

Children's Booklist 2023: Score! Sports Stories

Grades 4-5



Scholastic Year in Sports 2023

by James Buckley Presents the most interesting, monumental, and strange sports stories of the past year, including championship statistics in baseball, football, basketball, hockey, golf, and tennis



Swim Team

by Johnnie Christmas When she has to take Swim 101, middle schooler Bree must face one of her greatest fears, but with a little help from an elderly neighbor and former swim team captain, she becomes her school's best hope to beat their rival.



Falling Short

by Ernesto Cisneros Two best friends, one athletically gifted and one academically gifted, have more in common than they realize when their goals intersect, forcing them to find a way to support each other so they don't fall short.



Trailblazer : Lily Parr, the Unstoppable Star of Women's Soccer

by Elizabeth Dale With one of the most powerful kicks in soccer, young Lily Parr is becoming a soccer

star. That is until in 1921, when the Football Association in England bans women's soccer--a decision that will affect future generations! Will Lily and her team be able to overcome this hurdle, or will they have to give up doing what they love?



The Fifth Quarter

by Mike Dawson

Lori Block is dedicated to her fourth-grade basketball team, despite being relegated to an extra period before the real game starts, known as the fifth quarter, where the not-sogood kids play and the points don't count.

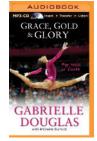


The Negro Leagues : celebrating baseball's unsung heroes

by Matt Doeden Discusses the Negro Leagues in professional baseball, highlighting the history of the

league, its greatest moments, and biggest

stars.





Grace, Gold & Glory : My Leap of Faith

by Gabrielle Douglas Gold Medal-winning U.S. gymnast and Olympic All-Around champion Gabrielle Douglas tells her personal story of faith, perseverance and determination, demonstrating how kids can reach their dreams if they let themselves soar.

Karen's Roller Skates

by Katy Farina

When Karen shows off her roller-skating expertise and accidently crashes into her brother, she ends up with a broken wrist but uses the opportunity to get everyone she knows to sign her new cast. A graphic novel version of the original Baby Sitters book.



The NBA Encyclopedia for Kids

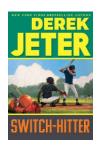
by Brendan Flynn Alongside both historic and recent photographs, readers will learn about each NBA team's history, greatest seasons, greatest players, and team records. Features include a glossary, additional resources, and an index. **Also**

available for MLB and NFL!



Kid Owner

by Tim Green Inheriting ownership of the Dallas Cowboys when his estranged father dies, Ryan embraces his newfound stardom until his status is threatened by his wicked stepmother, who wants her son to be the team's owner.



Switch-hitter

by Derek Jeter When he is benched with an injury, seventhgrader Derek Jeter wonders how he can show his commitment to his teammates, his coaches and the sport he loves even though he can't participate.



Team Meena by Karla Manternach

While trying to maintain a long-distance friendship with Sofía, Meena Zee joins the softball team only to discover that it is harder than it looks, and so is getting along with her bossy teammate.



The Floating Field : How a Group of Thai Boys Built Their Own Soccer Field

by Scott Riley On a tiny Thai island without room for a soccer field, a group of resourceful teen boys gathers scraps and works together to

build a floating field so they can play the game they love.



Baseball's Best Traditions and Weirdest Superstitions

by Elliott Smith

Going to a baseball game? Don't expect the teams to care about a rookie's first home run. But do watch for Bryce Harper's bat tapping ritual each time he's up for bat. But first, slide into the ins and outs of good fun

and good luck in baseball. With engaging text and striking photos, this book will delight young sports fan with some of the best and weirdest practices on the field and in the stands.



The Grip

by Marcus Stroman

Marcus, a young baseball pitcher, learns that perfect games only come with a lot of practice--and some strikeouts.



Who is/Who was?

by Various Authors

Illustrated biographies featuring a range of fascinating figures from sports history (and current figures, too!). Read about LeBron James, Tom Brady, Colin Kaepernick, Serena and Venus Williams, and many more.



Play Like a Girl : a graphic memoir

by Misty Wilson

In this inspiring graphic memoir about teamwork, friendship, crushes and touchdowns, the author shares her experiences on the boys' football team as she shows everyone what it means to play like a girl.



Before the Ever After

by Jacqueline Woodson The son of an idolized pro-football star begins noticing the contrast between his father's angry, forgetful behavior and his superhero reputation before adjusting to a

new reality stemming from his father's numerous head injuries. By the National Book Award-winning author of *Brown Girl Dreaming*.



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