

## Teen Sports Stories

**After the Shot Drops** · Ribay, Randy

**Find It: Y RIB**

Told from alternating perspectives, Bunny takes a basketball scholarship to an elite private school to help his family, leaving behind Nasir, his best friend, in their tough Philadelphia neighborhood.

**Biggie** · Sullivan, Derek E

**Find It: Y SUL**

Henry "Biggie" Abbott has hidden behind his weight for years, and although he is the son and stepson of two of Finch, Minnesota's most famous athletes, he prefers academic success until the girl of his dreams suggests he join the baseball team, and, with his stepbrother's help, he discovers he is a great pitcher.

**The Final Four** · Volponi, Paul

**Find It: Y VOL**

Four players at the Final Four of the NCAA basketball tournament struggle with the pressures of tournament play and the expectations of society at large.

**The Football Girl** · Heldring, Thatcher

**Find It: Y HEL**

In the summer before high school, Tessa's decision to play football, instead of running cross-country, affects her blossoming romance with football prospect Caleb, her relationship with best friends Marina and Lexie, who are counting on Tessa to try out for cross-country, and her home life with her politically ambitious mother.

**Front and Center** · Murdock, Catherine Gilbert

**Find It: eBook**

DJ is great at two things: playing sports and staying out of the spotlight. When her amazing basketball playing attracts attention from college scouts, DJ faces some tough decisions. Par of the Dairy Queen trilogy.

**Game** · Myers, Walter Dean

**Find It: Y MYE**

If Harlem high school senior Drew is going to realize his dream of playing college basketball, he will have to improve at being coached and being a team player, especially after a new white student threatens to take scouts' attention away from him.

**Game Seven** · Volponi, Paul

**Find It: Y VOL**

"A sixteen-year-old shortstop in Cuba who dreams of playing with the pros must choose between his country and his father who defected to the U.S."--.

**The Girl Who Threw Butterflies** · Cochrane, Mick

**Find It: J COL**

Molly's ability to throw a knuckleball earns her a spot on the baseball team, which helps her feel connected to her recently deceased father, who loved baseball.

**Heat** · Lupica, Mike

**Find It: Y LUP**

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.

**Here to Stay**, Farizan, Sara

**Find It: Y FAR**

When a cyberbully sends the entire high school a picture of basketball hero Bijan Majidi, photo-shopped to look like a terrorist, the school administration promises to find and punish the culprit, but Bijan just wants to pretend the incident never happened and move on.

**Hit and Miss** · Jeter, Derek

**Find It: J JET**

Young Derek Jeter's friendship with a new student puts him at odds with his friends and seems to be hurting his baseball swing, plus he gets in trouble for confronting a student who is bullying his sister, in violation of the contract with his parents.

**Leverage** · Cohen, Joshua

**Find It: Y COH**

Danny excels at gymnastics and is bullied by the football team, until he forms an unlikely friendship with a new student who joins the football team.

**Losers Bracket** · Crutcher, Chris**Find It: Y CRU**

When it comes to family, Annie is in the losers bracket. While her foster parents are great (mostly), her birth family would not have been her first pick. And no matter how many times Annie tries to write them out of her life, she always gets sucked back into their drama. Love is like that.

**Losers Take All** · Klass, David**Find It: Y KLA**

Lonely after a midsummer move to a new town, high-school quarterback Marcus becomes friends with a retired professional linebacker who is great at training him, but whose childish behavior keeps Marcuse in hot water.

**Muckers** · Wallace Sandra Neil**Find It: Y WAL**

"Felix O'Sullivan, standing in the shadow of his dead brother, an angry, distant father, and racial tension, must lead the last-ever Muckers high school football team to the state championship before a mine closing shuts down his entire town"--.

**Payback Time** · Deuker, Carl**Find It: Y DEU**

Overweight, somewhat timid Mitch reluctantly agrees to be the sports reporter for Lincoln High because he is determined to be a writer, but he senses a real story in Angel, a talented football player who refuses to stand out on the field—or to discuss his past.

**The Perfect Season: A Football Genius Novel** · Green, Tim**Find It: Y GRE**

A friendship is tested and a new one is formed as Troy gets to play varsity football for the first time.

**Ray Morelli Steps Up to the Plate** · Heldring, Thatcher**Find It: J HEL**

When eighth-grader Roy Morelli's divorced parents find out he is failing history, they ban him from playing on his beloved all-star baseball team, and, even worse, he winds up being tutored by his father's new girlfriend.

**Saving Arm Pit** · Hyde, Natalie**Find It: J HYD**

With the Harmony Point Post Office in danger of closing, the baseball team comes up with a plan to save the post office and their first coach who knows what he's doing.

**See No Color**, Gibney, Shannon**Find It: Y GIB**

Alex has always identified herself as a baseball player, the daughter of a winning coach, but when she realizes that is not enough she begins to come to terms with her adoption and her race.

**Soccerland** · Choat, Beth**Find It: Y CHO**

A young athlete competes at the International Sports Academy for a shot at a U.S. junior national soccer team.

**Swing** · Alexander, Kwame**Find It: Y ALE**

"Noah and his best friend Walt want to become cool, make the baseball team, and win over Sam, the girl Noah has loved for years. When Noah finds old love letters, Walt hatches a plan to woo Sam. But as Noah's love life and Walt's baseball career begin, the letters alter everything"-- Provided by publisher.

**Tall Story** · Gourlay, Candy**Find It: Y GOU**

Bernardo who suffers from a condition called Gigantism leaves the Philippines to live with his mother's family in London much to the delight of his half sister, Andi, a passionate basketball player.

**The Walk-on** · Feinstein, John**Find It: Y FEI**

After moving to a new town his freshman year in high school, Alex Myers is happy to win a spot on the varsity team as a quarterback but must deal with the idea of not playing for two years since the first-string quarterback is not only a local hero, he is also the son of the corrupt head coach.

**Winger** · Smith, Andrew**Find It: Y SMI**

Ryan grapples with living in the dorm for troublemakers, falling for his female best friend, and playing on the Varsity rugby team with some of his frightening new dorm-mates.

**Zeroboxer** · Lee, Fonda

**Find It: Y LEE**

As seventeen-year-old Carl "The Raptor" Luka rises to fame in the weightless combat sport of zeroboxing, he learns a devastating secret that jeopardizes not only his future in the sport, but interplanetary relations.