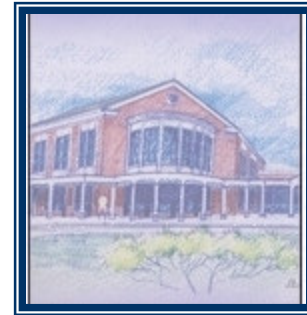


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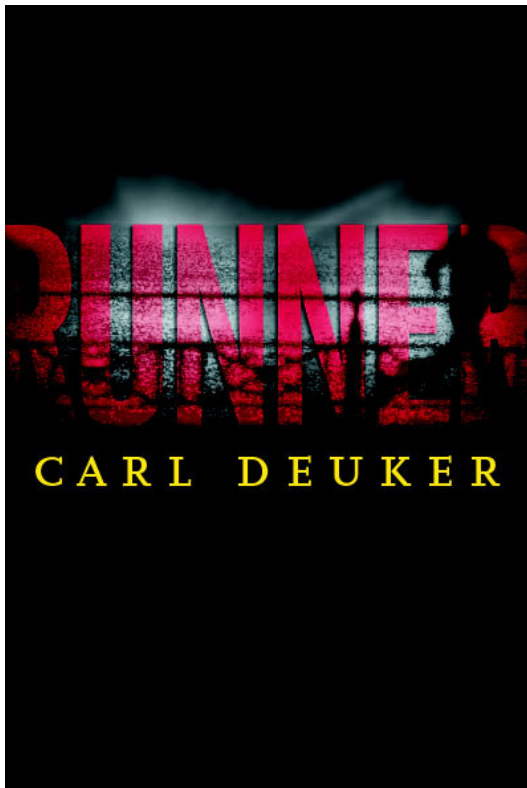


Reader's Advisory - Sports themes

The following books tell stories about the life experiences of high school athletes in a wide range of sports including basketball, football, boxing, track, swimming, deep sea diving, and skiing.

J. Kearon

Sports Theme



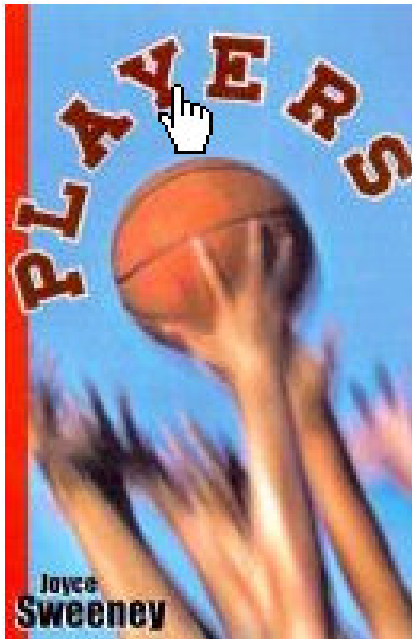
Runner

by Carl Deuker

Living with his alcoholic father on a broken-down sailboat on Puget Sound has been hard on seventeen-year-old Chance Taylor, but when his love of running leads to a high-paying job, he quickly learns that the money is not worth the risk.

- Smuggling
- Poverty
- Terrorism

Sports Theme



Players

by Joyce Sweeney

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.

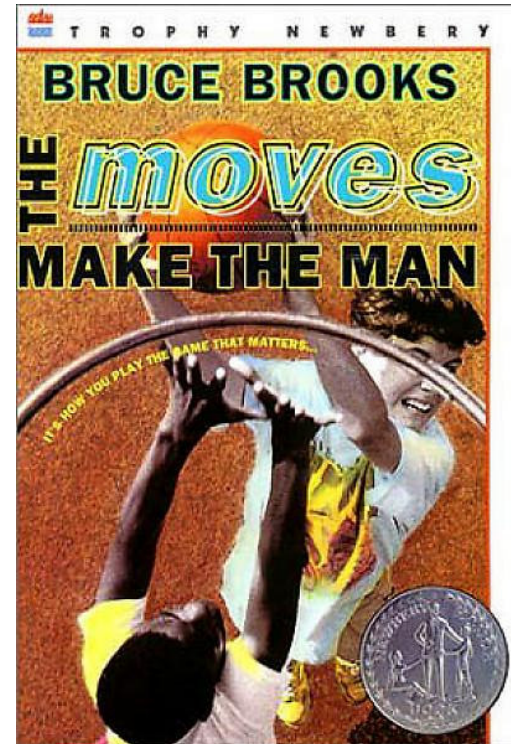
Sports themes

The Moves Make the Man

by Bruce Brooks

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

- Friendships
- Emotional problems
- Realistic fiction

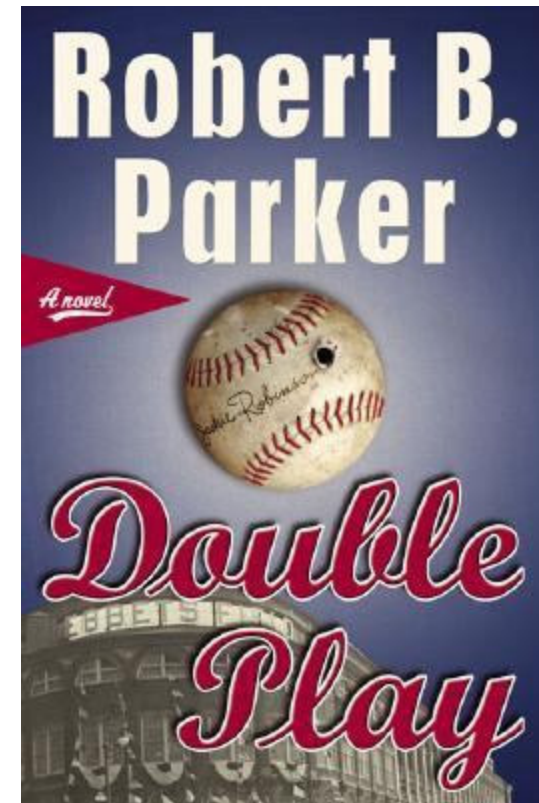


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Double Play

by Robert Parker

Joseph Burke, physically and emotionally wounded in World War II, finds hope and healing during a season spent serving as bodyguard to Jackie Robinson in 1947, the year Robinson broke the color barrier in major league baseball.



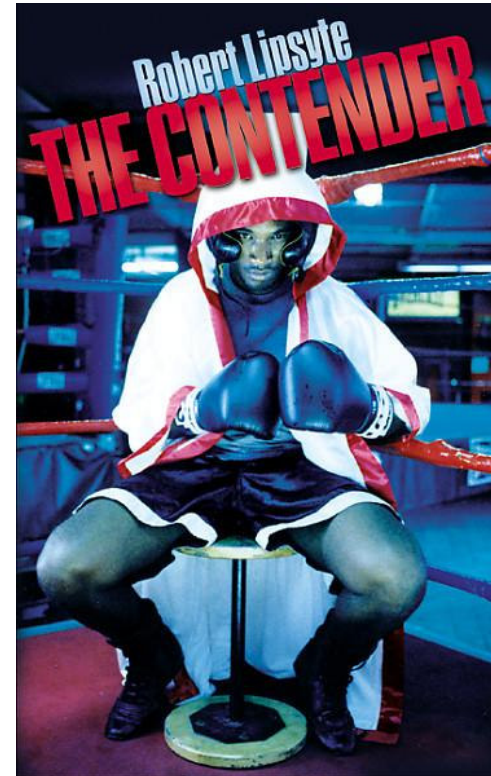
Sports themes

The Contender

by Robert Lipsyte

After a successful start in a boxing career, a Harlem high school dropout decides that competing in the ring isn't enough of life and resolves to aim for different goals.

- Boxing

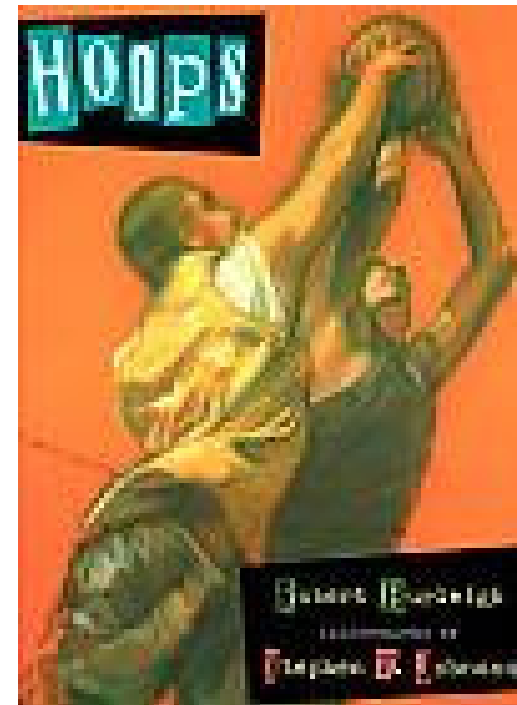


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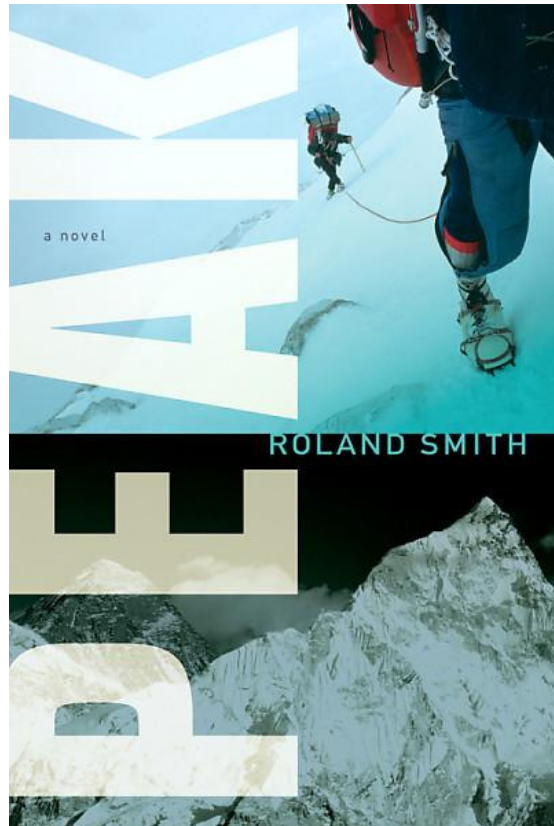
Hoops

by Walter Dean Myers

A teenage basketball player from Harlem is befriended by a former professional player who, after being forced to quit because of a point shaving scandal, hopes to prevent other young athletes from repeating his mistake.



Sports Theme



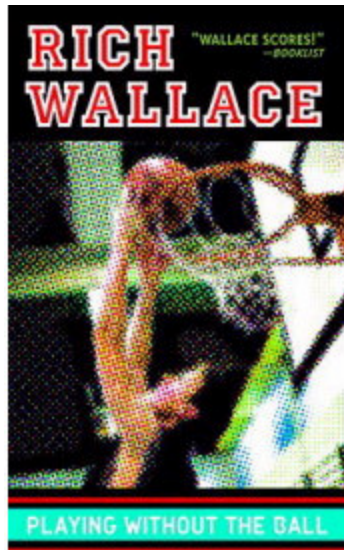
Peak

by Roland Smith

Peak is a natural-born climber. After being apprehended atop the Woolworth Building, he's rescued from juvie by his estranged father, who pushes Peak to be the youngest to summit Everest. A well-crafted plot and exotic setting give the novel great appeal to survival adventure fans.

- Survival fiction
- Mountaineering

Sports Theme



Playing without the Ball

by Rich Wallace

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 a church-sponsored basketball team and a female friend.

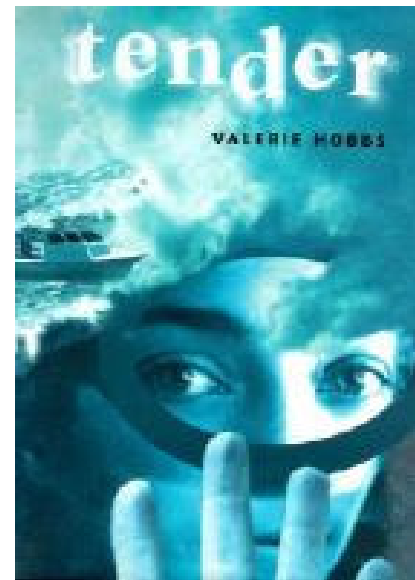
Sports Theme

Tender

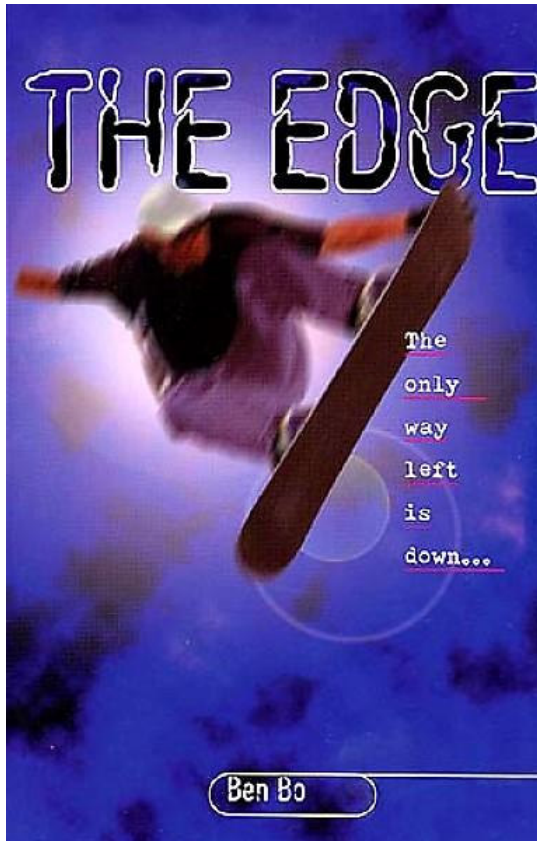
by Valerie Hobbs

After her beloved Gran dies, fifteen-year-old Liv goes to California to live with the father she has never known and must adjust to his gruff ways and his life as an abalone diver, so different from her life in New York City.

- Deep sea diving
- Fathers and daughters



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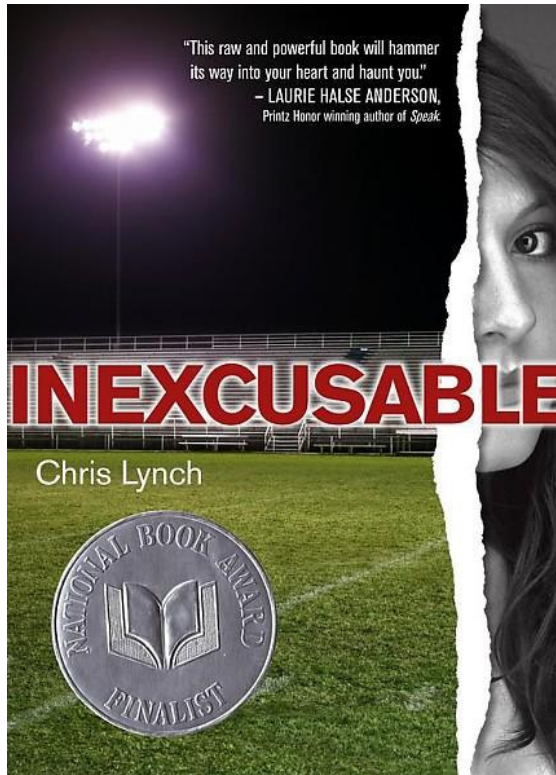


The Edge by Ben Bo

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.

- Snowboarding
- Self-esteem
- Action

Sports Theme



Inexcusable by Chris Lynch

High school senior and football player Keir sets out to enjoy himself on graduation night, but when he attempts to comfort a friend whose date has left her stranded, things go terribly wrong.

- Alcohol
- Football
- Date rape

Sports themes

Three Clams and an Oyster

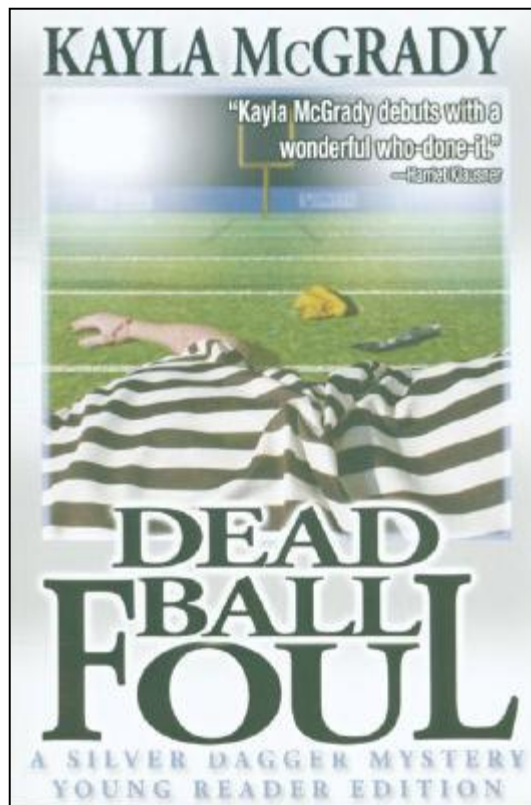
by Randy Powell

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.

- Flag football
- Friendship



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Dead Ball Foul

by Kayla McGrady

Four teens from a quiet town in Southwest Virginia work together to find a killer after one of their close friends is found murdered.

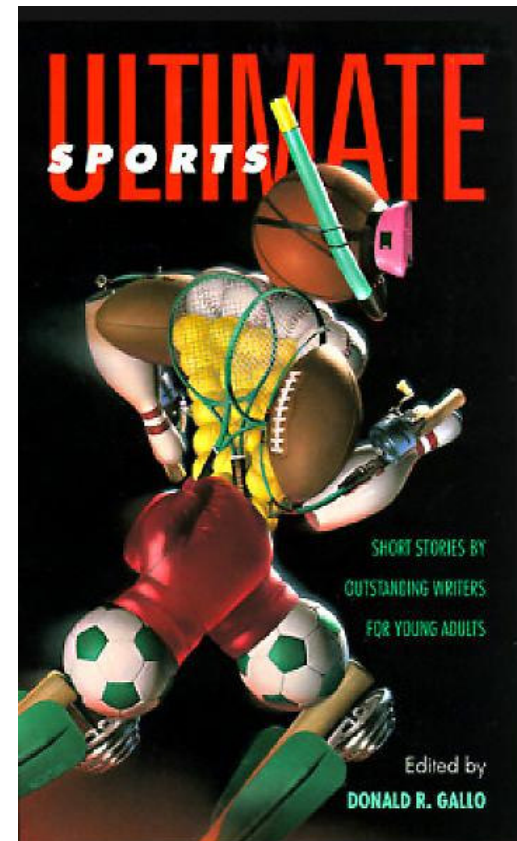
- Homicide - fiction

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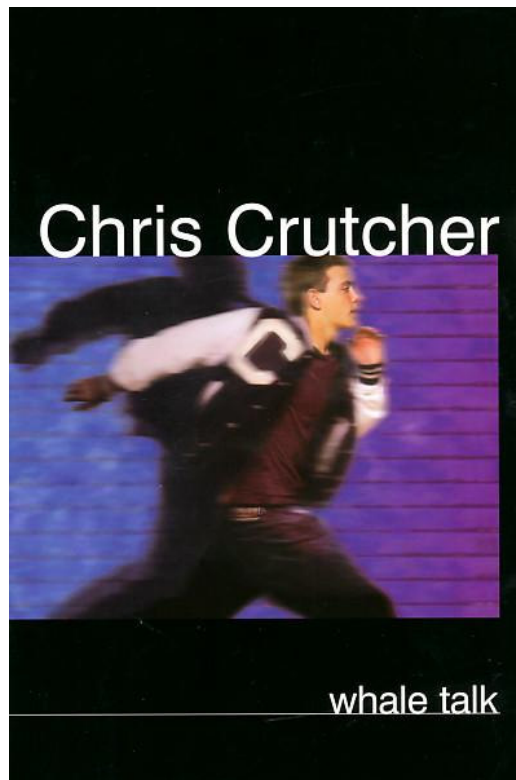
Ultimate Sports

Story collection

A collection of sixteen short stories about teenage athletes written by well-known authors in the field, including award-winning novelists Robert Lipsyte and Chris Crutcher.



Sports Theme



Whale Talk

by Chris Crutcher

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..

- Realistic fiction
- Swimming

Sports themes

Jump Ball: A basketball season in poems

by Mel Glenn

Tells the story of a high school basketball team's season through a series of poems reflecting the feelings of students, their families, teachers, and coaches. (The author taught in New York City schools for many years.)

- Basketball
- Poetry

