

Kneel

by Candace Buford

When his best friend is unfairly arrested and kicked off the team, Russell Boudreaux kneels during the national anthem in an effort to fight for justice and, in an instant, falls from local stardom to become a target of hatred.

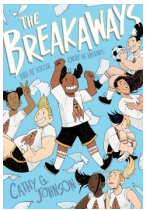


Throw like a girl

by Sarah Henning

When high school junior Liv Rodriguez is kicked off her private school's softball team and loses her scholarship she must join her new school's football team to prove she can be a team player, all while falling for the star quarterback.

Soccer



The Breakaways

by Cathy G Johnson

An introverted fifth-grader with a vivid imagination is recruited by a popular older student onto a ragtag soccer team where, despite limited athletic performance, teammates form strong bonds that challenge their notions of loyalty, identity, friendship and unity.



Benchwarmers

by John Feinstein

A debut entry in a new series by the Edgar Allen Poe Award-winning author of Last Shot finds the poorest player on a soccer team and a superstar player who is left out because she is a girl forging an unexpected friendship on the bench.

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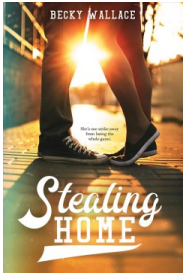
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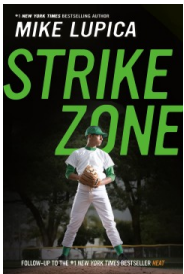
Baseball



Stealing home

by Becky Wallace

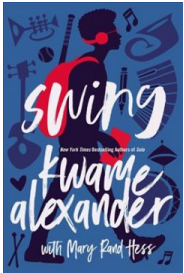
With her dreams of taking over her Texas family's minor league baseball franchise in jeopardy, seventeen-year-old Ryan Russell works with their newest player to save the team--even if it means breaking the rules.



Strike zone

by Mike Lupica

Twelve-year-old Nick García dreams of winning MVP of his summer baseball league, of finding a cure for his sister, of meeting his hero, Yankee pitcher Michael Arroyo, and of no longer living in fear of the government and ICE agents.

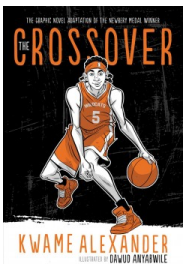


Swing

by Kwame Alexander

Noah and his best friend Walt want to become cool, make the baseball team, and win over Sam, the girl Noah has loved for years. When Noah finds old love letters, Walt hatches a plan to woo Sam. But as Noah's love life and Walt's baseball career begin, the letters alter everything.

Basketball



The crossover : a basketball novel

by Kwame Alexander

A graphic novel rendering of the Newbery Medal-winning novel follows the experiences of a young basketball star who confronts a difficult choice between athletics and his talent for rap music.

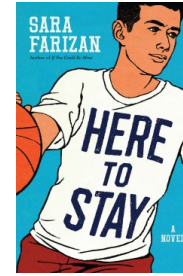
Football



Final Season

by Tim Green

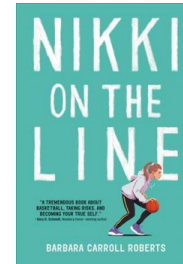
When his NFL dad is diagnosed with ALS, middle school quarterback Ben Redd is determined to have a winning season, which may be his final as he watches the heavy toll the incurable disease is taking on his dad.



Here to stay

by Sara Farizan

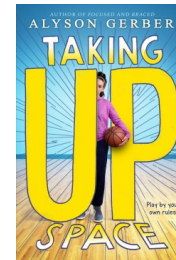
When a cyberbully sends the entire high school a picture of basketball hero Bijan Majidi, photo-shopped to look like a terrorist, the school administration promises to find and punish the culprit, but Bijan just wants to pretend the incident never happened and move on.



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.



Taking up space

by Alyson Gerber

A talented basketball player from a dysfunctional family begins to suffer from health issues before a crush asks her to be partners in a cooking competition, a situation that challenges her to stand up for her needs and accept herself as she is.