The End of Baseball by Peter Schilling (2008) Fiction
After returning from Guadalcanal in 1944 with a missing leg and no money, Bill Veeck manages to hustle his way into buying the Philadelphia Athletics and recruits players from the Negro Leagues to create the greatest team in baseball history.

FICTION SCHILLING

The Heavenly World Series: Timeless Baseball Fiction by Frank O'Rourke (2002) Fiction
Presents a collection of stories about baseball players who play out their fantasies and dreams through the game and the discipline that surrounds it.

FICTION OROURKE

The Spoiler: A Novel of Baseball and Murder by Domenic Stansberry (2002) Fiction
Having fled his wife and life in Denver to avoid the results of a medical diagnosis, Frank Lofton becomes a sportswriter in Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he follows the fortunes of a minor-league baseball team and gets wind of an arson scam.

FICTION STANSBERRY MYSTERY

All the Stars Came Out that Night by Kevin King (2005) Fiction
A tale based on the 1934 World Series tracing the machinations of legal genius Clarence Darrow to bring about the Cardinals win, an achievement also marked by the contributions of such figures as Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, and Henry Ford.

FICTION KING

In 1947, as Jackie Robinson breaks the major league baseball color barrier by playing for the Brooklyn Dodgers, Joseph Burke, a World War II veteran and survivor of Guadalcanal, is hired by Dodgers manager Branch Rickey to be Robinson's bodyguard.

FICTION PARKER

On the eighth birthday of Ethan "E.A". Allen, who lives with his mother and Gran in a Vermont town decades behind the rest of New England, a drifter named Teddy comes into their world, teaching E.A. how to play ball and the secrets of baseball.

FICTION MOSHER
7000 Clams by Lee Irby (2005) Fiction
When Frank Hearn, a down-on-his-luck bootlegger and tough guy looking to score big in 1920s America, gets his hand on a handwritten IOU for $7000 signed by Babe Ruth, he embarks on an odyssey from New Jersey to St. Petersburg, Florida, where the Yankees are about to begin spring training, in order to convince the Babe to give him the money.

LARGE PRINT FICTION IRBY

Blockade Billy by Stephen King (2010) Fiction
A retired coach recounts the story of "Blockade Billy" Blakely, known for his skills as a catcher and also as a formidable batter, the only player to have his record erased from baseball history, and his time with the New Jersey Titans.

FICTION KING

The Entitled by Frank Deford (2007) Fiction
Howie Traveler, manager of the Cleveland Indians, and his Cuban-American star player, Jay Alcazar, have little interaction off the field until Traveler witnesses an encounter between Alcazar and a woman that ends in a rape charge.

FICTION DEFORD

The Natural by Bernard Malamud (1980) Fiction
This sports novel follows the career of baseball player Roy Hobbs, a natural with a bat whose dreams of playing in the big leagues are deferred by a youthful indiscretion, but who finally becomes a hero.

FICTION MALAMUD

Ray Kinsella's fanatic love of baseball drives him to build a baseball stadium in his corn field and kidnap the author, J.D. Salinger, and bring him to a baseball game.

FICTION KINSELLA

A baseball scout, a remarkable player with a secret, and a Mafia hitman collide with violent and unpredictable results.

FICTION FREY

Bang the Drum Slowly by Mark Harris (1962) Fiction
A poignant portrayal of professional ballplayers' lives on and off the field during the sport's golden years in the 1950's.

FICTION HARRIS
   It’s the last game of the season, Billy Chapel, a seventeen season legend and guaranteed Hall-of-Famer, has always played for the love of the game, never money nor fame. Now, at the end of an amazing career, he finds himself playing his most crucial game. He has one last chance to prove who he is and what really matters in life as he struggles to make a comeback with the baseball major leagues.

   FICTION SHAARA

Battle Creek by Scott Lasser (1999) Fiction
   Gil--a devoted coach of an amateur baseball team whose pitcher is losing his arm, whose father is dying of cancer, and whose son doesn’t need him--feels his chance for redemption is riding on the championship game, but unforeseen events will alter all their lives forever.

   FICTION LASSER

   A third major baseball league tries to survive, but World War II decimates it by 1943.

   FICTION ROTH PHILIP

Murder at Fenway Park by Troy Soos (1994) Fiction
   In 1912, Mickey Rawlings reports for his first day as a Boston Red Sox player, only to discover a faceless body in the empty stadium. When the police name him as a suspect, he knows he must clear his name or give up baseball and his freedom. This book is the first of this series featuring baseball player Mickey Rawlings. Other titles include, Hanging Curve and Murder at Ebbets Field and many others.

   FICTION SOOS MYSTERY

   When a 9-year-old girl becomes lost on a hike on the Appalachian Trail, she relies on her courage and faith, as she imagines her hero, baseball pitcher Tom Gordon, is with her.

   FICTION KING

Be the One by April Smith (2000) Fiction
   Returning to Los Angeles from a trip to the Dominican Republic with Alberto Cruz, the teenage baseball star she discovered, and seductive developer Joe Galinis, hard-living female baseball scout Cassidy Sanderson discovers that they all have become entangled in a blackmail scheme marked by violence, voodoo, deception, and betrayal.

   FICTION SMITH
**BOOKS ABOUT BASEBALL FOR ADULTS**

*The Way Home is Longer* by Christopher Renino (1997) Fiction
Draws a moving parallel between Jackie Robinson’s 1947 experiences with the Dodgers as the first African American to play major league baseball and the personal life of nineteen-year-old Vinnie, a Dodgers ball boy.

FICTION RENINO

*Screwball* by David Ferrell (2003) Fiction
The Boston Red Sox’s hottest, young player, Ron Kane alters the team’s fortune when his ability as a “killer” pitcher extends off the field, as General Manager Neville Wulfmeyer suddenly realizes, when the FBI, media, and mobsters all become involved.

FICTION FERRELL

Follows the coming-of-age of a young man who makes a special connection with his grandfather at the end of the latter’s life, a period marked by the grandfather’s hero-worship of Babe Ruth and memories about one of the athlete’s early home runs.

FICTION AMERNIC

Determined to protect her son, who has been blessed with an amazing talent, from overly enthusiastic baseball scouts, difficult coaches, and greedy agents, a single mother uses wisdom and love to help her son make it to the major leagues on their own terms.

FICTION JENKINS

*The Elements of Hitting* by Matthew F. Jones (1994) Fiction
Walter Innis, the son of a violent ex-baseball star and an unhappy, unfaithful woman, finds an escape from and a new understanding of his dysfunctional past when he takes over as a Little League baseball coach.

FICTION JONES

*Coyote Moon* by John A. Miller (2003) Fiction
While rookie Henry Spencer struggles to reconcile Heisenberg’s Uncertainty Principle with major league baseball, the eccentric residents of a trailer park wonder if Henry is the latest in a line of reincarnated spirits that can be traced back to Isaac Newton.

FICTION MILLER
Fiction
An unlikely couple of sleuths--the beautiful, Black, spoiled Jewel Averick and her insecure white friend, Dee Sweet--team up to locate the legendary Two-Mile McLemore, a baseball star from the Negro Leagues.

FICTION SAXTON MYSTERY

Diamond Ruby by Joseph Wallace (2010) Fiction
In early twentieth century Brooklyn, Ruby endures many hardships including the flu epidemic, the death of family members, and even starvation, until her pitching talents open new opportunities in the changing world of sports for women.

FICTION WALLACE

Big League Dreams by Allen Hoffman (1997) Fiction
Chronicles the lives of Jews who, in the 1920s, leave Krimsk for America, where they discover gambling, graft, and baseball.

FICTION HOFFMAN

How All This Started by Pete Fromm (2000) Fiction
Abilene and Austin, a brother and sister feeling stultified by the small-town Texan life imposed on them by their parents, dream of escape, with Abilene becoming desperately and dangerously obsessed with helping her brother become a major league pitcher.

FICTION FROMM