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Emako Blue Brenda Woods 2005 Narrated by her friends, a dramatic novel details the life of Emako Blue, who, gifted with an extraordinary voice, catches the attention of a famous record producer, but an unimaginable act of violence shatters her dreams.

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Five Summers Una LaMarche 2013-05-16 Bittersweet, funny, and achingly honest, Five Summers is a story of friendship, love, and growing up that is perfect for fans of Ann Brashares' The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants and Judy Blume's Summer Sisters. Four best friends, five summers of camp memories Emma, Skylar, Jo, and Maddie have all come back to camp for a weekend of tippy canoe trips to the island, midnight skinny dipping in the lake, and an epic game of capture the flag—boys versus girls. But the weekend isn't quite as sunwashed as they'd imagined as the memories come flooding back. . . . The summer we were nine: Emma was branded "Skylar's friend Emma" by the infamous Adam Loring. . . . The summer we were ten: Maddie realized she was too far into her lies to think about telling the truth. . . . The summer we were eleven: Johanna totally freaked out during her first game of Spin the Bottle. . . . The summer we were twelve: Skylar's love letters from her boyfriend back home were exciting to all of us—except Skylar. . . . Our last summer together: Emma and Adam almost kissed. Jo found out Maddie's secret. Skylar did something unthinkable. . . . and whether we knew it then or not, five summers of friendship began to fall apart. A young adult book with a friendship story that will last long after the last s'more is gone.

Game Seven Paul Volponi 2016-03 "A sixteen-year-old shortstop in Cuba who dreams of playing with the pros must choose between his country and his father who defected to the U.S."--

The Final Four Paul Volponi 2012 Four players at the Final Four of the NCAA basketball tournament struggle with the pressures of tournament play and the expectations of society at large.

Rooftop Paul Volponi 2006 Still reeling from seeing police shoot his unarmed cousin to death on the roof of a New York City housing project, seventeen-year-old Clay is dragged into the whirlwind of political manipulation that follows.

Dark Dude Oscar Hijuelos 2009-03-12 He didn't say good-bye. He didn't leave a phone number. And he didn't plan on coming back - ever. In Wisconsin, Rico could blend in. His light hair and lighter skin wouldn't make him the "dark dude" or the punching bag for the whole neighborhood. The Midwest is the land of milk and honey, but for Rico Fuentes, it's really a last resort. Trading Harlem for Wisconsin, though, means giving up on a big part of his identity. And when Rico no longer has to prove that he's Latino, he almost stops being one. Except he can never have an ordinary white kid's life, because there are some things that can't be left behind, that can't be cut loose or forgotten. These are the things that will be with you forever.... These are the things that will follow you a thousand miles away. For anyone who loved The Outsiders -- and for anyone who's ever felt like one -- Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Oscar Hijuelos brings to life a haunting choice and an unforgettable journey about identity, misidentity, and all that we take with us when we away.

The Rules of Survival Nancy Werlin 2008-03-13 This National Book Award Finalist is a thought-provoking exploration of emotional abuse, self-reliance and the nature of evil. A heart-wrenching portrait of family crisis, this is perfect for fans of Laurie Halse Anderson's Speak and Jay Asher's Thirteen Reasons Why. For Matt and his sisters, life with their cruel, physically abusive mother is a day-to-day struggle for survival. But then Matt witnesses a man named Murdoch coming to a child's rescue in a convenience store; and for the first time, he feels a glimmer of hope. Then, amazingly, Murdoch begins dating Matt's mother. Life is suddenly almost good. But the relief lasts only a short time. When Murdoch inevitable breaks up with their mother, Matt knows that he'll need to take some action. Can he call upon Murdoch to be his hero? Or will Matt have to take measures into his own hands? A gripping, powerful novel that will stay with you long after you've read it. Nancy Werlin, the New York Times Bestselling author of Impossible, shows why she is a master of her genre. "[A] dark but hopeful tale, with pacing and suspense guaranteed to leave readers breathlessly turning the pages."—Booklist (starred review) "Beautifully framed as a letter from Matthew to his younger sister, the suspense is paced to keep Matthew's survival and personal revelations chock-full of dramatic tension. Bring tissues."—Kirkus (starred review) "Grace and insight."—School Library Journal (starred review) National Book Award Finalist LA Times Book Prize Finalist ALA Best Books of the Year ALA Quick Pick

One Speck of Truth Caela Carter 2019-03-05 A heartwarming and poignant story that explores the bonds of family and the importance of knowing your own history, from the critically acclaimed author of My Life with the Liars and the ALA Notable Book Forever, or a Long, Long Time Alma has everything she needs, except answers to her questions. Her mother won't tell her why her beloved stepfather, Adam, is suddenly gone this summer. Or about life in Portugal, where her parents met. Not even about her father, who Alma cannot find, no matter how many graveyards she searches with her best friend, Julia. Then Alma's mother shocks her by moving them both to Lisbon so Alma can fall in love with the vibrant city where her father grew up. There she discovers she has more family than she could have imagined. She hopes Portugal holds the answers she's been desperately searching for, but it turns out finding the truth may be more complicated than she, or her mother, bargained for.

Rebound Bob Krech 2009-10 Seventeen-year-old Ray Wisniewski is determined to make the varsity basketball team, and he finds his efforts to play both hindered and helped by the atmosphere of racism in his town.

Rucker Park Setup Paul Volponi 2008-09-18 Best friends Mackey and J.R. have waited their whole lives to win the basketball tournament at Rucker Park, where their favorite pro ballers squared off against street legends. But the day of their big game, J.R. is fatally stabbed—and it's Mackey's fault, even though he didn't wield the knife. Now Mackey has a score to settle, but the killer is watching his every move.

Sophomore Year Is Greek to Me Meredith Zeitlin 2016-04 High school sophomore Zona Lowell is reluctantly moving to Athens with her father, where she'll be forced to meet her mother's large estranged family.

The Great G.O.A.T. Debate Paul Volponi 2022 This book expands the horizons of teen and pre-teen readers in an exciting and engaging way, by debating the Greatest of All Time in a variety of categories. Topics include the greatest athlete of all time, greatest band, greatest inventor, greatest scientist, greatest writer, greatest sci-fi franchise, and more.

Bear and Bee Too Busy Sergio Ruzzier 2014-04-29 When Bear asks Bee to roll down the hill with him, Bee is too busy. Bee is too busy to lie in the sun and splash in the water, too. And by the time Bee asks Bear to watch the moon with her, he is too sleepy! Poor Bear. Poor Bee. Nothing is fun without your best friend beside you, but luckily Bee knows just what to do!

Rikers High Paul Volponi 2010-02-04 An unflinching story about justice, courage, and the life of one young man behind bars. It started out as an innocent day for Martin, but it quickly turned into his worst nightmare--arrested for something he didn't even mean to do. And five months later, he is still locked up in jail on infamous Rikers Island. Just when things couldn't get worse, Martin gets caught in a fight between two prisoners, and his face is slashed. He's scarred forever, but one good thing comes from the attack: Martin is transferred to a part of Rikers where inmates must attend high school. When he meets his caring and understanding teacher, will Martin open up and learn from his situation? Or will he be consumed by prison and getting revenge on his attackers? "Volponi, who taught on Rikers Island for six years, writes with an authenticity that will make readers feel Martin's fear."--Publishers Weekly "Volponi . . . brings to life a believable range of teachers, COs, and inmates and portrays power, hierarchies, and race relations both outside and inside the jail walls with unflinching realism."--School Library Journal "With down-to-earth language based on his own experiences . . . Volponi captures the reader."--VOYA

Black and White Paul Volponi 2006 Two star high school basketball players, one black and one white, experience the justice system differently after committing a crime together and getting caught. An ALA Best Book for Young Adults. Reprint.

Crossing Lines Paul Volponi 2011-06-09 Adonis is a jock. He's on the football team and he's dating one of the prettiest girls in school. Alan is the new kid. He wears lipstick and joins the Fashion Club. Soon enough the football team is out to get him. Adonis is glad to go along with his teammates. . . . until they come up with a dangerous plan to humiliate Alan. Now Adonis must decide whether he wants to be a guy who follows the herd or a man who does what's right. From critically acclaimed author Paul Volponi comes this discussable and finely wrought story of bullies, victims, and the bystanders caught in between.

Backfield Boys John Feinstein 2017-08-29 In Backfield Boys, renowned sports journalist and New York Times–bestselling author John Feinstein tells a thrilling story of friendship, football, and a fight for justice. Freshman footballers Jason Roddin and Tom Jefferson are a perfect pair: Jason is a blazing-fast wide-receiver, while his best friend Tom has all the skills a standout quarterback needs. After summer football camp at an elite sports-focused boarding school, the boys are thrilled to be invited back with full-ride scholarships. But on day one of practice, they're shocked when the team's coaching staff makes Tom, a black kid, a receiver and Jason, a white kid, a quarterback. Confronted with mounting evidence of deep-seated racial bias, the boys speak out, risking their scholarships and chances to play. As tensions ratchet up with coaches and other players, Tom and Jason must decide how much they're willing to lose in a conflict with powerful forces that has nothing—and everything—to do with the game they love.

Swing Kwame Alexander 2018-10-02 In this YA novel in verse from bestselling authors Kwame Alexander and Mary Rand Hess (Solo), which Kirkus called "lively, moving, and heartfelt" in a starred review, Noah and Walt just want to leave their geek days behind and find "cool," but in the process discover a lot about first loves, friendship, and embracing life ... as well as why Black Lives Matter is so important for all. Best friends Noah and Walt are far from popular, but Walt is convinced junior year is their year, and he has a plan that includes wooing the girls of their dreams and becoming amazing athletes. Never mind he and Noah failed to make their baseball team yet again, and Noah's crush since third grade, Sam, has him firmly in the friend zone. While Walt focuses on his program of jazz, podcasts, batting cages, and a "Hug Life" mentality, Noah feels stuck in status quo ... until he stumbles on a stash of old love letters. Each one contains words Noah's always wanted to say to Sam, and he begins secretly creating artwork using the lines that speak his heart. But when his art becomes public, Noah has a decision to make: continue his life in the dugout and possibly lose the girl forever, or take a swing and finally speak out. At the same time, American flags are being left around town. While some think it's a harmless prank and others see it as a form of protest, Noah can't shake the feeling something bigger is happening to his community. Especially after he witnesses events that hint divides and prejudices run deeper than he realized. As the personal and social tensions increase around them, Noah and Walt must decide what is really important when it comes to love, friendship, sacrifice, and fate. Swing: is written by New York Times bestselling author and Newbery Medal and Coretta Scott King Award-winner Kwame Alexander Features a diverse array of characters and perspectives tackles the biggest social issues of today, including racial prejudice and Black Lives Matter is perfect reading for the classroom or community-wide discussions is a 2020 YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers contains original artwork tied to the story If you enjoy Swing, check out Solo by Kwame Alexander and Mary Rand Hess. *Just Write: Here's How!* Walter Dean Myers 2012-04-24 After writing more than one hundred books, it still amazes me that I have been lucky

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enough to spend most of my life doing what I truly love: writing. What makes a writer? The desire to tell a story, a love of language, an eye for detail, practice, practice, practice. How well should you know your characters? Do you need to outline before you write? How important is length? Now Walter Dean Myers, the new National Ambassador for Young People's Literature and New York Times bestselling and award-winning author, walks you through the writing process. Includes: Examples from his writing and reading experiences Walter's six-box and four-box outlines for writing fiction and nonfiction Excerpted pages from Walter's own notebooks An afterword by Ross Workman, Walter's teen coauthor of kick Writing tips from both Walter and Ross Anyone can be a writer, with a little help from Walter Dean Myers!

Hit Count Chris Lynch 2016-05-24 "I hit him so hard, the clash of helmets and pads sounded like a gunshot across the field. I crushed him with the hit, held on to him and crushed him again when I slammed him into the ground . . . I had arrived." Arlo Brodie loves being at the heart of the action on the football field, getting hit hard and hitting back harder. Arlo's dad cheers him on, but his mother quotes head injury statistics and refuses to watch games. Arlo's girlfriend tries to make him see how dangerously he's playing; when that doesn't work, she calls time out on their relationship.Even Arlo's coaches begin to track his hit count, ready to pull him off the field when he nears the limit. But for Arlo the winning plays, the cheering crowds, and the adrenaline rush are enough to convince him that everything is OK—in spite of the pain, the pounding, the dizziness, and the confusion. "Powerful." —The New York Times Book Review "Sharp." —Sports Illustrated "Heart-pounding." —Washington Independent Review of Books "A powerful provocative look at the dark side of popular sports and their potential cost." —Publishers Weekly "This unflinching examination of the price of athletic power with plenty of bone-crunching play-by-play action, is both thought-provoking and formidable." —The Horn Book Magazine A Booklist 2015 Top Ten Sports Books for Youth A Junior Library Guild Selection

The Hand You're Dealt Paul Volponi 2008-09-30 When Huck Porter's dad suddenly dies, it feels like nothing will ever make sense again. Huck's "best friend" thinks that Huck should just get over it, the girl he likes won't give him the time of day, and his mom now works all hours at a roadside diner to make ends meet. The only thing that still makes sense for Huck is the game his dad taught him, the game they spent hours playing together: Texas hold'em. Worse than all of that, though, is Huck's math teacher, Mr. Abbott -- a hungry card shark with an ego to match his appetite. He now wears the local poker tournament's first prize, a silver watch that Huck's dad wore proudly for three years. So Huck hatches a plan to knock Abbott off his throne and win back the watch. Only, bluffing his way into the tournament will mean lying to everyone Huck knows. But as Huck gets deeper in the tournament and starts to lose himself in the cards, he begins to wonder who he'll be when the last hand is lifed. Raw and gritty, Paul Volponi's novel about grief, family, and poker is an adrenaline rush that starts with a bang and doesn't let up until the final page is turned. A coming-of-age story set at a card table, The Hand You're Dealt will leave readers wondering what they would risk in a game.

Power Hitter Christine A. Forsyth 2014-03-11 Connor might need a pinch runner, pinch catcher, and pinch thrower, but can he ever hit a baseball out of the park! So when Connor ends up staying with his baseball-loving relatives in Winnepig for the summer, he allows his cousin to talk him into trying out for the baseball team. Connor isn't surprised when he doesn't make it, but he is disappointed. It's going to take some powerful coaching and more than a little help from his friends to get Connor on the team. [Fry reading level - 3.6]

Streetball Is Life Paul Volponi 2020-09-09 This book is an autobiographical account of the author's experiences as a 17-year-old intent on becoming a legitimate NYC streetballer at the highest level. Included as part of the narrative are the important social skills learned on the basketball court, showing readers that their time spent streetballing is meaningful beyond the sport itself.

That's My Team! Paul Volponi 2019-08-09 This interactive book compels both reluctant and sports-crazed readers to its pages by examining how various teams from a range of sports received their names. Teen and pre-teen readers will gain knowledge of history, science, literature, math, and a slew of other subjects through the lens of notable sports teams.

Speak Laurie Halse Anderson 2011-05-10 The extraordinary, groundbreaking novel from Laurie Halse Anderson, with more than 2.5 million copies sold! The first ten lies they tell you in high school. "Speak up for yourself--we want to know what you have to say." From the first moment of her freshman year at Merryweather High, Melinda knows this is a big fat lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is friendless, outcast, because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her. As time passes, she becomes increasingly isolated and practically stops talking altogether. Only her art class offers any solace, and it is through her work on an art project that she is finally able to face what really happened at that terrible party: she was raped by an upperclassman, a guy who still attends Merryweather and is still a threat to her. Her healing process has just begun when she has another violent encounter with him. But this time Melinda fights back, refuses to be silent, and thereby achieves a measure of vindication. In Laurie Halse Anderson's powerful novel, an utterly believable heroine with a bitterly ironic voice delivers a blow to the hypocritical world of high school. She speaks for many a disenfranchised teenager while demonstrating the importance of speaking up for oneself. Speak was a 1999 National Book Award Finalist for Young People's Literature.

Chinese Handcuffs Chris Crutcher 2016-06-28 Dillon is living with the painful memory of his brother's suicide -- and the role he played in it. To keep his mind and body occupied, he trains intensely for the Ironman triathlon. But outside of practice, his life seems to be falling apart. Then Dillon finds a confidante in Jennifer, a star high school basketball player who's hiding her own set of destructive secrets. Together, they must find the courage to confront their demons -- before it's too late.

Four Months...And A Lifetime Chris Meyer 2021-09-01 "Our seasons lasted only four months, but the memories will last lifetimes." Four Months...And A Lifetime is the touching true story of a father who coached his son's basketball team from kindergarten through eighth grade, a remarkable nine-year journey with the same boys. Their final march to the eighth-grade season Championship is interspersed with the author's own journey of falling in love with basketball in early-seventies New York, filled with anecdotes of Dr. J, sneaking into Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium, and playing pickup in Larry Bird's home state of Indiana. Four Months... And A Lifetime is not only a love story about a father and his son, but of a coach who strived to teach his team the greatest game of basketball and, hopefully, a few life lessons along the way. Touching. Honest. True.

Hurricane Song Paul Volponi 2008-06-12 When Miles's mother remarries, Miles decides to move to New Orleans to be with his father. But he and his father are very different—Miles's dad lives for jazz, while Miles's first love is football. Then Hurricane Katrina hits, and the two must seek refuge in the Superdome. What would normally be a dream come true for a football fan, this safe haven turns into a nightmare when the power fails and gangs take over. And when his father decides to rebel, Miles must make a choice that will alter their relationship—and their lives—forever.

The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond Brenda Woods 2015-01-22 Feeling out of place as a biracial student in an all-white school and tiring of people thinking she is adopted, Violet investigates her late African-American father's heritage by forging a tenuous bond with an unwelcoming paternal grandmother. By the Coretta Scott King Honor-winning author of The Red Rose Box.

We Are the Ship Kadir Nelson 2008-01-08 Using an "Everyman" player as his narrator, Kadir Nelson tells the story of Negro League baseball at its beginnings in the 1920s through the decline after Jackie Robinson crossed over to the majors in 1947. Illustrations from oil paintings by artist Kadir Nelson.

Night of the Howling Dogs Graham Salisbury 2007-11-13 DYLAN'S SCOUT TROOP goes camping in Halape, a remote spot below the volcano on the Big Island of Hawaii. The only thing wrong with the weekend on a beautiful, peaceful beach is Louie, a tough older boy. Louie and Dylan just can't get along.That night an earthquake rocks the camp, and then a wave rushes in, sweeping everyone and everything before it. Dylan and Louie must team up on a dangerous rescue mission. The next hours are an amazing story of survival and the true meaning of leadership. *Foul Trouble* John Feinstein 2014-08 With college recruiters clambering to sign up him up, Terrell Jamerson will have to think fast if he wants to stay in the game.

Top Prospect Paul Volponi 2016-09-01 Travis Gardner lives to play quarterback. He's a standout QB by the middle school, and he's prepared to put everything he has into the game. Then Gainesville University's head coach makes Travis a promise: Travis will have a place on the team, and a scholarship to go with it. He just has to get through high school first. As Travis starts ninth grade, he'll have to earn his teammates' trust and dodge opponents aiming to sack the star quarterback. But his biggest challenge might be staying focused in the face of sudden fame. Because now the pressure is on, and Travis has to prove himself with every pass.

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My Name Is Jason. Mine Too. Jason Reynolds 2022-06-28 A stunning visual autobiography of two crazy-talented besties, bestselling and award-winning author Jason Reynolds and painter Jason Griffin, who could never be who they are singularly if they weren't who they were together. Once upon a time in America, there were two Jasons, Jason Reynolds and Jason Griffin. One a poet. One an artist. One Black. One white. Two voices. One journey in mind: to move to New York, the city of dreams, to make their own dreams come true. Willing to have a life not un-hard, so long as it wasn't unhappy. Willing to let the city swallow them whole, so long as it gives them their chance. They had each other. "What if painting was a sin, and the poetry became taboo. And no one ever clapped for me again. My question is, would you?" They clapped. Oh, they clapped. And aren't we glad?

Black and White David Macaulay 1990 Four brief "stories" about parents, trains, and cows, or is it really all one story? The author recommends careful inspection of words and pictures to both minimize and enhance confusion.

Rooftop Paul Volponi 2008-04-11 Still reeling from seeing police shoot his unarmed cousin to death on the roof of a New York City housing project, seventeen-year-old Clay is dragged into the whirlwind of political manipulation that follows. Reprint.

Homestretch Paul Volponi 2009-09-22 A runaway boy with nothing finds everything he needs, including a family, in the most unlikely of places--at a racetrack.

Real Justice: Convicted for Being Mi'kmaq Bill Swan 2013-03-01 When a black teen was murdered in a Sydney, Cape Breton park late one night, his young companion, Donald Marshall Jr., became a prime suspect. Sydney police coached two teens to testify against Donald which helped convict him of a murder he did not commit. He spent 11 years in prison until he finally got a lucky break. Not only was he eventually acquitted of the crime, but a royal commission inquiry into his wrongful conviction found that a non-aboriginal youth would not have been convicted in the first place. Donald became a First Nations activist and later won a landmark court case in favour of native fishing rights. He was often referred to as the "reluctant hero" of the Mi'kmaq community.