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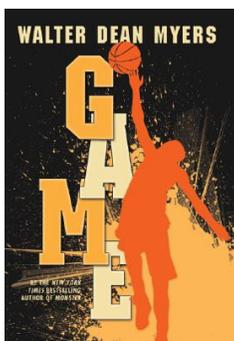
## *Stories for the sports fan*



### **Beanball by Gene Fehler**

**FIC FEH**

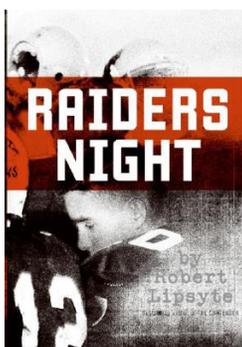
It's the last inning of a high school baseball game between arch-rivals Oak Grove and Compton. Center fielder Luke "Wizard" Wallace steps up to the plate--and is hit by a beanball, a wild pitch that shatters his skull, destroys the vision in his left eye, and changes his life forever.



### **Game by Walter Dean Myers**

**FIC MYE**

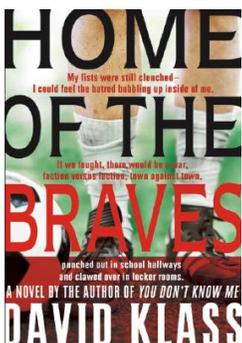
Drew Lawson, counting on basketball to get him into college and out of Harlem, struggles to keep his cool when the coach brings in two white players and puts them in positions that clearly threaten Drew's game.



### **Raiders Night by Robert Lipsyte**

**FIC LIP**

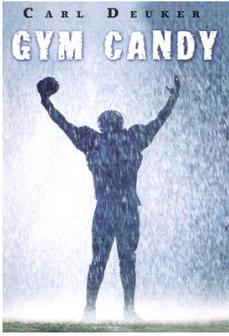
Matt Rydeck, co-captain of his high school football team, endures a traumatic season as he witnesses the rape of a rookie player by teammates and grapples with his own use of performance-enhancing drugs.



### **Home of the Braves by David Klass**

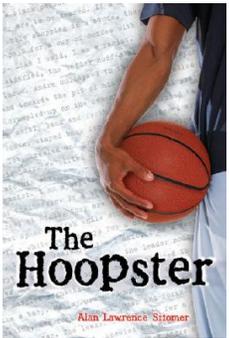
**FIC KLA**

Eighteen-year-old Joe, captain of the soccer team, is dismayed when a hotshot player shows up from Brazil and threatens to take over both the team and the girl whom Joe hopes to date.



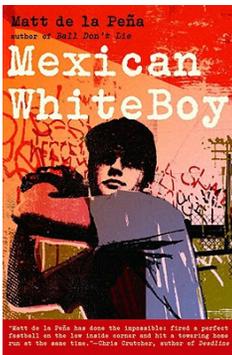
**Gym Candy by Carl Deuker**  
**FIC DEU**

Groomed by his father to be a star player, football is the only thing that has ever really mattered to Mick Johnson, who works hard for a spot on the varsity team his freshman year, then tries to hold onto his edge by using steroids, despite the consequences to his health and social life.



**The Hoopster by Alan Lawrence Sitomer**  
**FIC SIT**

Andre Anderson, an African-American teenager enjoying a summer filled with pickup basketball, a new girlfriend, and an internship at a popular magazine, becomes the target of violent bigotry when he writes a powerful article on racism.



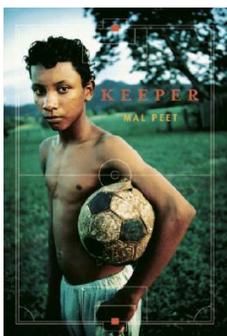
**Mexican Whiteboy by Matt de la Peña**  
**FIC PEN**

Sixteen-year-old Danny searches for his identity amidst the confusion of being half-Mexican and half-white while spending a summer with his cousin and new friends on the baseball fields and back alleys of San Diego County, California.



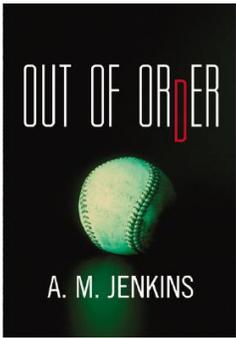
**Football Hero by John Green**  
**FIC GRE**

When 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.



**Keeper by Mal Peet**  
**FIC PEE**

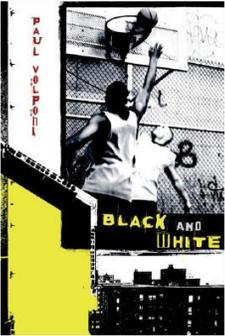
South American journalist Paul Faustino begins his interview with World Cup Soccer star El Gato and learns a fantastic story of a young, lonely boy growing up in the middle of a rain forest who wandered upon a mysterious soccer field and an apparition that appeared to him daily.



### **Out of Order by A. M. Jenkins**

**FIC JEN**

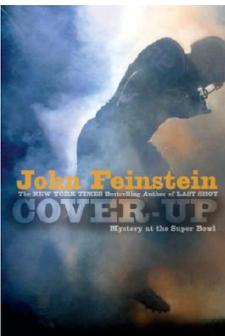
Popular sophomore baseball star Colt Trammel faces a personal crisis when his girlfriend dumps him, his failing grades threaten to bump him from the team, and he finds himself drawn to a new, green-haired girl at school.



### **Black and White by Paul Volponi**

**FIC VOL**

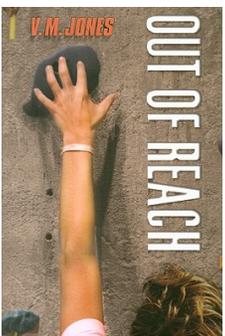
Two star high school basketball players, one black and one white, experience the justice system differently after committing a crime together and getting caught.



### **Cover-up: Mystery at the Super Bowl by John Feinstein**

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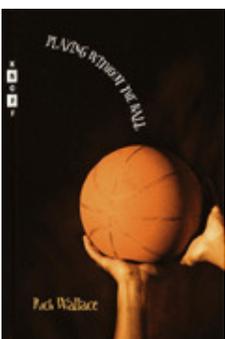
Student sports reporters Susan Carol and Stevie investigate suspicious activities at the Super Bowl after Stevie gets fired from his co-anchor job on a ground-breaking teen sports show.



### **Out of Reach by V.M. Jones**

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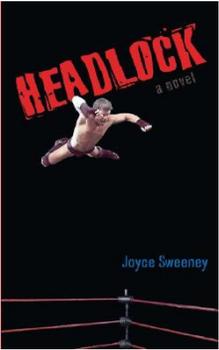
Pip McLeod is pressured by his aggressively competitive father to play soccer, but finds fulfillment and success by secretly pursuing indoor rock climbing, a sport he actually enjoys.



### **Playing Without the Ball by Rich Wallace**

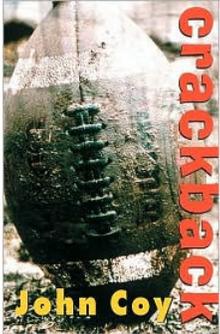
**FIC WAL**

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.



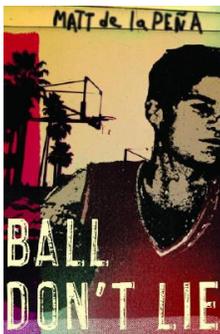
**Headlock by Joyce Sweeney**  
**FIC SWE**

High school senior Kyle is determined to become a professional wrestler but his dream is threatened by a loved one's illness and the dramatic reappearance of a long-absent relative.



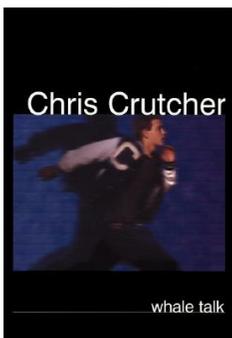
**Crackback by John Coy**  
**FIC COY**

Miles barely recalls when football was fun after being sidelined by a new coach, constantly criticized by his father, and pressured by his best friend to take performance-enhancing drugs.



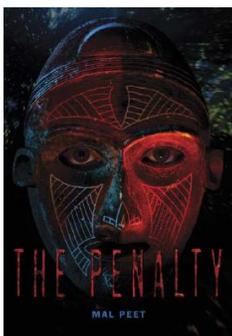
**Ball Don't Lie by Matt de la Peña**  
**FIC PEN**

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.



**Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher**  
**FIC 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.



**The Penalty by Mal Peet**  
**FIC PEE**

Sports reporter Paul Faustino reluctantly investigates the disappearance of a young soccer star from San Juan who hasn't been seen since he missed a winning penalty kick during a big game, and unknowingly the journalist becomes entangled in a world of slavery and the occult.