

# Sports

- F** **Avi** ***S.O.R. Losers*** **Soccer**  
**Avi** Each member of the South Orange River seventh-grade soccer team has qualities of excellence, but not on the soccer field.
- F** **Edward Bloor** ***Tangerine*** **Soccer**  
**Blo** 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.
- F** **Bruce Brooks** ***Prince*** **Hockey**  
**Bro** When Prince, the Wolfbay Wings' only black hockey player, is aggressively recruited to play for the basketball team, he is torn between the sport he and his grandfather know and love and the sport that everyone else thinks he ought to play.
- F** **Hirschfeld, Robert** ***Wheel Wizards*** **WheelChair Basketball**  
**Chr** Angry and unhappy because he is now in a wheelchair and apparently no longer able to play basketball, twelve-year-old Seth is amazed to discover wheelchair basketball and finds that his life is not over after all.
- F** **Matt Christopher** ***Center court sting*** **Basketball**  
**Chr** Daren's tendency to blame everyone but himself when anything goes wrong causes problems with his best friend, with a young neighbor who idolizes him, and with one of his basketball teammates. *By the same author: The counterfeit tackle, Prime time pitcher, Skateboard tough, Snowboard maverick, the winning stroke*
- F** **Catherine Clark** ***Frozen Rodeo*** **Ice-skating**  
**Cla** High-school junior Peggy Fleming Farrell finds herself without a car, working at the Gas 'n Git, and fantasizing about a boyfriend during the hot summer her distracted parents are expecting yet another baby to join their ice-skating family.
- F** **Emily Costello** ***On the Sidelines*** **Soccer**  
**Cos** Fiona Fagan is a good soccer player, who could be great if she didn't have asthma and allergies in her way. Fiona's parents decide that it is just too dangerous to her health to keep playing. But with her teammates' encouragement, she decides to play against her parents' wishes. Now Fiona is in big trouble and may never be able to play soccer again! Is there any way that the Stars can help their friend stay on the team?
- F** **Chris Crutcher** ***Whale talk*** **Swimming**  
**Cru** Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students. *By the same author: Stotan!*

- F Deu** **Carl Deuker *On the Devil's court*** **Basketball**  
Struggling with his feelings of inadequacy and his failure to make the basketball team at his new school, seventeen-year-old Joe Faust finds himself willing to trade his soul for one perfect season of basketball. *By the same author: Painting the black*
- F Dod** **Dodge, Mary Mapes *Hans Brinker; or, The silver skates*** **Ice-skating**  
A Dutch boy and girl work toward two goals--finding the doctor who can restore their father's memory and winning the competition for the silver skates.
- F Dyg** **Thomas J. Dygard *Rebound caper*** **Basketball**  
High-school basketball player Gary Whipple, known for his mischievous pranks, creates a sensation when he switches from the boys' team to the girls' team. *By the same author: Tournament upstart, the rebounder, Outsideshooter, second stringer, Soccer duel, Winning kicker, Halfback tough, Backfield package,*
- F Fei** **John Feinstein *Last shot: a final four mystery*** **Basketball**  
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.
- F Gut** **Bill Gutman *The Olympics: Smitty II*** **Olympics**  
*By the same author: The million dollar shot*
- F Gut** **Dan Gutman *Jackie and me: a baseball card adventure***  
With his ability to travel through time by using **baseball** cards, Joe goes back to 1947 to meet **Jackie** Robinson, turning into a black boy in the process. *By the same author: Honus and me: a baseball card adventure, Shoeless Joe & me: a baseball card adventure*
- F Hal** **David Halecroft *Benched***
- F Hal** **Tommy Hallowell *Jester in the backcourt*** **Basketball**  
Nick has to learn to control his antics on the basketball court if the Alden Panthers are going to win the championship. *By the same author: Last chance quarterback, Shot from midfield*
- F Her** **Alison Cragin Herzig *The Boonsville Bombers*** **Baseball**  
When her older brother and his friends won't let her play on their baseball team, Emma comes up with a plan to convince them to change their minds.
- F Kla** **David Klass *Danger zone***  
When he joins a predominantly black "Teen Dream Team" that will be representing the United States in an international basketball tournament in Rome, Jimmy Doyle makes some unexpected discoveries about prejudice, racism, and politics. *By the same*

*author: Home of the Braves,*

- F Ron Koertge *Shakespeare bats cleanup***  
**Koe** When a fourteen-year-old baseball player catches mononucleosis, he discovers that keeping a journal and experimenting with poetry not only helps fill the time, it also helps him deal with life, love, and loss.
- F Gordon Korman *No more dead dogs***  
**Kor** Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.
- F Marie G. Lee *Necessary roughness***  
**Lee** Sixteen-year-old Korean American Chan moves from Los Angeles to a small town in Minnesota, where he must cope not only with racism on the football team but also with the tensions in his relationship with his strict father.
- F Mike Lupica *Travel team***  
**Lup** After he is cut from his **travel** basketball **team**--the very same **team** that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own **team** of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.
- F John MacLean *When the mountain sings***  
**Mac** Thirteen-year-old competitive skier Sam experiences the excitement and intensity of preparing for his first championship race.
- F Mary Jane Miller *Going the distance***  
**Mil** Loren wants to stay in one place, make friends, and be on a swimming team, but her parents are artists who keep moving every few months.
- F Claire Rudolf Murphy *Free radical***  
**Mur** In Fairbanks, Alaska, in the middle of the summer Little League baseball season, fifteen-year-old Luke is stunned when his mother confesses that she is wanted by the FBI for her role in the death of a student during an anti-Vietnam War protest thirty years ago.
- F Liza Ketchum Murrow *Twelve days in August: a novel***  
**Mur** **Twelve** **days** in **August** change a sixteen-year-old soccer player's perceptions of himself, his family, girls, and gays.
- F Walter Dean Myers *The outside shot***  
**Mye** Recruited by a small 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. *By the same author: Hoops: a novel, Slam!*,
- F Phyllis Reynolds Naylor *Boys in control***

**Nay** Once again the Hatford brothers and the Malloy sisters find themselves pitted against each other when embarrassing pictures of the **boys** turn up in the girls' basement, and the **boys** try to figure out how to get them back.

**F Robert Newton Peck *Extra innings***

**Pec** After an airplane crash that claims the lives of most of his family, sixteen-year-old Tate finds unexpected solace in the stories of his great-aunt Vidalia's childhood travels with a Depression-era Negro League baseball team.

**F Randy Powell *Three clams and an oyster***

**Pow** 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.

**F Janette Rallison *Life love, and the pursuit of free throws***

**Ral** High school freshmen Josie and Cami try to remain best friends as they compete for basketball awards and boys. *By the same author: *Playing the field**

**F Phyllis Reynolds Naylor *Alice the brave***

**Rey** The summer before eighth grade, **Alice** tries to confront her fears, not the least of which is a fear of deep water.

**F John H. Ritter *Over the wall***

**Rit** Thirteen-year-old Tyler, who has trouble controlling his anger, spends an important summer with his cousins in New York City, playing baseball and sorting out how he feels about violence, war, and in particular the Vietnamese conflict that took his grandfather's life.

**F Gary Soto *Taking sides***

**Sot** Fourteen-year-old Lincoln Mendoza, an aspiring basketball player, must come to terms with his divided loyalties when he moves from the Hispanic inner city to a white suburban neighborhood.

**F Joyce Sweeney *Players***

**Swe** 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.

**F Theresa Tomlinson *Riding the waves***

**Tom** In an English seaside town, Matt befriends an elderly woman who helps him fulfill his dream of surfing and learn to accept his having been adopted.

**F Will Weaver *Farm team***

**Wea** With his father in jail and his mother working full-time, fourteen-year-old Billy Baggs finds himself in charge of running the family **farm** in northern Minnesota and having to give up the thing he loves most--baseball.

**F** **Tim Winton** *Lockie Leonard, scumbuster*

**Win** When **Lockie Leonard** wipes out on a huge wave, he is thrown into a friendship with the weird, but extremely intelligent "Metal Head," Geoff "Egg" Eggleston, who joins **Lockie** in his crusade to clean up the pollution in his coastal Australian town's harbor.