

Sports Fiction - Grade 5

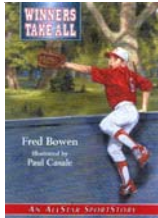


Crash

Spinelli, Jerry

Call Letters: F Sp Pgs: 162 Lexile: 560

Seventh-grader John "Crash" Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with an unusual Quaker boy and his grandfather's stroke make him consider the meaning of friendship and the importance of family.

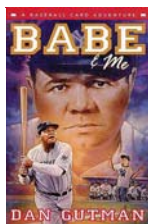


Winners Take All

Bowen, Fred

Call Letters: F Bo Pgs: 104 Lexile: 560

When Kyle fakes a catch, his baseball team goes on to win the league championship but Kyle doesn't feel good about winning by cheating.



Babe & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure (series)

Gutman, Dan

Call Letters: F Gu Pgs: 161 Lexile: 600

With their ability to travel through time using vintage baseball cards, Joe and his father have the opportunity to find out whether Babe Ruth really did call his shot when he hit that home run in the third game of the 1932 World Series against the Chicago Cubs.

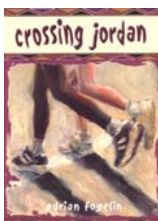


Year Mom Won the Pennant (Matt Christopher series)

Christopher, Matt

Call Letters: F Ch Pgs: 129 Lexile: 610

The boys are all hesitant when one boy's mother is the only parent who volunteers to coach their Little League team, but there is quite a surprise in store for them.



Crossing Jordan

Fogelin, Adrian

Call Letters: F Ad Pgs: 140 Lexile: 650

Twelve-year-old Cass meets her new African-American neighbor, Jemmie, and despite their families' prejudices, they build a strong friendship around their mutual talent for running and a pact to read Jane Eyre.



Million Dollar Shot (Million Dollar series)

Gutman, Dan

Call Letters: F Gu Pgs: 114 Lexile: 680

Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals.



Six Innings

Preller, James

Call Letters: F Pr Pgs: 147 Lexile: 690

Earl Grubb's Pool Supplies plays Northeast Gas & Electric in the Little League championship game, while Sam, who has cancer and is in a wheelchair, has to call the play-by-play instead of participating in the game.

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Honus & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure (series)

Gutman, Dan

Call Letters: F Gu Pgs: 140 Lexile: 690

Joey, who loves baseball but is not very good at it, finds a valuable 1909 Honus Wagner card and travels back in time to meet Honus.



Airball: My Life in Briefs

Harkrader, Lisa

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 208 Lexile: 700

Kirby Nickel loves basketball. He loves watching basketball. He loves talking about basketball. The only problem is he can't play basketball. But coach has a plan for Kirby and the supremely untalented seventh-grade team. It involves the guys playing only in their briefs. Maybe the sportswear will really inspire the team. And maybe Kirby will find out who

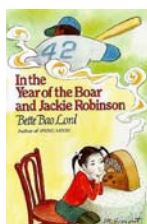


Swindle

Korman, Gordon

Call Letters: F Ko Pgs: 252 Lexile: 710

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, 6th grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the Smart Pick fruit picker.

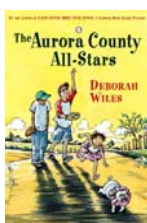


In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson

Lord, Bette

Call Letters: F Lo Pgs: 169 Lexile: 730

In 1947, a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn where she becomes Americanized at school, in her apartment building, and by her love for baseball.



The Aurora County All-Stars

Wiles, Deborah

Call Letters: F Wi Pgs: 242 Lexile: 750

Twelve-year-old House Jackson, team captain and star pitcher, is finally ready to play again after being sidelined for a year with a broken elbow, but a standoff ensues when the team's big game is scheduled for the same day as Aurora County's 200th anniversary pageant - an event directed by the very girl who caused his injury.

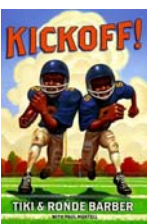


Vanishing Act: Mystery at the U.S. Open

Feinstein, John

Call Letters: F Fe Pgs: 279 Lexile: 760

Eighth-grade sports reporters Susan Carol and Stevie reunite at the U.S. Open tennis championships where they investigate the mysterious disappearance of a top Russian player.



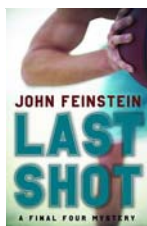
Kickoff!

Barber, Tiki

Call Letters: F Ba Pgs: 156 Lexile: 760

12-year-olds Tiki and Ronde tryout for the junior high football team and hope to not only get a spot but also to be a part of the starting lineup.

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Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery

Feinstein, John

Call Letters: F Fe Pgs: 256 Lexile: 760

After winning a basketball reporting contest, 8th 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.



Cover-Up: Mystery at the Super Bowl

Feinstein, John

Call Letters: F Fe Pgs: 298 Lexile: 780

Two teenagers learn that every player on a professional football team - which is supposed to play in the Super Bowl--has failed their drug test and the owner has covered up the results, and now they must find a way to prove it.



Peak

Smith, Roland

Call Letters: F Sm Pgs: 246 Lexile: 780

A 14-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.



Football Hero

Green, Tim

Call Letters: F Gr Pgs: 297 Lexile: 840

When 12-year-old 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.

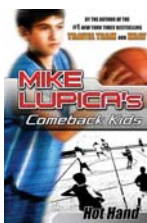


Travel Team

Lupica, Mike

Call Letters: F Lu Pgs: 274 Lexile: 930

After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.



Comeback Kids: Hot Hand (series)

Lupica, Mike

Call Letters: F Lu Pgs: 165 Lexile: 930

In the wake of his parents' separation, 10-year-old Billy seems to have continual conflicts with his father, who is also his basketball coach, but his quiet, younger brother Ben, a piano prodigy, is having even more trouble adjusting, and only Billy seems to notice.



Big Field

Lupica, Mike

Call Letters: F Lu Pgs: 243 Lexile: 970

When fourteen-year-old baseball player Hutch feels threatened by the arrival of a new teammate named Darryl, he tries to work through his insecurities about both Darryl and his remote and silent father, who was once a great ballplayer too.