

Ripken, C. *Hothead*

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 tantrums, Connor must make a change.

Roberts, K. *My 13th Season*

Already downhearted due to the loss of her mother and her father's overwhelming grief, thirteen-year-old Fran decides to give up her dream of becoming the first female in professional baseball after a coach attacks her just for being a girl.

Smith, C. *Winning Words:*

Sports Stories and Photographs.

In this collection of short stories and photographs, Charles R. Smith Jr. shows young athletes overcoming their fears and challenging themselves to do their best.

Wallace, R. *The Ball Hogs*

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.

Yep, L. *Sea Glass*

A Chinese-American boy whose father wants him to be good in sports finally asserts his right to be himself.

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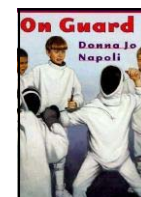
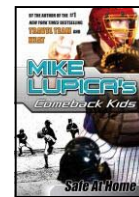
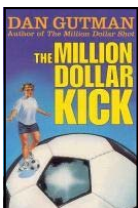
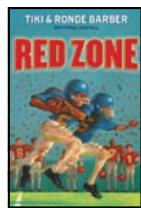
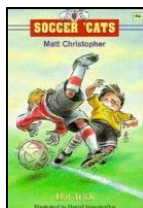
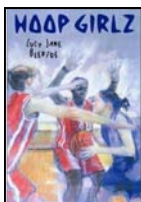


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Adler, David. *Cam Jansen and the Summer Camp Mysteries.*

Cam Jansen and her best friend are spending three weeks at Camp Eagle Lake, where they play sports, do crafts, and solve three mysteries.

Barber, Tiki. *Red Zone.*

Identical twins Ronde and Tiki Barber's excitement over the approaching state championship football game turns to worry when there is a chicken pox outbreak at Hidden Valley Junior High.

Bledsoe, L. *Hoop Girlz.*

When ten-year-old River, who is crazy about basketball, is not chosen to play in the tournament set up in the town of Azalea, Oregon, she decides to organize a team of her own and accepts the help of her older brother.

Bowen, Fred. *Real Hoops.*

When Ben and Logan go to a recreation center to practice basketball with more experienced players in hopes of getting on the freshman team, they meet Hud, who could be the perfect point guard if he is willing to listen to the coach.

Christopher, Matt. *Lacrosse Faceoff.*

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.

Christopher, Matt. *Hat Trick.*

When his older brother gets his picture in the paper for scoring three goals in a soccer game, Stookie tries to emulate his feat.

Clark, Clara. *Hill Hawk Hattie*

Angry and lonely after her mother dies, eleven-year-old Hattie pretends to be a boy and joins her father on an adventure-filled rafting trip down the Delaware.

Fitzgerald, Dawn. *Soccer Chick Rules.*

While trying to focus on a winning soccer season, thirteen-year-old Tess becomes involved in local politics when she learns that all sports programs at her school will be stopped unless a tax levy is passed.

Goldberg, Whoopi. *Sugar Plum Ballerinas: Plum Fantastic*

Alexandra Petrakova Johnson does not want to be a beautiful ballerina, and she does not want to leave her friends in Apple Creek. Unfortunately, that doesn't stop her ballet-crazy mother from moving them to Harlem, or from enrolling Al at the Nutcracker School of Ballet.

Gutman, Dan. *The Million Dollar Kick.*

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. *Jackie and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure.*

With the help of old baseball cards, Joe can travel through time. So when Joe writes a book report on an African American who's made an important contribution to society, he goes back in time to meet Jackie Robinson.

Hicks, Betty. *Swimming With Sharks.*

Rita tries to improve her times and flip turns as she struggles to decide whether to remain the best swimmer on the Dolphins team or the worst on the Sharks team, where she could be with her friends.

Hughes, Dean. *Home Run Hero.*

The players on his summer league baseball team, the Scrappers, have some talent, but Wilson is discouraged because they have an attitude problem and trouble working together as a team.

Long, Loren. *Blastin' the Blues.*

In 1899 New Orleans, Louisiana, the Travelin' Nine must try once again to outsmart the Chancellor, but even the magic baseball may not help while the players suspect there is a mole on the team.

Lupica, Mike. *Safe At Home.*

Playing baseball was the one thing that made twelve-year-old Nick Crandall feel at home until he found acceptance with adoptive parents, but he faces a new struggle to fit in when he becomes the first seventh-grader ever to make the varsity baseball team.

Mackel, K. *MadCat.*

Fast-pitch softball catcher MadCat Campione's love for the sport--and her relationship with her best friends--is strained when her team competes on a national level.

Markey, Kevin. *Super Sluggers: Slumpbuster.*

Eleven-year-old slugger Banjo "The Great Walloper" Bishbash is overcome by a nasty hitting slump as he tries to lead the Rambletown Rounders to the division baseball championship.

Montalbano, A. *Breakaway.*

When seventh-grade soccer star LJ befriends Tabitha, who could not be more different from her, LJ learns to curb her competitive nature, which has been slowly alienating her friends.

Napoli, Donna Jo. *On Guard.*

Excited by a fencing demonstration he happens to see, fourth grader Mikey starts taking lessons in hopes that the sport will make him special like his brother and sisters.