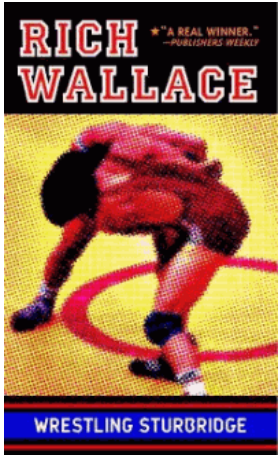


And The Crowd Goes Wild! Sports Stories Too Good To Miss!

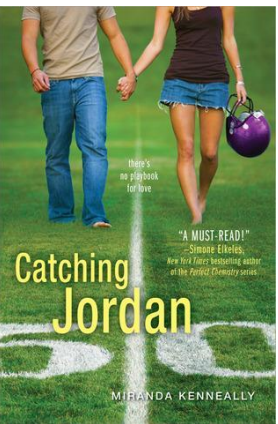
	<p>Hit Count By Chris Lynch</p> <p>Arlo Brodie loves being at the heart of the action on the football field, and while his dad cheers him on, his mother quotes head injury statistics and refuses to watch, but Arlo's winning plays, the cheering crowds, and the adrenaline rush are enough to convince him that everything is OK, in spite of the pain, the pounding, the dizziness, and the confusion.</p>		<p>The Hoopster By Alan Sitomer</p> <p>Andre Anderson, an African-American teenager enjoying a summer filled with pickup basketball, a new girlfriend, and an internship at a popular magazine, becomes the target of violent bigotry when he writes a powerful article on racism.</p>
	<p>Jim Thorpe By Joseph Bruchac</p> <p>A biographical novel in which Native American athlete and Olympic gold medalist Jim Thorpe discusses his life, focusing on the years he spent at Pennsylvania's Carlisle School where coach Pop Warner first recognized Thorpe's abilities.</p>		<p>Tumbling By Caela Carter</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>Slam! By Walter Dean Myers</p> <p>Sixteen-year-old "Slam" Harris is counting on his noteworthy 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.</p>		<p>Dairy Queen By Catherine Gilbert Murdock</p> <p>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.</p>



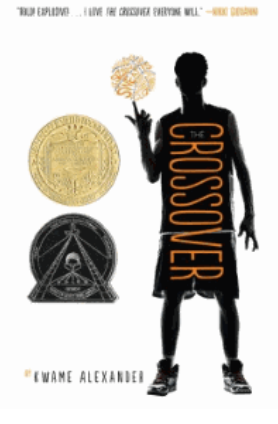
Wrestling
By Rich Wallace
 Stuck in a town where no one else has ever won a state wrestling championship, Ben can't let his school wrestling team slip by. Challenging the favorite...



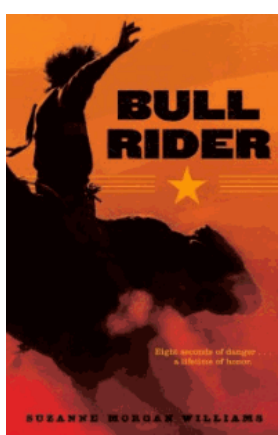
Paralyzed
By Jeff Rud
 A football tackle gone wrong puts a boy in the hospital and leaves star linebacker Reggie Scott feeling confused, guilty and alone.



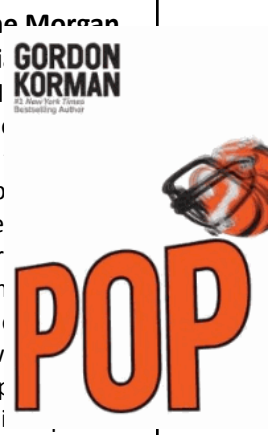
Catching Jordan
By Miranda Kenneally
 Jordan Woods is the female captain and quarterback of her high school football team and is fine with being treated like "one of the guys," as long as she lands an athletic scholarship for college, but when a new kid shows up, Jordan gets competition for her starting position and discovers she is developing a crush.



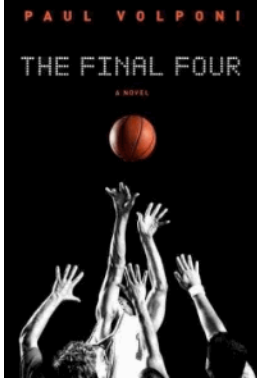
Crossover
By Kwame Alexander
 Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.



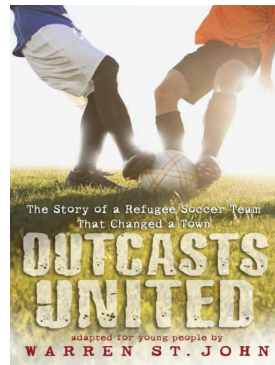
Bull Rider
By Suzanne Morgan Williams
 When his old bull-riding brother returns from a partially paralyzed fourteen-year-old takes a break from skateboarding and bull-riding, hopes of winning \$15,000 motivating his brother to continue with his rehabilitation.



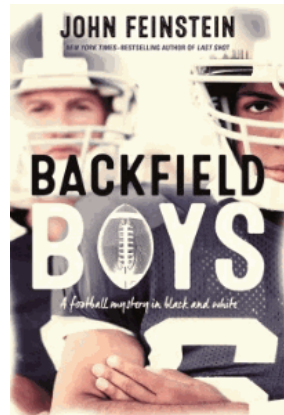
Pop
By Gordon Korman
 Lonely after a midsummer move to a new town, sixteen-year-old high-school quarterback Marcus Jordan becomes friends with a retired professional linebacker who is great at training him, but whose childish behavior keeps Marcus in hot water.



Final Four
By Paul Volponi
Four players at the Final Four of the NCAA basketball tournament struggle with the pressures of tournament play and the expectations of society at large.



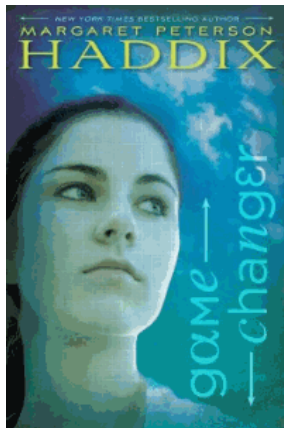
Outcasts United
By Warren St. John
A moving account of how a soccer team made up of diverse refugees inspired an entire community here in the United States.



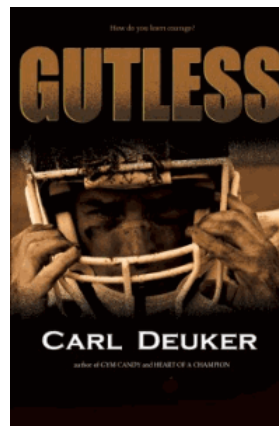
Backfield Boys
By John Feinstein
When best friends Tom and Jason leave New York City for an elite, sports-focused boarding school in Virginia to play football, they find some coaches and teammates to be steeped in racism.



Slider
By Pete Hautman
Hoping to win a cash prize in a pizza eating contest after racking up a tab on his mother's credit card, David must juggle his competitive eating training with the responsibility of looking after his autistic younger brother.



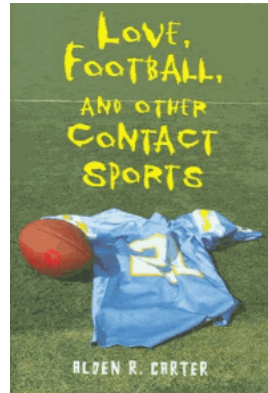
Game Changer
By Margaret Peterson Haddix
While playing in the championship softball game, star pitcher KT Sutton blacks out and awakes to a changed world where the roles of academics and sports at her school have flipped, making talented athletes, such as KT, outcasts and brainy nerds popular.



Gutless
By Carl Deuker
With both good speed and good hands, wide receiver Brock Ripley should be a natural for the varsity team, but he shies from physical contact. When his issues get him cut from varsity, he also loses his friendship with star quarterback Hunter Gates. Now a target for bullying, Brock struggles to overcome his fears and discover that, in his own way, he is brave enough.



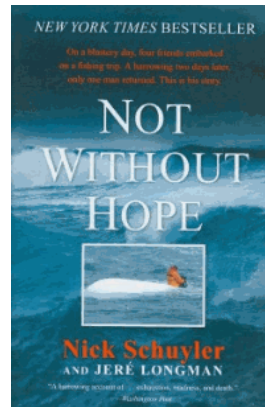
Sports Pages
Edited by Jon Scieszka
 A collection of sports stories featuring everything from fighting to friendship, set everywhere from the tennis court to the hockey rink.



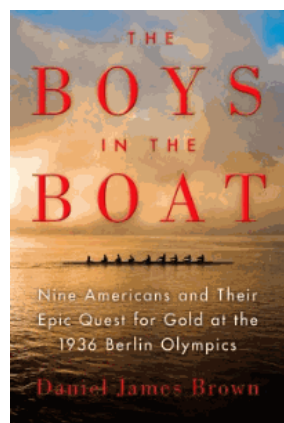
Love, Football & Other Contact Sports
By Alden Carter
 This is a series of interconnected short stories revolving around a small town high school football team. They show the growth of some of the players, as well as their softer sides. Also featured are the girls who both loathe and love them.



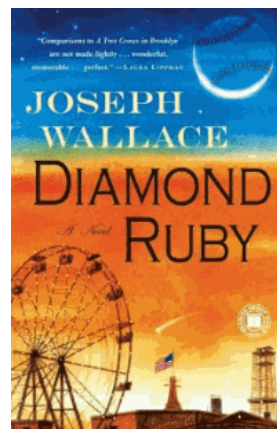
Buzz Kill
By Beth Fantaskey
 Seventeen-year-old Millie joins forces with her classmate, gorgeous but mysterious quarterback Chase Colton, to try to uncover who murdered head football coach "Hollerin' Hank" Killdare--and why.



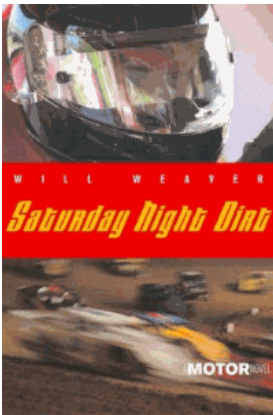
Not Without Hope
By Nick Schuyler
 NFL Player Nick Schuyler recounts the harrowing forty-three hours he spent stranded on an overturned boat with three friends during brutal storms in the Gulf of Mexico in early March 2009.



Boys In The Boat
By Daniel Brown
 Tells how in 1936 the University of Washington's eight-oar crew, composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers who had mastered collegiate rowing, went on to the Berlin Olympics where they defeated Adolf Hitler's German team to achieve the Olympic gold medal.



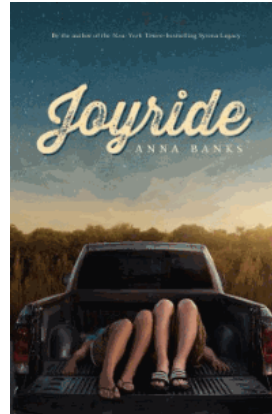
Diamond Ruby
By Joseph Wallace
 In early twentieth century Brooklyn, Ruby endures many hardships including the flu epidemic, the death of family members, and even starvation, until her pitching talents open new opportunities in the changing world of sports for women.



Saturday Night Dirt

By Will Weaver

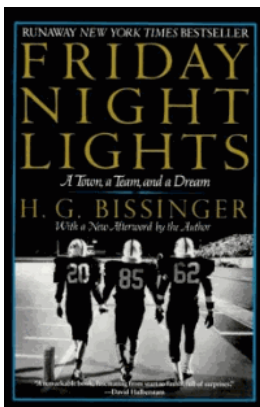
In a small town in northern Minnesota, the much-anticipated Saturday night dirt-track race at the old-fashioned, barely viable, Headwaters Speedway becomes, in many ways, an important life-changing event for all the participants on and off the track.



Joyride

By Anna Banks

Carly Vega, the daughter of Mexican immigrants who have been deported, and Arden Moss, the quarterback son of the county sheriff, draw closer together after he persuades her to help him perform pranks designed to take his mind off of his sister's suicide and to upset his father, who does not approve of their relationship.



Friday Night Lights

By H.G. Bissinger

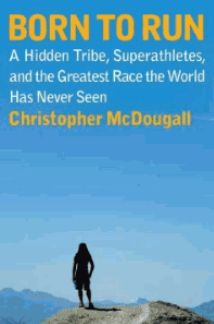
Follows the 1988 season of the Permian Panthers, a high school football team in Odessa, Texas, exploring the lives of the players and the impact of the championship team on the small town.



Airball: My Life In Briefs

By L.D. Harkrader

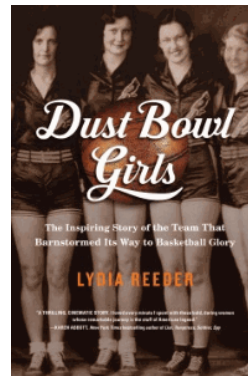
Uncoordinated Kirby Nickel braves his coach's ire and becomes captain of the basketball team in order to help him prove that NBA star Brett McGrew is the father he has never known.



Born To Run

By Christopher McDougall

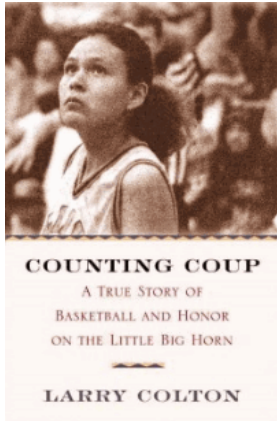
McDougall reveals the secrets of the world's greatest distance runners--the Tarahumara Indians of Copper Canyon, Mexico--and how he trained for the challenge of a lifetime: a fifty-mile race through the heart of Tarahumara country pitting the tribe against an odd band of super-athletic Americans.



Dust Bowl Girls

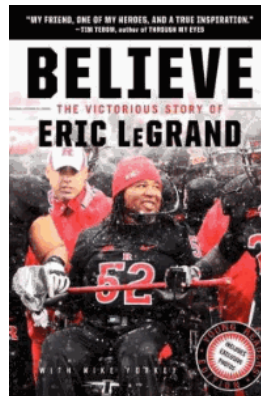
By Lydia Reeder

A history of the women's Depression-era basketball team the Cardinals, formed by Midwestern basketball coach Sam Babb.



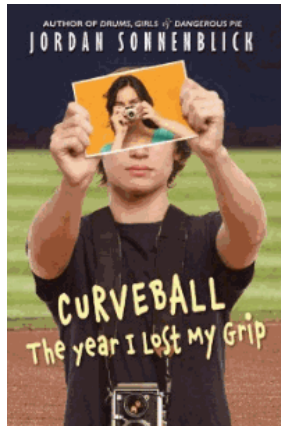
Counting Coup
By Larry Colton

Presents a study of the girls' basketball team at Hardin High School on the Crow reservation in Montana, focusing on talented young player Sharon LaForge, and examines the social conditions that prevent her from reaching her potential on and off the court.



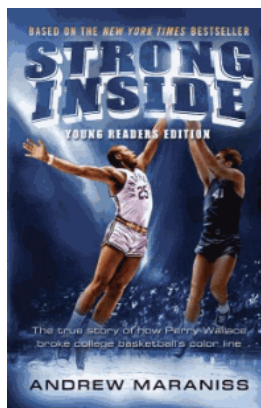
Believe : the Victorious Story of Eric LeGrand
By Eric LeGrand

Eric LeGrand reflects on his life, discussing his childhood, family, success in high school and college sports, the football injury which resulted in paralysis, rehabilitation, and more.



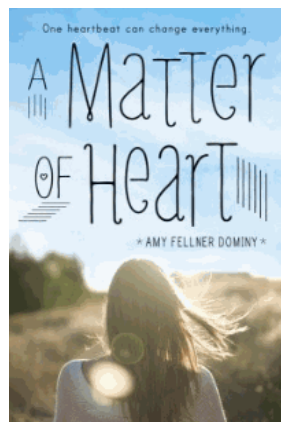
Curveball
By Jordan Sonnenblick

After an injury ends former star pitcher Peter Friedman's athletic dreams, he concentrates on photography which leads him to a girlfriend, new fame as a high school sports photographer, and a deeper relationship with the beloved grandfather who, when he realizes he is becoming senile, gives Pete all of his professional camera gear.



Strong Inside
By Andrew Maraniss

Tells the story of Perry Wallace, a student and talented athlete who became the first African-American basketball player in the SEC at Vanderbilt University during the tumultuous late 1960s. It places Wallace's struggles and ultimate success into the larger contexts of civil rights and race relations in the South



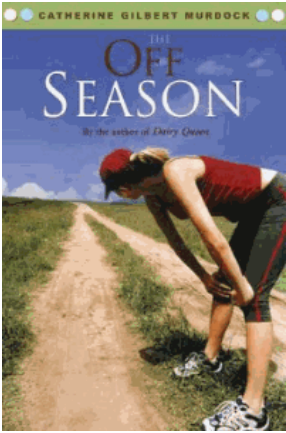
Matter of Heart
By Amy

Sixteen-year-old Lipman is on the state championship trials when an incident at a deadly head and forces her who she is one thing that has defined her entire life.



Ghost

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



The Off Season

By Catherine Gilbert Murdock

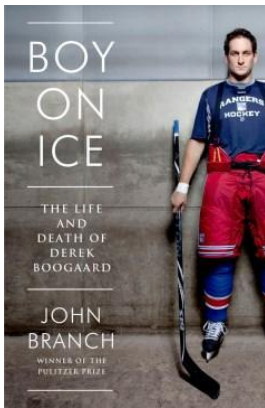
High school senior Ben Schwenke is under the microscope for caring for his injured brother and the responsibilities of a dairy farm. His relationship with his friend Brian is strained by his own ambitions and aspirations.



Hard Ball

By Will Weaver

A fourteen-year-old Minnesota farm boy has to figure out how to get along with the arch-rival in his love life and on the baseball diamond, and both boys must learn how to deal with the unfair expectations of their fathers.



Boy On Ice

By John Branch

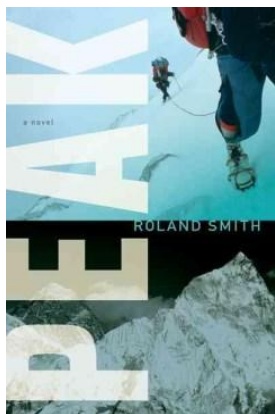
A Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter chronicles the career of a hockey enforcer, Boogaard, through a series of events that led to his death and an investigation into systematic contact sports.



Yellow Flag

By Robert Lipsyte

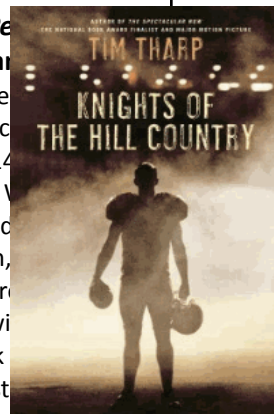
When seventeen-year-old Kyle reluctantly succumbs to family pressure and replaces his injured brother in the family racecar, he struggles to keep up with his trumpet playing while deciding how--or if--he can continue making music with a brass quintet and headlines as a NASCAR racer.



Peak

By Roland Smith

Daredevil mountaineer Marcello (14 years old) scale the world's highest mountain. Building and climbing. To save him, an Everest-trained climber appears with a plan to make Peak his youngest brother's history to summit Mount Everest.



Knights of Hill Country

By Tim 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.

