

Sports

- *Friday Night Lights* by H.G. Bissinger (Nonfiction)

Follows the 1988 season of the Permian Panthers, a high school football team in Odessa, Texas, exploring the lives of the players and the impact of the championship team on the small town.

- *The Blind Side: Evolution of the Game* by Michael Lewis (Nonfiction)

Details the life of University of Mississippi football player Michael Oher, who was raised by a crack addicted mother and adopted at the age of sixteen by a wealthy family, and explores the rising importance and salary of the offensive left tackle in the game of football.

- *Seabiscuit: An American Legend* by Laura Hillenbrand (Nonfiction)

Describes how three men worked together to turn a rough-hewn, undersized horse into one of the fastest horses in racing history.

- *Heat* by Mike Lupica

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.

- *Samurai Shortstop* by Alan Gratz

While obtaining a Western education at a prestigious Japanese boarding school in 1890, sixteen-year-old Toyo also receives traditional samurai training which has profound effects on both his baseball game and his relationship with his father.

- *The Perfect Shot* by Elaine Marie Alphin

Brian uses basketball to block out memories of his girlfriend and her family who were gunned down a year ago, but the upcoming murder trial and a high school history assignment force him to face the past and decide how far he should go to see justice served. Includes facts about miscarriages of justice in American history.

- *On the Devil's Court* by Carl Deuker

Struggling with his feelings of inadequacy and his failure to make the basketball team in his new school, seventeen-year-old Joe Faust finds himself willing to trade his soul for one perfect season of basketball.

- *Ball Don't Lie* by Matt de la Pena

Seventeen-year-old Sticky lives for basketball and plays at school and at the Lincoln Rec Center in Los Angeles but he is unaware of the many dangers--including his own past--that threaten his dream of playing professionally.

- *Ultimate Sports* by Various

A collection of sixteen short stories about teenage athletes written by well-known authors in the field, including award-winning novelists Robert Lipsyte and Chris Crutcher.

- *Boxer and the Spy* by Robert Parker

Fifteen-year-old Terry, an aspiring boxer, uncovers the mystery behind the unexpected death of a classmate.

- *Peak* by Roland Smith

A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

- *The Runner* by Cynthia Voigt

As a dedicated runner, a teenage boy has always managed to distance himself from other people until the experience of coaching one of his teammates on the track team gradually helps him see the value of giving and receiving.

- *Knights of the Hill Country* by Tim Tharp

In his senior year, high school star linebacker Hampton Greene finally begins to think for himself and discovers that he might be interested in more than just football.

- Mike Lupica (Author)
- John Feinstein (Sports Mysteries, Author)

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