



## for Young Adults

YFIC Bennett, J

***Blue Star Rapture***, by James W. Bennett

While attending a high-profile basketball camp, T.J. begins to re-think both his motivations and his actions in guiding his learning-disabled but athletically gifted friend through the college recruitment process.

YFIC Bloor, E / YRACK BLO

***Tangerine***, by Edward Bloor

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.

YFIC Brooks, B / YRACK BRO

***The Moves Make the Man***, by Bruce Brooks

A black boy and an emotionally troubled white boy in North Carolina form a precarious friendship.

YFIC Charlton-Trujillo, E. E.

***Prizefighter en Mi Casa***, by E. E. Charlton-Trujillo

Following a car accident that left her with epilepsy, twelve-year-old Chula--with a little help from a visiting fearsome Mexican boxer--tries to deal with the repercussions her new condition has on her family, neighborhood, and school.

YFIC Cochran, T

***Roughnecks***, by Thomas Cochran

Travis Cody prepares for the final game of his high school football career, a rematch with his school's chief rival.

YFIC Crutcher, C / YRACK CRU

***Ironman: a Novel***, by Chris Crutcher

While training for a triathlon, seventeen-year-old Bo attends an anger management group at school which leads him to examine his relationship with his father.

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***Stotan!***, by Chris Crutcher

Four teammates on a high school swim team become close through hard times.

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***Vision Quest***, by Terry Davis

This honest and exuberant novel about a high school wrestler on a spiritual journey was the basis for the Matthew Modine film.

YFIC Deans, S

***Racing the Past***, by Sis Deans

After the death of his abusive father, 11-year-old Ricky tries to

help his younger brother deal with his residual fears and discovers that running helps him deal with his own anger and the taunts of a bullying classmate.

YFIC Deuker, C / YRACK DEU

***Heart of a Champion***, by Carl Deuker

Seth has to come to terms with his own limited abilities as a baseball player while his best friend Jimmy is far more talented but exhibits self-destructive behavior that gets him thrown off the team.

YFIC Dygard / JFIC Dygard

***The Rookie Arrives***, by Thomas J. Dygard

Cocky Ted Bell moves from being star of his high school baseball team directly into playing in the major leagues and finds that he has a lot to learn before becoming the world's greatest third baseman.

YFIC Eulo, E

***Mixed-Up Doubles***, by Elena Yates Eulo

With the help of an unlikely new friend, ninth grader Hank tries to adjust to his parents' recent divorce and works toward his dream of being a successful tennis player.

YMystery Feinstein, J

***Last Shot: a Final Four Mystery***, by John Feinstein

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.

\*\*Also try *Vanishing Act*, and *Cover-Up*

YFIC Green, T

***Football Genius***, by Tim Green

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

YRACK GUT

***The Secret Life of Dr. Demented***, by Dan Gutman

The meanest pro-wrestler of all time has a secret identity, and only one person knows it.

YFIC Korman, G

***The Toilet Paper Tigers***, by Gordon Korman

When his Little League team gets a coach who knows nothing about baseball, seventh grader Corey is dismayed to see the team taken over by the coach's pushy twelve-year-old granddaughter.

YRACK LAN

**Pier Pressure** and **Wave Good-Bye**, by Francess Lantz  
5 best friends spend summers surfing in California.

YFIC Lee, M / YRACK LEE

**Necessary Roughness**, by Marie G. 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.

YRACK LEV

**Run for Your Life**, by Marilyn Levy  
While living in a housing project in Oakland, California, thirteen-year-old Kisha joins a track team, which helps her discover that she can be a winner.

YFIC Lipsyte / YRACK LIP

**The Contender**, by Robert Lipsyte  
A Harlem high school dropout escapes from a gang of punks into a boxing gym, where he learns that being a contender is hard and often discouraging work. The story continues in the sequels, The Brave, The Chief, and Warrior Angel.

YFIC Lupica, M

**Heat**, by Mike Lupica  
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.

YFIC Lynch, C

**Gold Dust**, by Chris Lynch  
In 1975, twelve-year-old Richard befriends Napoleon, a Caribbean newcomer to his Catholic school, hoping that Napoleon will learn to love baseball and the Red Sox, and will win acceptance in the racially polarized Boston school.

YFIC McGinley, J

**Joaquin Strikes Back**, by Jerry McGinley  
Having suffered prejudice from his soccer coach and teammates, Mexican American Joaquin moves to a new high school, helps start a soccer team there, and learns about preconceived notions and personal priorities.

YFIC Murdock, C

**The Off Season**, by Catherine Gilbert Murdock  
High school junior D.J. staggers under the weight of caring for her badly injured brother, her responsibilities on the dairy farm, a changing relationship with her friend Brian, and her own athletic aspirations.

YFIC Myers, W YPB RACK MYE

**Hoops : a novel**, by Walter Dean Myers  
A teenage basketball player from Harlem is befriended by a former professional player who hopes to prevent other young athletes from repeating his mistakes.

Yfic Peck, R

**Extra Innings**, by Robert Newton Peck  
After a tragic airplane crash that claims the lives of most of his family, sixteen-year-old Tate goes to live with his wealth great-grandfather and his adopted black great-aunt Vidalia and he finds unexpected solace in the stories of her childhood spent traveling with a Depression-era Negro baseball team.

YFIC Powell

**Three Clams and an Oyster**, by Randy Powell  
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.

YFIC Ritter, J

**The Boy Who Saved Baseball**, by John H. Ritter  
The fate of a small California town rests on the outcome of one baseball game, and Tom Gallagher hopes to lead his team to victory with the secrets of the now disgraced player, Dante Del Gato.

YFIC Ritter, J

**Over the Wall**, by John H. Ritter  
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.

YFIC Smith, R

**Peak**, by Roland Smith  
A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest

YFIC Soto Taking YRACK SOT

**Taking Sides**, by Gary Soto  
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.

YFIC Trueman

**Cruise Control**, by Terry Trueman  
A talented basketball player struggles to deal with the helplessness and anger that come with having a brother rendered completely dysfunctional by severe cerebral palsy and a father who deserted the family.

YFIC Voigt YPB RACK VOI

**The Runner**, by Cynthia Voigt  
As a dedicated runner, a teenage boy has always managed to distance himself from other people until the experience of coaching one of his teammates on the track team gradually helps him see the value of giving and receiving.

YFIC Wallace, R YRACK WAL

**Shots on Goal**, by Rich Wallace  
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.

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