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**SASQUATCH IN THE PAINT**
By Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
*J FICTION ABDUL-JABBAR*
Theo has grown six inches and Coach Mandrake wants to transform him from a science geek into a basketball player, even though Theo has little experience with the game. (2013)

**BOOKED**
By Kwame Alexander
*J FICTION 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 his crush. (2016)

**TANGERINE**
By Edward Bloor
*J FICTION BLOOR*
Twelve-year-old Paul fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight. (1997)

**SNOWBOARD MAVERICK**
By Matt Christopher
*J FICTION CHRISTOPHER*
Having just begun to learn how to snowboard, thirteen-year-old Dennis faces a frightening challenge when he allows a bully to shame him into racing on a difficult slope. (1997)

**TEEN: A SOCCER STORY**
By Shamini Flint
*J FICTION FLINT*
In 1986 Malaysia, ardent soccer fan Maya, age eleven, trains herself and pulls together a team at her girls' school, despite soccer being a “boys’ game.” (2017)

**TOUCHDOWN KID**
By Tim Green
*J FICTION GREEN*
Sharing a love of football and life in a rough neighborhood, Cory and his best friend, Liam, are tested when Liam sustains an injury that costs him a football scholarship. (2017)

**THE CONTRACT**
By Derek Jeter
*J FICTION JETER*
In Kalamazoo, Michigan, eight-year-old Derek Jeter, who dreams of playing for the New York Yankees, learns what it takes to be a champion on and off the field. (2014)

**CLAYTON STONE, FACING OFF**
By Ena Jones
*J FICTION JONES*
Middle-school spy Clayton Stone goes undercover to protect the President's son, attending a new school and playing lacrosse against his real friends and former teammates. (2016)
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**Fantasy League**
By Mike Lupica  
*J FICTION LUPICA*
In Los Angeles, twelve-year-old Charlie's skill at fantasy football gains the attention of both the local media and the owner of a professional football team. (2014)

**QB 1**
By Mike Lupica  
*J FICTION LUPICA*
Jake Cullen, fourteen, lives in the shadows of his father and brother until he becomes the starting quarterback for the high school football team and finally has his chance to shine. (2013)

**Ghost**
By Jason Reynolds  
*J FICTION REYNOLDS*
Four kids from wildly different backgrounds are chosen for an elite middle school track team that could qualify them for the Junior Olympics if they can get their acts together. (2016)

**Surviving the Marathon des Sables**
By Matt Doeden  
*J FICTION YOU CHOOSE*
The Marathon des Sables is considered the most grueling foot race on the planet, and you’re about to run it. Over six days and some 150 miles in the Sahara Desert, You Choose how this story ends. (2017)

**Quarterback Scramble**
By Brandon Terrell  
*J GRAPHIC TERRELL*
Ben is happy to ride the bench until the Hawks’ star QB, Wes, gets suspended for his poor grades. With Ben at the helm, the offense stalls, and his teammates place the blame on his shoulders. (2011)

**Courage to Soar**
By Simone Biles  
*JB BILES*
Through years of hard work and determination, Biles has relied on her faith and family to stay focused while having fun competing at the highest level and doing what she loves. (2016)

**Women in Sports**
By Rachel Ignotofsky  
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