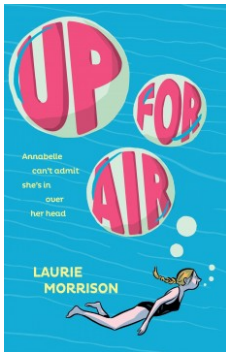


The Underdogs

by Mike Lupica

Small but fast 12-year-old Will Tyler, an avid football player, takes matters into his own hands when a lack of funding threatens to cancel the football season, rallying the entire town and giving the whole community hope in the process.



Up for Air

by Laurie Morrison

Learning disabilities make school painful for Annabelle, thirteen, but a summer of swimming with the high school team is fantastic until a prank goes wrong, spoiling everything.



Ghost

by Jason Reynolds

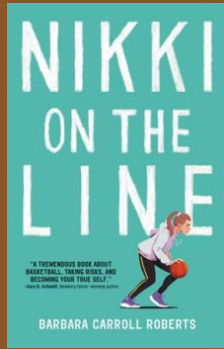
Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential.



Black Brother, Black Brother

by Jewell Parker Rhodes

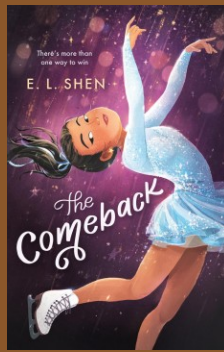
Routinely compared to his submissive lighter-skinned brother, a Black boy at an elitist prep school is unfairly suspended in the wake of an incident involving the school bully, whom he tries to defeat in a fencing competition.



Nikki on the Line

by Barbara Carroll Roberts

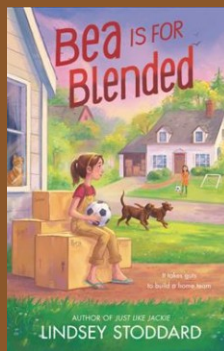
Nikki, thirteen, dreams of being a great basketball player but struggles on her new, elite team while also juggling school stress, her non-traditional family, and revelations about her biological father.



The Comeback

by E.L. Shen

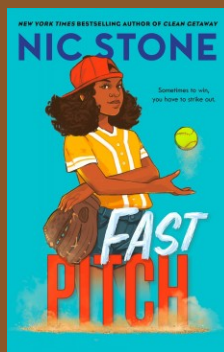
Twelve-year-old Maxine Chen dreams of being a figure skating champion, but a remarkably talented new girl at the arena and a racist classmate at school test her resolve.



Bea is for Blended

by Lindsey Stoddard

Soon after her mother marries a man with three sons, sixth-grader Bea Embers fights to form a girls' soccer team at school, despite discrimination and setbacks.



Fast Pitch

by Nic Stone

Working hard to prove that Black girls belong at bat, softball captain Shenice Lockwood must prove herself on and off the field when a family secret is revealed, breaking her focus on the game as the championship fast approaches.

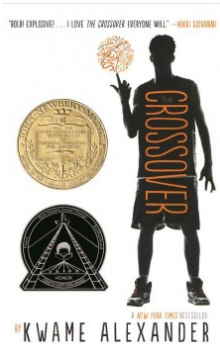
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The Crossover

by Kwame Alexander

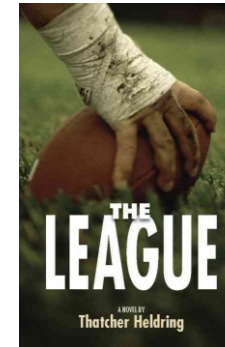
Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.



Unsettled

by Reem Faruqi

When her family moves from Pakistan to Peachtree City, all Nurah wants is to blend in everywhere except in the water, where she dreams of winning swimming medals like her older brother.



The League

by Thatcher Heldring

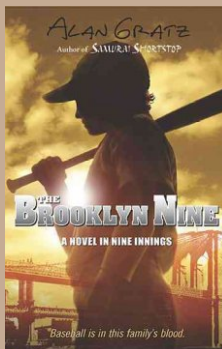
Fourteen-year-old Wyatt, hoping to impress a girl and ward off a bully, decides to join his older brother's summer football league, "The League of Pain," against the advice of his parents, who think golf is the right sport for him.



One Last Shot

by John David Anderson

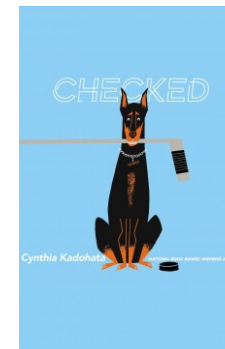
Miniature golf becomes an escape for Malcolm during a time when his home life feels tumultuous and he must navigate tournaments, new friendships, and growing tensions at home.



The Brooklyn Nine

by Alan Gratz

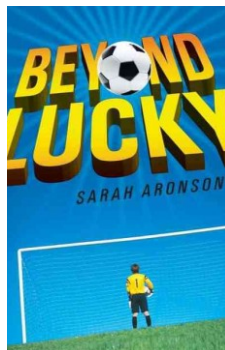
Follows the fortunes of a German immigrant family through nine generations, beginning in 1845, as they experience American life and play baseball.



Checked

by Cynthia Kadahata

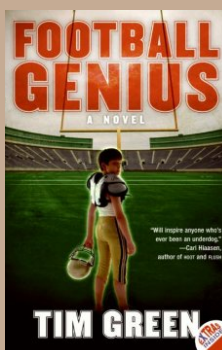
To help his dog through cancer treatment, Conor gives up hockey and finds himself considering who he is without the sport that has defined him, and connecting more with his family and best friend.



Beyond Lucky

by Sarah Aronson

Believing his luck has changed for the better after finding a rare soccer card, aspiring young goalie Ari Fish finds his athletic skills floundering in the face of a dispute between his best friend and the new girl on the team, who accuse each other of stealing the card.



Football Genius

by Tim Green

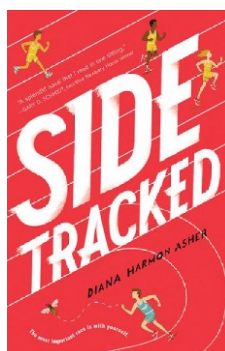
Troy, a sixth-grader with an unusual gift for predicting football plays before they occur, attempts to use his ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, but he must first prove himself to the coach and players.



Get a Grip, Vivy Cohen!

by Sarah Kapit

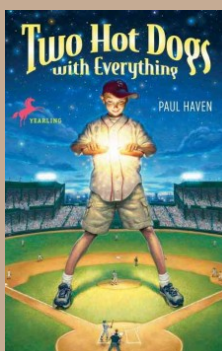
Landing a spot on the baseball team at the same time her major-league hero responds to her fan letter, Vivy Cohen, a girl on the autism spectrum, considers her famous penpal's advice when an accident lands her back on the bench.



Sidetracked

by Diana Harmon Asher

Seventh-grader Joseph Friedman, friendless, puny, and with ADD, spends most of his time hiding in the Resource Room, but when he reluctantly agrees to join the school's cross-country team, he befriends a tough, athletic new student, Heather.



Two Hot Dogs with Everything

by Paul Haven

Although everyone credits him and his superstitions for the Slugger's first winning streak in 108 baseball seasons, eleven-year-old Danny Gurkin believes that his discovery of a secret from the team's past may be the real reason behind the ball club's success.



Much Ado About Baseball

by Rajani LaRocca

Twelve-year-olds Trish and Ben should be automatic friends because they both play baseball on a Little League team in Comity, Massachusetts, and they both love solving math puzzles, but obstacles stand in their way.