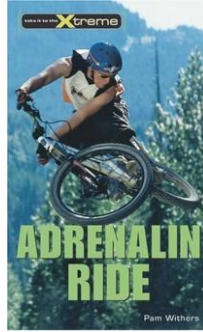


SPORTS FICTION



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Bledsoe, L.

HOOP GIRLZ

When ten-year-old River, who is crazy about basketball, is not chosen to play in the tournament set up in the town of Azalea, Oregon, she decides to organize a team of her own and accepts the help of her older brother.

Bloor, E.

TANGERINE

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.

Brooks, B.

THE MOVES MAKE THE MAN

A Black basketball player and an emotionally troubled white shortstop in North Carolina form a precarious friendship.

Brouwer, S.

COBRA STRIKE

In a small coal-mining town in Kentucky, Roy Linden uncovers a connection between his high school team's new star quarterback, his own football future, and the pollution of a creek near his grandmother's cabin.

Carlson, R.

THE SPEED OF LIGHT

Twelve-year-old Larry spends the summer before junior high school with his best friends, Witt and Rafferty, playing different forms of baseball and discovering the secrets of the universe.

Carter, A.

LOVE, FOOTBALL & OTHER CONTACT SPORTS

A collection of stories about high school students from one end of the social spectrum to the other (from love to football).

Daher, Anita

TWO FOOT PUNCH

After the death of their parents in a house fire Nikki and her brother Derek, both devotees of the sport of parkour (discipline of training to overcome any obstacle within one's path), go to live with their

mother's sister. There they must come to terms with their grief and Derek's responsibility for the fire.

Deuker, C.

NIGHT HOOPS.

While trying to prove that he is good enough to on his high school's varsity basketball team, Nick must also deal with his parents' divorce and erratic behavior of a troubled classmate who lives across the street.

Fehler, Gene

BEANBALL

Relates, from diverse points of view, events surrounding the critical injury of popular and talented high school athlete, Luke "Wizard" Wallace, when he is hit in the face by a fastball. Presented through powerful free-verse monologues by 28 different narrators.

Feinstein, John

LAST SHOT (Series)

After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.

Fitzgerald, Dawn

SOCCEER CHICKS RULE

While trying to focus on a winning soccer season, thirteen-year-old Tess becomes involved in local politics when she learns that all sports programs at her school will be stopped unless a tax levy is passed.

Grosser, M.

THE FABULOUS FIFTY

In the summer of 1921, fourteen-year-old Sol seeks independence from his family and his South Philadelphia neighborhood and joins his pals in their obsessive scheme to get to the World Series by clipping newspaper coupons.

Gutman, D.

THE MILLION DOLLAR SHOT

Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals.

Hobbs, Will

GO BIG OR GO HOME

Fourteen-year-old Brady and his cousin Quinn love extreme sports, but nothing could prepare them for the aftermath of Brady's close encounter with a meteorite after it crashes into his Black Hills, South Dakota, bedroom.

Lipsyte, R.

THE BRAVE.

Having left the Indian reservation for the streets of New York, seventeen-year-old boxer Sonny Bear tries to harness his inner rage by training with Alfred Brooks, who has left the sport to become a policeman.

Lipsyte, R.

THE CONTENDER.

A Harlem high school dropout escapes from a gang of punks into a boxing gym, where he learns that being a contender is hard and often discouraging work, but that you don't know anything until you try.

Maddox, Jake

PAINTBALL BLAST

When Max and Tyler start losing paintball matches to a new player named Ryan, Max is suspicious and sets out to prove that Ryan is cheating.

Muldrow, Diane

DEEP FREEZE

The Chef Girls are excited about the seventh-grade ski trip, which is filled with snow sports and practical jokes, but when Shawn's nemesis Angie plays a prank that goes too far, things take a dangerous turn.

Myers, W.

GAME

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

Myers, W. D.

SLAM!

Seventeen-year-old "Slam" Harris is counting on his noteworthy basketball talents to get him out of the inner city and give him a chance to succeed in life, but his coach sees things differently.

Peet, Mal

KEEPER

In an interview with a young journalist, World Cup hero, El Gato, describes his youth in the Brazilian rain forest and the events, experiences, and people that helped make him a great goalkeeper and renowned soccer star.

Powell, R.

THREE CLAMS AND AN OYSTER.

During their humorous search to find a fourth player for their flag football team, three high school juniors are forced to examine their long friendship, their individual flaws, and their inability to try new experiences.

Roberts, Kristi.

MY 13th SEASON

Already downhearted due to the loss of her mother and her father's overwhelming grief, thirteen-year-old Fran decides to give up her dream of becoming the first female in professional baseball after a coach attacks her just for being a girl.

Spinelli, J.

CRASH.

Seventh-grader John "Crash" Coogan, star football player, has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with an unusual Quaker boy and his grandfather's stroke make him consider the meaning of friendship and the importance of family.

Wallace, R.

SHOTS ON GOAL.

While pursuing his goal of helping his soccer team win the league championship, fifteen-year-old Bones tries to deal with his resentment of his best friend, on whose girlfriend he has a crush.

Wallace, R.

WRESTLING STURBRIDGE.

Stuck in a small town where no one ever leaves and relegated by his wrestling coach to sit on the bench while his best friend becomes state champion, Ben decides he can't let his last high school wrestling season slip by without challenging his friend and the future.

Withers, Pam.

RAGING RIVER

In order to be able to afford to kayak, Jake must work weekends for a tour company. On a whitewater rafting trip down a dangerous river, Jake and his former friend Peter must work together to save an injured member of the group.

Withers, Pam

ADRENALIN RIDE

Fifteen-year-old Jake and his friend Peter are hired to help develop a mountain bike trail in Vancouver's Cathedral Provincial Park. As they begin their job they discover their boss Ron does not have permission to build the trail.

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