basketball teammates.

Coy, John [Top of the Order](#) (Grade 4+)

Ten-year-old Jackson lives for baseball, but becomes distracted by the approach of middle school, his mother's latest boyfriend, and the presence of a girl--his good friend's sister--on his team.

Dodge, Mary Mapes [Hans Brinker, or, The Silver Skates](#) (Grade 5+)

A Dutch brother and sister work toward two goals--finding the doctor who can restore their father's memory and winning the competition for the silver skates.

Green, Tim [Football Genius](#) (Grade 5+)

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.

Gutman, Dan [Honus and Me](#) (Grade 4+)

Joey, who loves baseball but is not very good at it, finds a valuable 1909 Honus Wagner card and travels back in time to meet Honus.

Gutman, Dan [Mickey & Me](#) (Grade 4+)

When Joe travels back in time to 1944, he meets the Milwaukee Chicks, one of the only all-female professional baseball teams in the history of the game.

Gutman, Dan [The Million Dollar Kick](#) (Grade 5+)

Thirteen-year-old Whisper, who hates sports, is torn when she gets a chance to win a million dollars by kicking a goal against a local soccer hero.

Gutman, Dan [The Million Dollar Putt](#) (Grade 5+)

Assisted by his neighbor, Birdie, blind thirteen-year-old Ed "Bogie" Bogard will win one million dollars if he can sink a ten-foot putt in Hawaii's fifth annual Angus Killick Memorial Tournament.

Heldring, Thatcher [The League](#) (Grade 5+)

Fourteen-year-old Wyatt, hoping to impress a girl and ward off a bully, decides to join his older brother's summer football league, "The League of Pain," against the advice of his parents, who think golf is the right sport for him.

Heldring, Thatcher

[Toby Wheeler, Eighth-Grade Benchwarmer](#) (Grade 5+)

When Toby finally decides to join the middle school basketball team, he does not anticipate the changes that will occur in his relationship with his best friend JJ, who is the team's star player, as well as in other areas of his life.

Hicks, Betty

[I Smell Like Ham](#) (Grade 4+)

Nick tries to maintain his sense of integrity as he works to succeed on the school basketball team, adjust to his new stepmother and little "dorky" stepbrother, and deal with peer pressure from his friends.

King, Donna

[Game, Set, and Match](#) (Grade 4+)

Ever since Cassie was old enough to hold a tennis racket, her dad has been training her to be the best. Now a star player at age 12, Cassie realizes something is wrong: she just doesn't feel the same way about tennis anymore. Does she have what it takes both on and off the court?

Lemke, Donald B

[Drop In](#) (Grade 5+)

Omar Grebes and his friend Tommy Goff are both reckless skateboarders, but when they become involved with a mysterious organization called The Revolution, things get confusing and dangerous.

Lupica, Mike

[Game Changers](#) (Grade 4+)

When the coach's son, Shawn O'Brien, is chosen to play quarterback, eleven-year-old Ben McBain is not surprised--but when he tries to be a good teammate and help the inconsistent Shawn, he is startled to learn that his new friend does not really want the position.

Lupica, Mike

[Hot Hand](#) (Grade 4+)

In the wake of his parents' separation, ten-year-old Billy seems to have continual conflicts with his father, who is also his basketball coach, but his quiet, younger brother Ben, a piano prodigy, is having even more trouble adjusting, and only Billy seems to notice.

MacLachlan, Patricia

[Edward's Eyes](#) (Grade 4+)

Edward is one of a large and close family that loves baseball, music, books, and each other, and when he unexpectedly dies and his parents donate his organs, his wonderful eyes go to a perfect recipient.

Mantell, Paul

[Fairway Phenom](#) (Grade 4+)

Malik Edwards never had any intention of playing golf, until he sees a young black golfer being cheered on by a crowd of adoring fans. While golf's image changes for Malik, where would he get the gear or money, and where would a kid growing up in Brooklyn, New York get to play?

McDonald, Megan.

[Meet Julie : an American Girl](#) (Grade 3+)

In 1974, after Julie's parents divorce, she moves to a new San Francisco neighborhood where the school does not have a girls' basketball team, so she fights for the right to play on the boys' team.

Moceanu, Dominique

[Winning Team](#) (Grade 4+)

When twelve-year-old Britt's family moves to Houston so she can train at an elite gym she looks forward to being part of a team, but after alienating the other girls and failing to impress her coaches, Britt begins to figure out what teamwork really means.

Morgan, Alex

[Saving the Team](#) (Grade 4+)

After moving to California, seventh-grader Devin is afraid she will not make the soccer team but finds, instead, a team is so bad that she is compelled to take the lead and turn it into something the players and coach can all be proud of.

Peters, Stephanie True

[Lacrosse Face-Off](#) (Grade 4+)

Eleven-year-old Garry, embarrassed when his unathletic brother joins his lacrosse team, faces a bigger problem when the team bully turns on both of them.

Ripken, Cal, Jr.

[Hothead : a Novel](#) (Grade 4+)

Connor Sullivan, All-Star third baseman on his Babe Ruth League team, has a terrible temper and problems at home, but when the sports editor of the school paper threatens to publish an embarrassing story about his tantrum, Connor must make a change.

Ritter, John H

[The Boy Who Saved Baseball](#) (Grade 5+)

The fate of a small California town rests on the outcome of one baseball game, and Tom Gallagher hopes to lead his team to victory with the secrets of the now disgraced player, Dante Del Gato.

Ritter, John H

[Fenway Fever](#) (Grade 5+)

Twelve-year-old Alfredo "Stats" Pagano and Boston Red Sox pitcher Billee Orbitt work together to break a potential curse at Fenway Park.

Roberts, Ken [Thumb on a Diamond](#) (Grade 3+)

The kids from New Auckland are dying to see something outside of their little village. Then, Thumb come up with a plan to form a baseball team so the kids can go to the big tournament in Vancouver, but there are a few problems with their plan. There is no grass in New Auckland, no baseball diamond and no place large enough to put one. Also, none of the kids have ever played baseball before.

Robinson, Sharon [Safe at Home](#) (Grade 5+)

After the death of his father, Elijah Breeze, a ten-year-old African American boy, moves back to New York City with his mother and attends a summer baseball camp as he tries to make new friends and adapt to urban ways.

Scaletta, Kurtis [Jinxed!](#) (Grade 3+)

Chad is thrilled to be a batboy for the Pine City Porcupines, even though the team is not doing well, his fellow batboy is less than thrilled about the job, and his favorite player seems to be jinxed.

Scaletta, Kurtis [Mudville](#) (Grade 5+)

For twenty-two years, since a fateful baseball game against their rival town, it has rained in Moundville, so when the rain finally stops, Roy, his friends, and his foster brother Sturgis dare to face the curse and form a team.

Soto, Gary [Taking Sides](#) (Grade 5+)

Fourteen-year-old Lincoln Mendoza, an aspiring basketball player, must come to terms with his divided loyalties when he moves from the Hispanic inner city to a white suburban neighborhood.

Stoudemire, Amar'e [Home Court](#) (Grade 4+)

Between sports, school, and working for his father, eleven-year-old Amar'e's life is full and he is not yet ready to concentrate on basketball--but when a group of older boys start hogging the local basketball court he knows that he has to do something to help his friends.

Tocher, Timothy [Bill Pennant, Babe Ruth, and Me](#) (Grade 5+)

In 1920, sixteen-year-old Hank finds his loyalties divided when he is assigned to care for the Giants' mascot, a wildcat named Bill Pennant, as well as keep an eye on Babe Ruth in Ruth's first season with the New York Yankees.

Tooke, Wes [Lucky : Maris, Mantle, and my Best Summer Ever](#) (Grade 4+)

Louis, who loves baseball despite being the worst stickball player in White Plains, New York, sees his opportunity to be bat boy for the 1961 Yankees team as the perfect way to escape the problems of his father's remarriage and moving to the suburbs.

Vernick, Audrey [Screaming at the Ump](#) (Grade 5+)

Twelve-year-old Casey lives with his father and grandfather at their family-run umpire school, and as he deals with middle school and his mother's unwelcome return, he stumbles on a sensational story that has him questioning his dream of becoming a journalist.

Wallace, Rich [The Ball Hogs](#) (Grade 3+)

Nine-year-old Ben, a natural athlete and member of the Bobcats co-ed soccer team, wants to overcome his inexperience and prove himself on the field, but his obnoxious teammate, Mark, keeps hogging the ball.

Wallace, Rich [Dunk Under Pressure](#) (Grade 4+)

Free throw specialist Cornell "Dunk" Duncan joins the YMCA summer basketball league all-star team, but after losing his confidence in an important game the seventh-grader makes some decisions about becoming an all-around player.

Wallace, Rich [Emergency Quarterback](#) (Grade 4+)

When the Hornets lose their quarterback for the season and the replacement lacks the talent to take charge, the coach picks a solid receiver as emergency quarterback.

Wallace, Rich [Southpaw](#) (Grade 4+)

After moving to New Jersey following his parents' divorce, Jimmy Fleming tries out for the seventh-grade baseball team while also trying cope with his new life and dealing with his overly-competitive father.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler [The Basketball Mystery](#) (Grade 3+)

The Aldens investigate when the new coach of their community basketball league has her Most Valuable Player trophy stolen.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler [The Gymnastics Mystery](#) (Grade 3+)

The Aldens try to help a visiting Russian gymnast who is surrounded by mysterious people and events and who seems to have a secret.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler      [The Hockey Mystery](#) (Grade 3+)

When a professional hockey player comes to Greenfield with plans to build an ice skating rink, the Alden children suspect that someone in town wants to stop the project.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler      [The Mystery on the Ice](#) (Grade 3+)

The Alden children investigate when Mrs. Murray's jewels are stolen during a party for the Starlight Skating Troupe.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler      [The Soccer Mystery](#) (Grade 3+)

The Aldens are excited to be playing in their summer soccer league, until someone begins sabotaging the teams.

Yee, Lisa      [Good Luck, Ivy](#) (Grade 3+)

In 1976, Ivy must choose between participating in a gymnastics tournament and attending a family reunion.

Yep, Laurence      [Mia](#) (Grade 3+)

Mia has grown up playing ice hockey with her three older brothers and has the skills she needs to become a star hockey player. But she's tired of skating in her brothers' shadows and has decided to pursue her passion for figure skating instead. With the help of a new coach, Mia finds out whether she has what it takes to grow and compete as a figure skater.

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