

Young Adult

SPORTS STORIES

- YA Fic Bloor, Edward Tangerine
Twelve-year-old Paul fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.
- YA Fic Bo, Ben The Edge
A teenaged gang member accused of various crimes finds redemption working and snowboarding at a ski lodge in the mountains surrounding Canada's Glacier National Park.
- YA Fic Bradbury, Jennifer Shift
When best friends Chris and Win go on a cross country bicycle trek the summer after graduating and only one returns, the FBI wants to know what happened.
- YA Fic Brown, Susan You're Dead, David Borelli
David must adjust from being a rich kid to a foster kid in a poor neighborhood. He succeeds at soccer and learns that if he is to be a real winner, only he can bring it about.
- YA Fic Chabon, Michael Summerland
Ethan Feld, the worst baseball player in the history of the game, finds himself recruited by a 100-year-old scout to help a band of fairies triumph over an ancient enemy.
- YA Fic Crutcher, Chris Athletic Shorts
A collection of short stories featuring characters from earlier books by Chris Crutcher.
- YA Fic Crutcher, Chris Crazy Horse Electric Game
A high school athlete frustrated at being handicapped after an accident is helped back to mental and physical health by a black benefactor in a special school where he enrolls.
- YA Fic Deuker, Carl Painting the Black
When star athlete Josh Daniels moves in across the street, Remy Ward doesn't realize how much his life will change during his senior year at Seattle's Crown Hill High.

- YA Fic Deuker, Carl **Night Hoops**
While trying to prove that he is good enough to get 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.
- YA Fic 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.
- YA Fic Feinstein, John **Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery**
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.
- YA Fic Feinstein, John **Vanishing Act**
Eighth-grade sports reporters Susan Carol and Stevie reunite at the U.S. Open tennis championships where they investigate the mysterious disappearance of a top Russian player.
- YA Fic FitzGerald, Dawn **Soccer Chick Rules**
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.
- YA Fic Forde, Catherine **Fat Boy Swim**
Teased and abused for being grossly overweight, Jimmy, a fourteen-year-old Scottish teenager who dreams mysterious dreams and secretly aspires to become a chef, decides to turn his self-loathing life around by learning how to swim.
- YA Fic Green, Tim **Football Genius**
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.
- YA Fic Green, Tim **Football Hero**
When twelve-year-old Ty's brother Thane is recruited out of college to play for the New York Jets, their Uncle Gus uses Ty to get insider information for his gambling ring, landing Ty and Thane in trouble with the Mafia.

- YA Fic **Headley, Justina Chen** **Girl Overboard**
 Everybody thinks Syrah is the golden girl. After all, her father is Ethan Cheng, billionaire, and she has everything any kid could possibly desire, right down to a waterfront mansion, jet plane, and custom-designed snowboards. But as Syrah reveals in her manga journal, most of what glitters in her life is fool's gold. Her half-sibs hate her, her best friend's girlfriend is threatening their friendship, and a snowboarding accident exiles her from the mountains - the one place where she feels free and accepted for who she is, not what she has. After Syrah rehabs her busted-up knee and broken heart, makes a new friend, uncovers a family secret, and discovers a way to help a young girl with leukemia, she is finally able to realize her real worth.
- YA Fic **Hughes, Pat** **Open Ice**
 Hockey has been Nick Taglio's life since he was five years old, so when a massive concussion benches him--possibly for good--everything seems to fall apart, including his schoolwork, his family relationships, his friendships, and his love life.
- YA Fic **Hobbs, Will** **Downriver**
 Fifteen-year-old Jessie and other rebellious teenage members of a wilderness survival school abandon their adult leader and try to run the dangerous white water at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.
- YA Fic **Jenkins, A.M.** **Damage**
 Seventeen-year-old football hero Austin, trying to understand the inexplicable depression that has drained his interest in life, thinks that he has found relief in a girl who seems very special.
- YA Fic **Klass, David** **Danger Zone**
 When he joins a predominately black basketball "Teen Dream Team", Jimmy Doyle makes some unexpected discoveries about prejudice, racism and politics.
- YA Fic **Lipsyte, Robert** **Raiders Night**
 Matt Rydeck, co-captain of his high school football team, endures a traumatic season as he witnesses the rape of a rookie player by teammates and grapples with his own use of performance-enhancing drugs.

- YA Fic Lipsyte, Robert **Yellow Flag**
 Born to a multigenerational racing family, 17-year-old Kyle Hillebrand gave up driving for his trumpet and his brass quintet. However, as his family struggles to get back into big-time racing, he is pulled between his love of music and his responsibility to his family. An injury to his brother, the heir apparent to the racing dynasty, puts Kyle back in the driver's seat in an attempt to continue the team's success in hopes of luring sponsorships that could lead back to NASCAR's Busch and Nextel Cup racing series. Kyle drives well in his substitute role and the team lands the sponsor, which leads to his family's planning a second car so that he can continue racing alongside the now-healthy Kris, forcing a decision by Kyle.
- YA Fic Lupica, Mike **Heat**
 Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.
- YA Fic Lupica, Mike **The Big Field**
 When fourteen-year-old baseball player Hutch feels threatened by the arrival of a new teammate named Darryl, he tries to work through his insecurities about both Darryl and his remote and silent father, who was once a great ballplayer too.
- YA Fic Lynch, Chris **Slot Machine**
 When overweight thirteen-year-old Elvin is sent to camp he and his two best friends are forced to try out various sports in order to find out where they belong.
- YA Fic Murdock, Catherine Gilbert **Dairy Queen (and sequel)**
 After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.
- YA Fic Myers, Walter Dean **The Outside Shot**
 Recruited by a Midwestern college to play basketball, a Harlem boy has many new experiences, including working with a child who needs physical therapy and dealing with corruption in college sports.
- YA Fic Myers, Walter Dean **Slam!**
 Sixteen-year-old "Slam" Harris is counting on his noteworthy basketball talents to get him out of the inner city and help him survive in life, but his coach sees things differently.

- YA Fic Orr, Wendy Peeling the Onion
Following an automobile accident in which her neck is broken, a teenage karate champion begins a long and painful recovery with the help of her family.
- YA Fic Ripslinger, Jon Triangle
Eighteen-year-old Jeremy begins a secret affair with Joy, the girlfriend of his paralyzed best friend, which threatens to endanger her chances of leading her softball team to victory in the state tournament.
- YA Fic Ritter, John H. Under the Baseball Moon
Andy and Glory, two fifteen-year-olds from Ocean Beach, California, pursue their respective dreams of becoming a famous musician and a professional softball player.
- YA Fic Roberts, Kristi My Thirteenth 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.
- YA Fic Saldana, Rene The Whole Sky is Full of Stars
Eighteen-year-old Barry competes in a non-sanctioned boxing match in hopes of helping his recently-widowed mother, unaware that his best friend and manager, Alby, has his own desperate need for a share of the purse that may put their friendship on the line.
- YA Fic Savage, Deborah Under a Different Sky
A boy with Olympic dreams and an extraordinary horse struggles to transcend his impoverished family background as he falls in love with the emotionally troubled daughter of a wealthy family.
- YA Fic Smith, Jennifer E. The Comeback Season
High school freshman Ryan Walsh, a Chicago Cubs fan, meets Nick when they both skip school on opening day, and their blossoming relationship becomes difficult for Ryan when she discovers that Nick is seriously ill and she again feels the pain of losing her father five years earlier.
- YA Fic Smith, Roland Peak
A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.
- YA Fic Spinelli, Jerry Crash
Seventh-grade, football player, John "Crash" Coogan 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.

- YA Fic Spinelli, Jerry Smiles to Go
Will Tuppence's life has always been ruled by science and common sense but in ninth grade, shaken up by the discovery that protons decay, he begins to see the entire world differently and gains new perspective on his relationships with his little sister and two closest friends.
- YA Fic Sweeney, Joyce Players
Eighteen-year-old Corey sees a threat to his dream of winning the basketball championship when he discovers that the new player on his team is a girl-stealing, friend-framing, team-destroying force of evil.
- YA Fic Tharp, Tim Knights of the Hill Country
In his senior year, high school star linebacker Hampton Greene finally begins to think for himself and discovers that he might be interested in more than just football.
- YA Fic Turner, Ann Warren Hard Hit
A rising high school baseball star faces his most difficult challenge when his father is diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- YA Fic Voigt, Cynthia The Runner
As a dedicated runner a teenage boy has always managed to distance himself from other people until the experience of coaching helps him see the value of giving and receiving.
- YA Fic Volponi, Paul Black and White
Two star high school basketball players, one black and one white, experience the justice system differently after committing a crime together and getting caught.
- YA Fic Wallace, Rich Playing Without the Ball
Feeling abandoned by his parents, who have gone their separate ways and left him behind in a small Pennsylvania town, seventeen-year-old Jay finds hope for the future in a church-sponsored basketball team and a female friend.
- YA Fic Wallace, Rich One Good Punch
Michael Kerrigan is going to be a writer, even if for now he only writes obits for the Scranton Observer. But first, he wants to place in the 800-meter relay at state.
- YA Fic Wallace, Rich 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.

- YA Fic Weaver, Will **Hard Ball**
A fourteen-year-old Minnesota farm boy has to learn to get along with his arch-rival and both boys must learn to deal with the unfair expectations of their fathers.
- YA Fic Weaver, Will **Saturday Night Dirt**
In a small town in northern Minnesota, the much-anticipated Saturday night dirt-track race at the old-fashioned, barely viable, Headwaters Speedway becomes, in many ways, an important life-changing event for all the participants on and off the track.
- YA Fic Wiles, Deborah **The Aurora County All Stars**
For most boys in a small Mississippi town, the biggest concern one hot summer is whether their annual July 4th baseball game will be cancelled due to their county's anniversary pageant, but after the death of the old man to whom twelve-year-old star pitcher House Jackson has been secretly reading for a year, House uncovers secrets about the man and the history of baseball in Aurora County that could fix everything.
- YA Fic Zusak, Markus **Fighting Ruben Wolfe**
Partly because of their family's poor finances and partly to prove themselves, brothers Ruben and Cameron take jobs as fighters and find

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