

# Sports Fiction



## *The Perfect Shot*

Elaine Marie Alphin

A year after his girlfriend and her family were murdered, basketball player Brian is forced to deal with the past.



## *Crackback*

John Coy

Sophomore football star Miles struggles with his new coach, his father, and the pressure to take steroids.



## *Whale Talk*

Chris Crutcher

TJ, a multiracial and adopted teen, starts a swim team with seven school outcasts.



## *Ball Don't Lie*

Matt de la Peña

Seventeen-year-old Sticky is trying to get a basketball scholarship so he can leave street life behind but faces difficulties on the way.



## *Gym Candy*

Carl Deuker

Mick Johnson is determined to be a football star, so determined he is willing to take steroids despite the effects they have on him.



## *Tears of a Tiger*

Sharon M. Draper

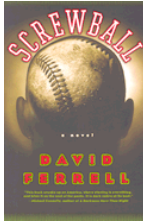
Late one night after they had been drinking, Andy and Rob get into a car accident. Rob, the captain of the Tigers is killed. Since Andy was driving the car he can't stop blaming himself.



### *Offsides*

Erik E. Eskilsen

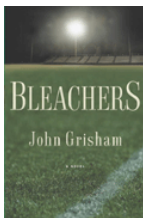
When Tom Gray, a Mohawk Indian, moves to a new high school he refuses to play on the soccer team because he finds the Warriors' mascot offensive.



### *Screwball*

David Ferrell

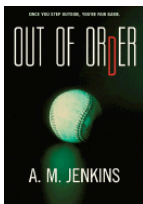
Wherever the Boston Red Sox play there seems to be a murder. Are they being followed by a murder or is a member of the team responsible?



### *Bleachers*

John Grisham

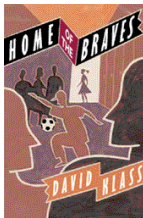
When his high school football coach dies Neely Crenshaw returns to his hometown after fifteen years to be reunited with the rest of the guys from the old team.



### *Out of Order*

A.M. Jenkins

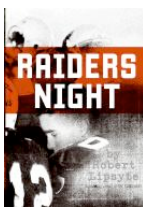
Sophomore baseball star Colt Trammel finds himself failing classes and forming an unlikely friendship with a new girl at school who has green hair.



### *Home of the Braves*

David Klass

Eighteen-year-old Joe Brickman is upset when a new student from Brazil becomes the star of the soccer team and tries to date the girl he has had a crush on for years.



### *Raiders Night*

Robert Lipsyte

A co-captain of the of football team, Matt Rydeck struggles with his use of performance-enhancing drugs and witnessing the rape of a rookie on the team.



### *Game*

Walter Dean Myers

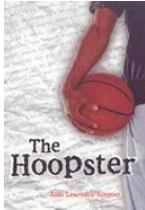
Drew Larson is hoping basketball will get him into college so he can get out of Harlem. He is upset when two new white players are brought in and threaten his game.



### *Derailed*

Jon Ripslinger

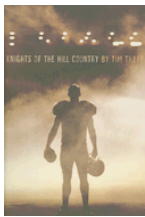
Stony needs to raise his English grade so he can stay on the football team. He assigned a tutor to work with, Robyn, a teenage mother who is being stalked by her child's father.



### *The Hoopster*

Alan Lawrence Sitomer

When Andre Anderson, an African American, writes an article about racism at his magazine internship he is viciously attacked.



### *Knights of the Hill Country*

Tim Tharp

Hampton Greene is a star linebacker on his high school football team but in senior year Hampton decides to explore the world outside of football.



### *7 Days in the Hot Corner*

Terry Trueman

High school senior and varsity baseball player Scott Latimer is shocked to find out his best friend is gay.



### *One Good Punch*

Rich Wallace

After the police find four joints that had been put in his locker by a friend, track captain Michael Kerrigan must decide whether or not to tell the truth.