

Good Sports

Our focus is sports—so on your mark, get set, read!

Bicycle Stunt Riding. Jason Glaser. Capstone High/Low Books, 1999. 48 pp. This title is part of the Extreme Sports series. Beginner and advanced riders benefit from reading the descriptions of the bicycle stunts. The book explains the history, equipment, and practice of bicycle stunt riding.

Choosing Up Sides. John H. Ritter. Philomel, 1998. 166 pp. It is 1921 and 13-year-old Luke had the great misfortune to be born left-handed. According to Luke's father, a preacher, left-handedness is a sure sign of Satan and playing baseball is just as evil. When Luke's talent for pitching (and left-handed at that) comes to the attention of his father, Luke is forced to choose up sides both literally and figuratively.

Cool as Ice. Matt Christopher. Little, Brown, 2001. 148 pp. Two teammates of the ice hockey team Screaming Eagles band together to show that their size and race should not make a difference to the other players. (Part of "The #1 sports series for kids.")

Dallas Cowboys. John Nichols. Creative Education, 2000. 32 pp. This book is part of the NFL today series. This particular book covers the team's progress from the '52 Texans to the '95 Cowboys. The books feature full-page color illustrations.

Dale Earnhardt. Michael Benson. Chelsea House, 2000. 63 pp. This biography, part of the Race Car Legends series, focuses on the racing career of

Dale Earnhardt, the winner of the 1994 Winston Cup championship. This is a real winner for students who hate to read but love cars.

Fast Breaks. Kirk Marshall. Ballantine, 1989. 136 pp. In this first book in the Hoops series, a star basketball player moves to a large city and feels the pressure of being the new kid in school and the new player on the team. This engaging book includes a glossary of basketball terms.

Finding Buck McHenry. Henry Slote. HarperCollins, 1991. 250 pp. Jason, a player on a little league baseball team, believes the school custodian is a famous pitcher from the Negro League. Jason hopes he can convince the custodian to be the team's coach by revealing his identity.

(The) Greatest: Muhammad Ali. Walter Dean Myers. Scholastic, 2001. 172 pp. This is a fascinating biography of the famous boxer Muhammad Ali. The book includes key moments in the boxer's life, such as his Olympic gold medal and his appearance at the 1996 Olympics.

Guinness Book of World Records 2001. Sterling, 2000. 288 pp. The book includes record-breaking descriptions of sports events and championships. Color photographs highlight paragraphs describing records in all sports including unusual records. Guidelines describe the process if you would like to break, or establish, a record.

Hoops. Walter Dean Myers. Dell, 1983. 183 pp. A professional basketball player who was involved with a point-shaving scandal hopes to be an example to the Harlem basketball team he coaches.

My Life as a Beat-up Basketball Backboard. Bill Myers. T. Nelson, 2000. 119 pp. The Ricko Slicko Advertising Agency makes plans for fame and popularity for Wally McDoogie, young author of superhero stories. Wally learns to value self-acceptance.

Night Hoops. Carl Deuker. Houghton Mifflin, 2000. 212 pp. Nick is under pressure to prove he is good enough to join the varsity basketball team at his high school. He also has to cope with his parents' divorce and the troubled behavior of a classmate who is his neighbor.

No Easy Out. Dean Hughes. Aladdin, 1999. 107 pp. Adam's baseball team has a chance to win the championship game, but he has to cope with the pressure of pitching against his cousin who is on the rival team. (Number 6 in the Scrappers series)

On the Course with Tiger Woods. Matt Christopher. Little, Brown, 1998. 117 pp. This biography presents the exceptional background and golf career of Tiger Woods. An inspiring story of a young man whose achievements include winning the Masters Tournament in 1997.

Photo Perfect. Beverly Lewis. Bethany House, 2001. 124 pp. Heather and her brother are ice-dancing partners, but after her brother drops her in practice, she decides to lose weight, even though she is already thin. (Number 7 of the Girls Only (GO!) series)

Play Like a Girl: A Celebration of Women in Sports. Sue Macy and Jane Gottesman (eds.). Henry Holt, 1999. 32 pp. Don't be fooled by this thin book—it packs a powerful punch. Photograph after photograph shows us all that women are strong competitors whether on the field, in the pool, or on the court.

(The) Rock Says. The Rock. Regan, 1999. 292 pp. The Rock, Dwayne Johnson, a wrestler who has gained popularity as the one you love to hate, shares his family and wrestling stories. Wrestling fans will enjoy his insights on mastering the skills of a wrestler.

Second Stringer. Thomas J. Dygard. Morrow Junior Books, 1998. 174 pp. Kevin's self-confidence wavers when he has to prove he can get the job done as replacement for his football team's star player.

Shots on Goal. Rich Wallace. Knopf, 1997. 148 pp. Fifteen-year-old Bones has to keep his mind on helping his soccer team win the district playoffs, but he is distracted over his best friend's relationship with a girl Bones has a crush on.

Sports Great Wayne Gretzky. Ken Rappoport. Enslow, 1996. 64 pp. This book covers the career of Wayne Gretzky, ice hockey star who played for the Edmonton Oilers and then the Los Angeles Kings. This book is appropriate for hockey fans of all ages. (Part of the Sports Great books series)

(The) Story of the Wrestler They Call "Diamond" Dallas Page. Jacqueline Mudge. Chelsea House, 2001. 64 pp. This biography includes full color photographs and personal information about the career of the wrestler known as Diamond Dallas Page. (Pro Wrestling Legends Series)

There's a Girl in My Hammerlock. Jerry Spinelli. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1991. 199 pp. Maisie wants to join her school's wrestling team. She is the only female wrestler on the team and copes with pressure to quit from her best friend, other students, and her team mates.

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