

J = Juvenile Fiction

YA = Young Adult

Auch, Mary Jane. **One-Handed Catch** (J / YA)

What would life be like with only one hand? That's exactly what eleven-year-old Norm finds out when he loses his left hand in an accident at his family's store. It's July 4, 1946. World War II has ended, and life is getting back to normal. But for Norm, the pressing question now is whether he will ever be able to play baseball again, or be an artist. It's up to Norm to find the strength to get beyond this roadblock and move on with his life.

Bloor, Edward. **Tangerine** (J / YA)

A legally blind seventh-grader with clearer vision than most wins acceptance in a new Florida school as his football-hero older brother self-destructs. After a giant sinkhole swallows much of his ramshackle school, Paul is able to transfer to a school where he fits in by playing on the superb soccer team and pitching in when a freeze threatens the citrus groves. In Tangerine County, Florida, groves are being replaced by poorly designed housing developments through which drift clouds of mosquitoes and smoke from unquenchable 'muck fires'. Football is so big that not even the death of a player struck by lightning during practice gets in the way of NFL dreams; no one, including Paul's parents, sees how vicious and amoral his brother, Erik, is off the field.

Brisick, Jamie. **Have Board Will Travel: The Definitive History of Surf, Skate, and Snow** (J / YA)

Whether on water, pavement, or fluffy white powder, the history of surfing, skateboarding, and snowboarding is a landscape filled with rugged personalities, exotic locales, wild innovation, and most of all the united dream of becoming one with the oceans, streets, and mountains.

Brooks, Bruce. **The Moves Make the Man** (YA)

Jerome foxworthy -- the Jayfox to his friends -- likes to think he can handle anything. He handled growing up without a father. He handled being the first black kid in school. And he sure can handle a basketball. Then Jerome meets Bix Rivers -- mysterious and moody, but a great athlete. So Jerome decides to teach Bix his game. He can tell that Bix has the talent. All he's got to do is learn the right moves.

Christopher, Matt. **Tough to Tackle** (J)

Disappointed at first by not being large enough to make quarterback, Boots discovers that there is as much challenge in playing tackle. (See other titles by this author)

Courtenay, Bryce. **The Power of One** (YA)

In this magical novel, an irresistible boy tells the story of his survival and coming of age against the background of South Africa during and just after World War II.

Deuker, Carl. **On the Devil's Court** (J / YA)

What would you give to be your school's superstar? After reading *Dr. Faustus*, Joe considers the merits of selling his soul to the devil. Suddenly, he finds himself changing from a lousy basketball player and a C student to the star athlete he always dreamed he could be. Even though he isn't sure if he actually made a deal with the devil, he can't help but enjoy the benefits that come with his newfound abilities. But is achieving his dreams worth what he may have given up?

Feinstein, John. **Vanishing Act** (J)

Eighth-grade sports reporters Susan Carol and Stevie reunite at the U.S. Open tennis championships where they investigate the mysterious disappearance of a top Russian player.

Green, Tim. **Football Champ** (J / YA)

Twelve-year-old Troy's uncanny gift for predicting football plays proves a powerful secret weapon for the Atlanta Falcons, but a seedy reporter with a vendetta suspects something is going on and sets out to shred the reputations of Troy and star linebacker Seth Holloway

Hornsby, Nick. **Slam** (YA)

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

Jennings, Patrick. **Out Standing in My Field** (J / YA)

Ty has been named for baseball legend Ty Cobb, but he isn't living up to his namesake's reputation when it comes to The Game. He loves baseball; he just isn't great at it, despite all the efforts of his coach and father, who himself once dreamed of playing in the majors. To complicate matters, Ty's older sister Daisy is a baseball whiz (as well as the school genius). Ty has to figure out just who he's trying to please -- his father, his teammates, or himself.

Lupica, Mike. **Travel Team** (J / YA)

Danny Walker may be the smallest kid on the basketball court, but no one has a bigger love of the game, or a better sense of how to hit the open player with the perfect pass. Then the local travel team—the same travel team Danny's dad, Richie Walker, led to the national championship on ESPN when he was a kid— cuts Danny because of his height. But Danny isn't about to give up on basketball. It turns out that he's not the only kid who was cut for the wrong reasons. Now Danny and his dad are about to give all the castoffs a second chance and prove that you can't measure heart. (See other titles by this author)

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. **Dairy Queen** (J / YA)

15-year-old D.J. is a bit of a tom-boy, and she becomes even more so when her father, a dairy farmer, becomes injured, and D.J. starts doing most of the work on the farm. As if working on the farm and going to school isn't enough to keep D.J. busy, she agrees to train Brian for football tryouts at their local high school.

Myers, Walter Dean. **The Greatest: Muhammad Ali** (J / YA)

Award-winning author Walter Dean Myers presents the amazing story of Muhammad Ali's childhood, his rise as a champion, his politics, and his battles against Parkinson's disease

Myers, Walter Dean. **Hoops** (YA)

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. (See other titles by this author)

Paulson, Gary. **How Angel Peterson Got His Name and Other Outrageous Tales About Extreme Sports** (J / YA)

When you grow up in a small town in the north woods, you have to make your own excitement. High spirits, idiocy, and showing off for the girls inspire Gary Paulsen and his friends to attempt:

- Shooting waterfalls in a barrel
- The first skateboarding
- Breaking the world record for speed on skis by being towed behind a souped-up car, and then . . . hitting gravel
- Jumping three barrels like motorcycle daredevil Evel Knievel, except they only have bikes
- Wrestling . . . a bear?

Extreme sports lead to extreme fun in new tales from Gary's boyhood. (See other titles by this author)

Ralston, Aron. **Between a Rock and a Hard Place** (YA)

Could you cut off your own arm if it were the only way to save yourself? Aron Ralston made headlines by doing just that. This account of how he was trapped in an isolated Utah canyon for six days, and how he went about extricating himself, is more than just another tale about those who head into the wilderness seeking their bliss and get lost.

Sitomer, Alan Lawrence. **The Hoopster** (YA)

Andre Anderson, an African-American teenager who loves to play basketball, is happy about his summer internship at a magazine, but his life is unexpectedly changed by a random act of violence.

Smith, Charles. **Hoops Kings / Hoop Kings** (J)

Charles Smith profiles twelve male and female basketball stars with pictures and poetry.

Smith, Roland. **Peak** (YA)

After Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he's left with two choices: wither away in Juvenile Detention or to go live with his long-lost father, who runs a climbing company in Thailand. But Peak quickly learns that his father's renewed interest in him has strings attached. *Big* strings. He wants Peak to be the youngest person to reach the Everest summit—and his motives are selfish at best. Even so, for a climbing addict like Peak, tackling Everest is the challenge of a lifetime. But it's also one that could cost him his life.

Sturm, James (with Rich Tommaso). **Satchel Paige: Striking Out Jim Crow** (J)

Baseball Hall of Famer Leroy "Satchel" Paige (1905 - 1982) changed the face of the game in a career that spanned five decades. Much has been written about this larger-than-life pitcher, but when it comes to Paige, fact does not easily separate from fiction. He made a point of writing his own history...and then re-writing it. A tall, lanky fireballer, he was arguably the Negro League's hardest thrower, most entertaining storyteller and greatest gate attraction.

Tharp, Tim. **Knights of the Hill Country** (YA)

In a small Oklahoma town, one star linebacker must decide what kind of man he wants to be-- both on and off the field.

Wolff, Virginia Euwer. **Bat 6** (J)

In a powerful book set in post-World War II Oregon, sixth graders from rival towns prepare for the 50th annual softball game. Two of the players - a Japanese American who spent the war in an internment camp and a girl whose father was killed at Pearl Harbor - collide with tragic results on the day of the big game.

If you like sports...



...tackle one of these books!

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