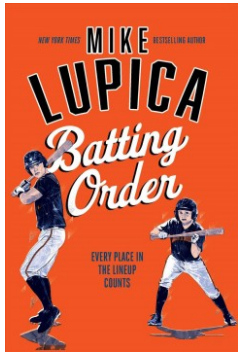
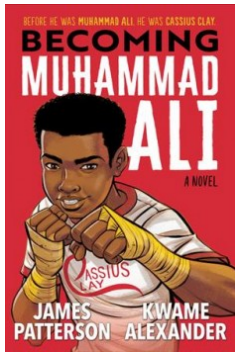


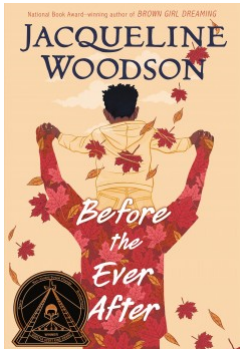
Batting Order by Mike Lupica

Small, shy Matt Baker, who has been marginalized because of a speech disorder, and big, bold, and brash Ben Roberson become unlikely practice partners as their baseball team navigates the rapidly approaching end of their season.
J Lupica, M. / 293p.



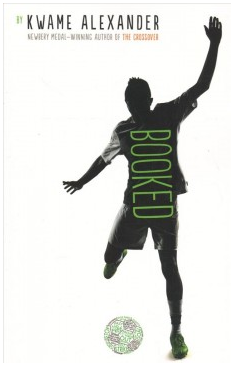
Becoming Muhammad Ali
by James Patterson

This biographical novel tells the story of Cassius Clay, the determined boy who would one day become Muhammad Ali, one of the greatest boxers of all time.
J Patterson, J. / 310p.



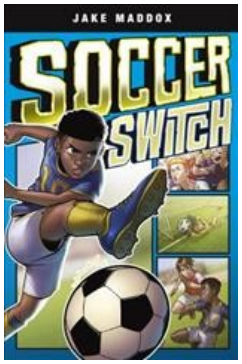
Before the Ever After
by Jacqueline Woodson

ZJ's friends Ollie, Darry and Daniel help him cope when his father, a beloved professional football player, suffers severe headaches and memory loss that spell the end of his career.
J Woodson, J. / 161p.



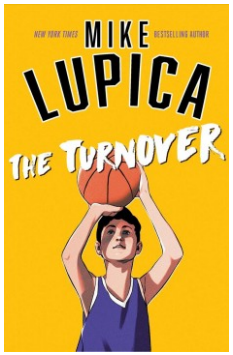
Booked
by Kwame Alexander

12-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.
J Alexander, K. / 314p.



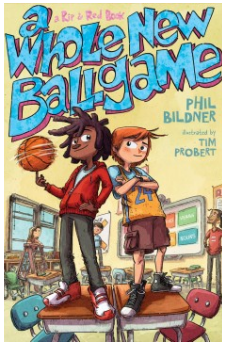
Soccer Switch
by Jake Maddox

Andre Makuza is excited for another championship season with his middle school summer soccer team. But a new coach is taking over, his unusual training methods have the team feeling frustrated.
J Maddox, J. (Graphic) / 64p.



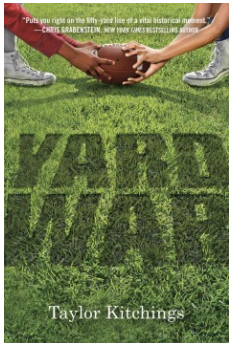
The Turnover
by Mike Lupica

When a young basketball star decides to research his grandfather--and coach--for a school project, he uncovers a decades-old scandal that changes everything he thought he knew about his grandfather
J Lupica, M. / 243p.



A Whole New Ballgame
by Phil Bildner
Series: Rip and Red, 1

Embarking on a 5th-grade year marked by an unconventional teacher and a new basketball coach, best friends Rip and Red work together to overcome Rip's academic struggles and Red's autism-related difficulties.
J Bildner, P. / 243p.



Yard War by Taylor Kitchings

12-year-old Trip Westbrook lives in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1964 and discovers the underlying racism in his family and neighborhood when he invites his maid's son Dee to play football in the yard.
J Kitchings, T. / 216p.

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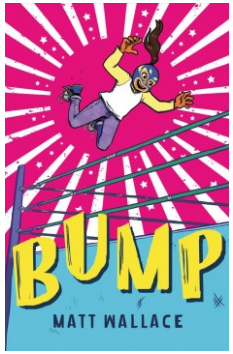
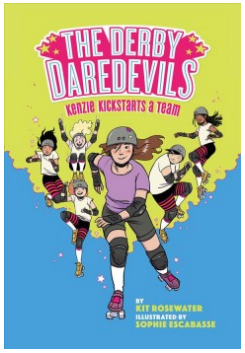


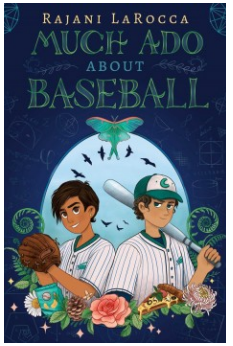
Bump by Matt Wallace

There is only one thing MJ loves: the world of professional wrestling, especially the luchadores and the stories they tell in the ring. When MJ learns that her neighbor runs a wrestling school, she has a new mission in life: join the school, train hard, and become a wrestler.
J Wallace, M. / 276p.



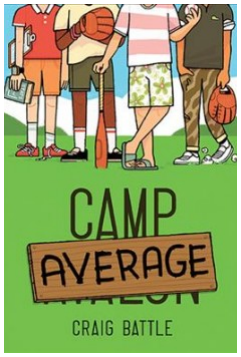
Kenzie Kickstarts a Team
by Kit Rosewater
Series: The Derby Daredevils, 1

Fifth-grade best friends Kenzie "Kenzilla" and Shelly "Bombshell" dream of becoming roller derby superstars one day, but when a junior league forms and they must recruit teammates, will their friendship survive?
J Rosewater, K. / 162p.



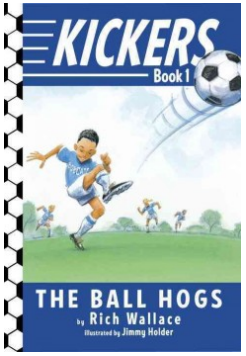
Much Ado About Baseball
by Rajani LaRocca

12-year-olds Trish and Ben should be automatic friends because they both play baseball on a Little League team in Comity, Massachusetts, and they both love solving math puzzles, but obstacles stand in their way.
J LaRocca, R. / 312p.



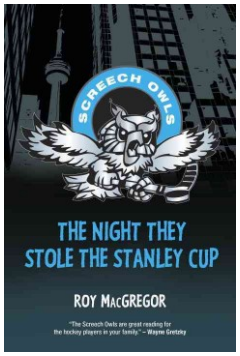
Camp Average
by Craig Battle
Series: Camp Average, 1

Camp Avalon, better known as Camp Average, is a sports camp for kids who don't like and aren't good at sports. When a new, very competitive camp director is hired, the kids just may have to actually try, whether they want to or not.
J Battle, C. / 234p.



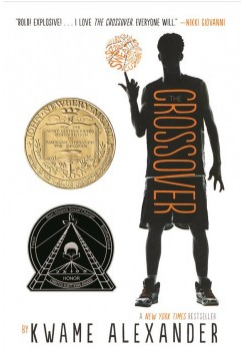
The Ball Hogs by Rich Wallace
Series: Kickers, 1

Nine-year-old Ben, a natural athlete and member of the Bobcats co-ed soccer team, wants to overcome his inexperience and prove himself on the field, but his obnoxious teammate, Mark, keeps hogging the ball.
J Wallace, R. / 119p.



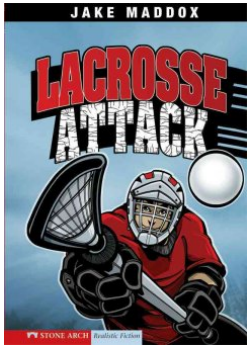
The Night They Stole the Stanley Cup by Roy MacGregor
Series: Screech Owls

Someone is out to steal the Stanley Cup - and only the Screech Owls stand between the thieves and their prize! Can the Screech Owls do anything to save the most revered trophy in the land?
J MacGregor, R. / 155p.



The Crossover
by Kwame Alexander

12-year-old twins and basketball stars Josh and Jordan Bell must learn to deal with problems on and off the court as they navigate homework, first crushes, family and, of course, basketball.
J Alexander, K. / 237p.

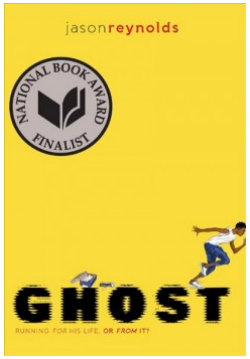


Lacrosse Attack
by Jake Maddox

Peter has made the varsity lacrosse team and quickly becomes one of the best players, but Hurley Johnson, the team's captain, is jealous and will do anything to get Peter to quit.
J Maddox, J. / 65p.

One Last Shot
by John David Anderson

For as long as he can remember, Malcolm has never felt like he was good enough. Especially not for his dad, whose competitive drive and love for sports Malcolm has never shared. That is, until Malcolm discovers miniature golf.
J Kent, D. / 202p.



Ghost by Jason Reynolds
Series: Track, 1

Aspiring to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school's track team, gifted runner Ghost finds his goal challenged by a tragic past with a violent father.
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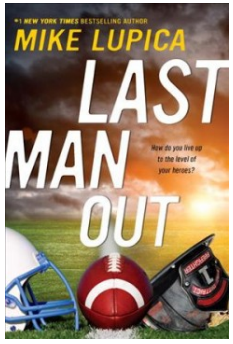

Last Man Out by Mike Lupica

12-year-old Tommy Gallagher, the bravest and toughest football player on the field, faces his biggest battle ever when his father, a Boston firefighter, is fatally injured while rescuing a child.
J Lupica, M. / 245p.

Saving the Team
by Alex Morgan
Series: The Kicks, 1

After moving to California, Devin is afraid she will not make the soccer team but finds, instead, a team is so bad that she is compelled to take the lead and turn it into something the players and coach can all be proud of.
J Morgan, A. / 169p.