

SCORE!

SPORTS STORIES FOR GRADES 4 & 5

COURAGE TO SOAR

By Simone Biles

JB BILES

Simone takes you through the events, challenges, and trials that carried her from an early childhood in foster care to a coveted spot on the 2016 Olympic team. Through years of hard work and determination, Biles has relied on her faith and family to stay focused and positive, while having fun competing at the highest level and doing what she loves.



ROLLER GIRL

By Victoria Jamieson

J GRAPHIC JAMIESON

This graphic novel follows a middle-school girl, Astrid, as she discovers roller derby just as she and her best friend are growing apart.



AMERICAN PHAROAH

By Shelley Fraser Mickle

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When American Pharoah won the American Triple Crown and the Breeders' Cup Classic in 2015 he became the first horse to win the "Grand Slam" of American horse racing, by winning all four races. His story captured American's imagination, and this inspired account will also feature the handlers who saw his promise: owner, Ahmed Zayat of Zayat Stables, trainer Bob Baffert, and jockey Victor Espinoza.



FLYING LESSONS & OTHER STORIES

By Ellen Oh

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From basketball dreams and family fiascoes to first crushes and new neighborhoods, this anthology, written by award-winning children's authors, celebrates the uniqueness and universality in all of us.



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MY SECRET LIFE AS A PING-PONG WIZARD

By Henry Winkler

J CHAPTER HANK ZIPZER

With the help of his grandfather, underachieving fifth-grader Hank Zipzer finally discovers that he is good at ping-pong, but he is afraid to tell his classmates for fear of being ridiculed.



BOOKED

By Kwame Alexander

J FICTION ALEXANDER

Soccer, family, love, and friendship take center stage as Nick learns the power of words. He wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.



MIA

By Laurence Yep

J FICTION AMERICAN GIRL

Mia has grown up playing ice hockey with her three older brothers and has the skills she needs to become a star hockey player. But she's tired of skating in her brothers' shadows and has decided to pursue her passion for figure skating. With the help of a new coach, Mia finds out whether she has what it takes to compete as a figure skater.



THE DISTANCE TO HOME

By Jen Bishop

J FICTION BISHOP

Baseball player and superfan Quinnen must struggle to deal with her older sister's death in a story that unfolds between two summers.



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TANGERINE

By Edward Bloor

J FICTION BLOOR



Paul lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik and fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness. Paul slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight. Also available as a film adaptation.

THE WARRIORS

By Joseph Bruchac

J FICTION BRUCHAC



Jake has left the reservation for Weltime Academy and entered a different world. Everyone there loves lacrosse, but no one understands it the way Jake does, as an Iroquois. And no one understands Jake either.

A DIAMOND IN THE DESERT

By Kathryn Fitzmaurice

J FICTION FITZMAURICE



After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, 13-year-old Tetsu and his family are sent to the Gila River Relocation Center in Arizona where a fellow prisoner starts a baseball team.

DIARY OF A TENNIS PRODIGY

By Shamini Flint

J FICTION FLINT



Marcus Atkinson is a tennis genius (not!). But his dad is convinced that Marcus has magic in his wrists. Marcus is a math whiz who is not good at sports. His dad is a self-help author who thinks Marcus can achieve anything he sets his mind to with hilarious results.

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STONE FOX

By John Reynolds Gardiner

J FICTION GARDINER



Willie hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the winnings from a dog sled race he enters.

LOST BOY

By Tim Green

J FICTION GREEN



After a near-fatal car accident, Ryder's mother needs an operation they cannot afford and while a new friend tries to raise funds, Ryder travels with a grouchy, disabled neighbor from Yankee Stadium to Turner Field seeking the major league baseball player who might be Ryder's father.

CHANGE UP

By Derek Jeter

J FICTION JETER



Derek is sure this will be the best season yet! He has it all planned his dad will have him start at shortstop, and the team will cruise to a championship. But sometimes life doesn't go according to plan.

WAITING FOR AUGUSTA

By Jessica Lawson

J FICTION LAWSON



In early 1960s Alabama, eleven-year-old Ben, carrying an urn with his father's ashes, sets out on an eventful journey to the Augusta National, "the Sistine Chapel of golf courses," to make peace with his father.

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By Mike Lupica

J FICTION LUPICA



Jake Cullen, fourteen, lives in the shadows of his father and older brother until he becomes the starting quarterback for the high school football team and finally has his chance to shine.

THE HERO TWO DOORS DOWN

By Sharon Robinson

J FICTION ROBINSON



Steve is thrilled when Jackie Robinson moves into his Jewish neighborhood in Brooklyn in 1948, although many of his neighbors are not. Based on a true story.

SCREAMING AT THE UMP

By Audrey Vernick

J FICTION VERNICK



Casey lives with his father and grandfather at their family-run umpire school, and as he deals with middle school and his mother's unwelcome return, he stumbles on a sensational story that has him questioning his dream of becoming a journalist.

WAITING FOR PUMPSIE

By Barry Wittenstein

J FICTION PICTURE WITTENSTEIN



In 1959 Bernard is a young Red Sox fan, troubled by the lack of Black players in major league baseball, especially as there are none at all on his favorite team--but change is coming in the form of a rookie named Pumpsie Green.