

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.

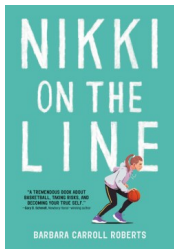


Black brother, black brother

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

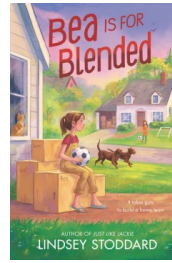
involving the school bully, whom he tries to defeat in a fencing competition.



Nikki on the line

by Barbara Carroll Roberts

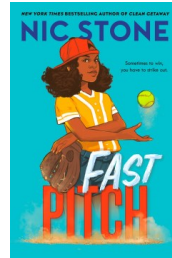
Nikki, thirteen, dreams of being a great basketball player but struggles on her new, elite team while also juggling school stress, her non-traditional family, and revelations about her biological father.



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.



The grip

by Marcus Stroman

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

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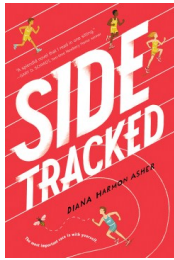
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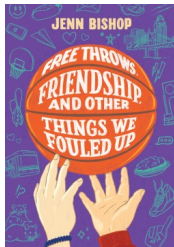


Sidetracked

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.



Free throws, friendship, and other things we fouled up

by Jenn Bishop

New to Cincinnati, where her father is now coach of the University basketball team, eighth-grader Aurora (called Rory) finds

herself isolated by the heated team rivalries--especially when it turns out her new friend Abby's father has a mysterious feud with Rory's father that threatens her new friendship



Shot clock

by Caron Butler

When the police officer who killed his best friend, a hoops phenom, is back on the job, Tony, the statistician for the AAU basketball team, must deal with his own grief and help his community heal while leading his team to victory.



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.



Unsettled

by Reem Faruqi

Young Nurah reluctantly moves with her family from Karachi, Pakistan, to Peachtree City, Georgia, but, after some ups and downs, begins to feel at home



Benchwarmers

by John Feinstein

The poorest player on a soccer team and a superstar player who is left out because she is a girl forge an unexpected friendship on the bench.



Final season

by Tim Green

When his NFL dad is diagnosed with ALS, middle school quarterback Ben Redd is determined to have a winning season, which may be his final as he watches the heavy toll the disease is taking on his dad.



Game changer

by Tommy Greenwald

While thirteen-year-old Teddy fights for his life after a football injury at training camp, his friends and family gather to support him and discuss events leading to his coma. Told through dialogue, text messages, newspaper articles,

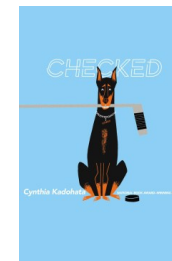
transcripts, an online forum, and Teddy's inner thoughts.



Warrior on the mound

by Sandra W. Headen

In 1939 North Carolina, an all-Black baseball team "trespasses" on the whites-only baseball field, and the resulting racial outrage can only be resolved on the mound



Checked

by Cynthia Kadohata

Setting aside his participation in sports while a beloved pet undergoes medical treatment, hockey enthusiast Conor discovers uncomfortable truths about his stepmother's decision to leave, his father's depression, a

friend's difficult family life and his own character qualities.



Get a grip, Vivvy Cohen!

by Sarah Kapit

Eleven-year-old knuckleball pitcher Vivvy Cohen, who has autism, becomes pen pals with her favorite Major League baseball player after writing a letter to him as an assignment for her social skills class



Select

by Christie Matheson

When Alex's skills land her a free ride to play for an elite soccer club, it feels like a huge opportunity. But as the team gets better and better, her new coach pushes the players harder and harder, until soccer starts to feel

more like punishment than fun.