

[Pippa Park Raises Her Game](#)

By Erin Yun

J Fic Yun

When Pippa gets a mysterious basketball scholarship to Lakeview private, she jumps at the chance to reinvent herself. But when she starts getting hateful messages via social media, her new persona is threatened.

[Swim Team](#)

By Johnny Christmas

J Graphic Christmas

Bree can't wait for her first day at her new middle school, until she's stuck with the worst elective—Swim 101. The thought of swimming makes Bree queasy, but soon the swim team is counting on her to help win the championship.

[The Crossover: A Basketball novel](#)

By Kwame Alexander

J Graphic Crossover

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

[Curveball](#)

By Pablo Cartaya

J Graphic Curveball

Elana loves baseball, but recently has stopped having fun, so during a summer spent with her brother's quirky friends, she reflects on who she is and maybe learns to love to play again.

[The Fifth Quarter](#)

By Mike Dawson

J Graphic Fifth

Lori is dedicated to her fourth-grade basketball team, despite only playing before the real game starts known as the fifth quarter. With a dogged determination to improve, Lori finds courage at home, in school, and on the court.

[We Are Big Time](#)

By Hena Khan

J Graphic Khan

Inspired by a true story, new Muslim student Aliya joins an all-girls, hijab-wearing basketball team and learns about teamwork and herself.

[Marshmallow & Jordan](#)

By Alina Chau

J Graphic Marshmallow

Jordan's days as a star basketball player ended when an accident left her paralyzed from the waist down. Can a mysterious elephant help her find a new way to continue her athletic dreams?

[Roller Girl](#)

By Victoria Jamieson

J Graphic Roller

For years, Astrid has done everything with her best friend Nicole. But when the girls sign up for different summer camps, Astrid must decide if she is strong enough to be a roller girl.

[Kickoff Blitz](#)

By B.A. Hoena

J Graphic Sports

When Tou Yang's football team plays the team from his former school, where he was picked on for being small, he struggles to remain focused and use his skills against Darren, his bully.

[Captain Disaster](#)

By Jennifer L. Holm

J Graphic Squish

Squish, comic book fan and grade school amoeba, is made captain of his soccer team and must figure out how to turn a losing streak around without losing his friends.

[Olympic GOATS](#)

By Bruce R. Berglund

J Sports

Read about some of the legends of the Olympic Games and see if you agree that they're the greatest of all time.

[The Football Fanbook](#)

By Gary Gramling

J Sports

So you're a football fan and want to take your passion for the game to the next level? Learn fun trivia and unique lingo to impress friends, game winning strategies, and much more.

SPORTS BOOKS FOR TWEENS



Cam Jansen: The Sports Day Mysteries

By David A. Adler

J Fic Adler

Supersleuth Cam Jansen solves three mysteries during her class's Sports and Nutrition Day.

Booked

By Kwame Alexander

J Fic Alexander

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

One Last Shot

By John David Anderson

J Fic Anderson

Malcolm has always felt like a disappointment to his parents, but when he discovers a love for miniature golf, his dad starts to take over.

Soar

By Joan Bauer

J Fic Bauer

Moving to Hillcrest, Ohio when his adoptive father accepts a temporary job, 12-year-old Jeremiah, a heart transplant recipient, has 60 days to find a baseball team to coach.

Shot Clock

By Caron Butler

J Fic Butler

After the death of his friend, Tony gets a chance to join the basketball team as statistician, but he must honor the memory of his friend while trying to fit in on the team.

Track Star

By R.A. Montgomery

J Fic Choose

Talent and skill have made you a high school track star, but when it comes to breaking the rules of the game, will you do anything to win?

Falling Short

By Ernesto Cisneros

J Fic Cisneros

Sixth grade is going to change Isaac and Marco's lives. Star basketball player Isaac is going to focus on his grades and straight-A Marco is going to earn a spot on the basketball team. But will their friendship and support be enough?

Sports Sabotage

By Franklin W. Dixon

J Fic Dixon

Hoping to win the pizza party on Field Day, Frank and Joe investigate clues to discover who sabotaged the event by ruining rackets, tangling jump ropes, and flattening balloons.

Warrior on the Mound

By Sandra W. Headen

J Fic Headen

In 1939, an all-Black baseball team "trespasses" on the whites-only baseball field, and the resulting racial outrage can only be solved on the mound.

Hit & Miss

By Derek Jeter

J Fic Jeter

Young Derek's friendship with a new student puts him at odd with his friends, plus he gets in trouble for confronting a student who is bullying his sister.

Squad Goals

By Erika J. Kendrick

J Fic Kendrick

Magic Pointdexter comes from a long line of cheerleaders, but first Magic must survive summer camp, audition for a spot on the HoneyBee cheer squad, and steer clear of swoon-worthy Dallas Chase.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Big Shot

By Jeff Kinney

J Fic Kinney

When Greg lands a spot on the worst basketball team, their chances of winning even a single game look slim. But, when everything is on the line, will Greg rise to the occasion or blow his big shot?

Lone Stars

By Mike Lupica

J Fic Lupica

When Coach Coop, a former Dallas Cowboy player, starts showing side effects from his many concussions, Clay becomes determined to help his through the football season.

Free Throw

By Jake Maddox

J Fic Maddox

Since Derek is now the tallest player on his basketball team, the coach decides to have him play center but Jason, the former center, has little confidence in Derek and will not pass him the ball.

Becoming Muhammad Ali : a novel

By James Patterson

J Fic Patterson

A biographical novel of the story of Cassius Clay, the determined boy who would one day become Muhammad Ali.

Ghost

By Jason Reynolds

J Fic Reynolds

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

Barely Floating

By Lilliam Rivera

J Fic Rivera

Natalia's dream of becoming a synchronized swimmer is in jeopardy when her parents decide they are against a sport that emphasizes looks, but Nat is determined to change their minds.

The Hurricanes of Weakerville

By Chris Rylander

J Fic Rylander

Alex Weakerman gets more than he bargains for when his grandfather passes away and names Alex the new manager of his hometown's scrappy baseball team.

Ana on the Edge

By A.J. Sass

J Fic Sass

Twelve-year-old figure skater Ana strives to win her competitions while learning about gender identity, Ana's own and that of a new friend, and how to navigate the best path forward.

Bump

By Matt Wallace

J Fic Wallace

The only thing that MJ loves is the world of professional wrestling and when she learns that her neighbor runs a wrestling school, she has a new mission: join the school and become a wrestler.

Mascot

By Charles Waters

J Fic Waters

Six eighth graders outside Washington, DC, navigate through conflict focused on their school district's Native American mascot.