

## **Sports** \_\_\_\_\_ book summaries taken from publishers or professional reviewers

### ***Air*** by Ryan 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"--OCLC.

### ***Baseball Fanbook: everything you need to know...*** by Gary Gramling

A collection of baseball trivia.

### ***Coming Up Clutch: greatest upsets, comebacks & finishes in sports history*** by M. Doeden

"The **sports** world is full of epic comebacks, upsets, chokes, and clutch performances. The most memorable buzzer-beating baskets, double-digit comebacks, and unexpected meltdowns are all here alongside vivid photos and lively writing . . . Doeden also writes about the science behind clutch performances and asks if some athletes are more clutch than others, or if being clutch is just one of the stories fans tell themselves about their favorite **sports**"--Publisher.

### ***The Football Playbook: everything you need to know...*** by Gary Gramling

A collection of football trivia.

### ***Gridiron Showdown*** by Jake Maddox

Jasper quit his school football team after blowing a big play, which is giving him a lot of time to get into trouble with his friends--but when he is allowed to rejoin the team rather than face detention he finds that everybody is mad at him: his teammates because he quit, and his friends because he is avoiding punishment.

### ***Issues in Sports series*** by Maryann Hudson

Each book in the Issues in Sports series takes a critical look at a challenging issue within the sports world, providing history and context while also examining key factors in each issue and how it is being addressed. The books are balanced and straightforward, using numerous examples to illuminate the issue. With a glossary, primary source sidebars, and additional resources, this series will keep readers engaged and up to date on the biggest concerns in sports today.

### ***Level the Playing Field: past, present & future of women's pro sports*** Kristina Rutherford

Examines the effort being made to bring gender balance to **sports**, and looks at the history, legends, current stars, and future trends of women's professional **sports**.

### ***The Playbook: 52 rules to aim, shoot and score...*** by Kwame Alexander

"Kwame Alexander shares poetry and inspiring lessons about the rules of life, as well as uplifting quotes from athletes such as Stephen Curry and Venus Williams and other exemplars like Sonia Sotomayor and Michelle Obama in this motivational and inspirational book just right for graduates of any age and anyone needing a little encouragement"

***Quidditch through the Ages*** by J.K. Rowling

A copy of a book from the library at Hogwart's, the school where Harry Potter and other young wizards receive their training, providing information about history and conduct of Quidditch, a sport played by competing teams on flying brooms.

***Rising Above: inspiring women in sports*** by Gregory Zuckerman

A collection of mini biographies of female athletes, including Serena and Venus Williams, Simone Biles, and Carli Lloyd.

***Roller Girl*** by Victoria Jamieson      graphic novel

"A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart"--Provided by publisher.

***Second-Chance Soccer*** by Jake Maddox

Sixth-grader Alex really wants to make his middle school soccer team this year, but Jake, the class bully, keeps taunting him with his past failures--until Errol, a new student from Scotland, teaches him the importance of practice and teamwork.

***Second Shot*** by Jake Maddox

When fourteen-year-old Leggie LaGrande, star runner on the Bricklin Middle School track team, suffers a hamstring injury at the very start of the season, he figures his shot at the Junior Olympics is over--but his coach insists that even if he cannot run he can still compete in some other track and field event, so he finds himself working out at the shot put, competing with a new student whom he dislikes.

***Serena Williams*** by Stephanie T. Peters

"The career of tennis star Serena Williams is chronicled in this comprehensive biography, complete with stats and photographs"

***Snowboard Struggle*** by Jake Maddox

Thirteen-year-old Alex Landry is determined to recruit the new boy at Wisconsin's Kingsford Middle School, Miles Vaughn, to the snowboard team, because his skill is awesome, but Miles is taking care of his younger siblings while his mother works two jobs, and finding the time to attend practice is difficult--so Alex sets out to show him being a part of a team means you always have someone to share the load.

***Soar*** by Joan Bauer

Moving to Hillcrest, Ohio, when his adoptive father accepts a temporary job, twelve-year-old Jeremiah, a heart transplant recipient, has sixty days to find a baseball team to coach.

***Soccer show-off*** by Jake Maddox

Gina tries to be the star of the soccer team at her new school, but her teammates do not like her showoff moves.

***Tamba Hali*** by David Seigerman

Offers a biography of professional football player Tamba Hali, describing his childhood, rise to fame, and achievements.

***Xtreme Sports series*** Sue L. Hamilton

Xtreme Sports take action images and combines them with sports information, written in short, simple wording. From the death-defying BASE jumpers to the powerful Rodeo athletes, kids will be drawn to these fascinating extreme sports.