



Sports Books For Teens

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Anderson, M.T. **Feed.** (IMC CBC Fic An242f 2002)

In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.

Bach, Alice. **The Meat in the Sandwich.** (IMC CBC Fic B122m)

Ten-year-old Mike feels his dream of becoming a star athlete threatened by his older and younger sister. Then he is befriended by a competitive all-around athlete who changes his life.

Bloor, Edward. **Tangerine.** (IMC CBC Fic B6234t 2001)

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.

Brooks, Bruce. **The Moves Make the Man.** (IMC CBC Fic B7914m 1984)

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

Carter, Alden. **Bull Catcher.** (IMC CBC Fic C2452bu 1997)

Pete and Jeff continue their friendship and love of baseball as they progress from ninth grade through high school in their small Wisconsin town.

Corbett, Sara. **Venus to the Hoop: A Gold Medal Year in Women's Basketball.** (3rd floor, GV886 .C67 1997)

The 1996 U.S. women's basketball team goes for the gold.

Crutcher, Chris. **Ironman.** (IMC CBC Fic C8894i 1995)

While training for a triathlon, seventeen-year-old Bo attends an anger management group at school which leads him to examine his relationship with his father.

Crutcher, Chris. **Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes.** (IMC CBC Fic C8894s 1993)

The daily class discussions about the nature of man, the existence of God, abortion, organized religion, suicide and other contemporary issues serve as a backdrop for high-school senior, Moby (an ex-fat boy) as he attempts to answer a friend's dramatic cry for help.

Hicks, Betty. **I Smell Like Ham.** (IMC CBC Fic H5291i 2002)

Nick tries to maintain his sense of integrity as he works to succeed on the school basketball team, adjust to his new stepmother and little "dorky" stepbrother, and deal with peer pressure from his friends.

Herman, Gail. **Just Like Mike.** (IMC CBC Fic H4267j 2000)

When Michael Brown's mother remarries and Michael's last name changes to Jordan, the kids at his new school expect him to be like his namesake on the basketball court, but unfortunately this Michael is terrible at sports.

Hobbs, Will. **Downriver.** (IMC CBC Fic H6537d 1991)

Fifteen-year-old Jessie and the other rebellious teenage members of a wilderness survival school team abandon their adult leader, hijack his boats, and try to run the dangerous white water at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

Kinsella, W.P. **Shoeless Joe.** (4th Floor, PR9199.3.K443 S49 1982)

A magical tale of baseball heroes and a field of dreams. The movie Field of Dreams was inspired by this book.



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Klass, David. **Danger Zone.** (IMC CBC Fic K6662d 1996)

When he joins a predominantly black "Teen Dream Team" that will be representing the United States in an international basketball tournament in Rome, Jimmy Doyle makes some unexpected discoveries about prejudice, racism, and politics.

Korman, Gordon. **Chicken Don't Skate.** (IMC CBC Fic K8424t 1998)

Wild things happen at the South Middle School when Milo's science project, Henrietta the chicken, becomes the hockey team's mascot and their only chance for a winning season.

Lipstye, Robert. **The Contender.** (5th Floor, PS3562.I64 C65)

Alfred's life is going nowhere fast. He's a high-school dropout working at a grocery store. His best friend is drifting behind a haze of drugs and violence, and now some street punks are harassing him for something he didn't do. Feeling powerless and afraid, Alfred gathers up the courage to visit Donatelli's Gym, the neighborhood's boxing club. Alfred doesn't quite understand when Mr. Donatelli tells him, "It's the climbing that makes the man. Getting to the top is an extra reward."

Lupica, Mike. **Heat.** (IMC CBC Fic L9738h 2006)

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.

Macy, Sue. **Girl Got Game: Sports Stories and Poems.** (IMC CBC 810.8 G4437 2001)

A collection of short stories and poems written by and about young women in sports.

Myers, Walter Dean. **Fallen Angels.** (IMC CBC Fic M9925fa 1988)

Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam.

Myers, Walter Dean. **Slam!.** (IMC CBC Fic M9925s 1996)

Sixteen-year-old "Slam" Harris is counting on his noteworthy basketball talents to get him out of the inner city and give him a chance to succeed in life, but his coach sees things differently.

Rappaport, Doreen. **Dirt on Their Skirts.** (IMC CBC Fic R1829d 2000)

Margaret experiences the excitement of watching the 1946 championship game of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League as it goes into extra innings.

Roberts, Ken. **Thumb on a Diamond.** (IMC CBC Fic R5424th 2001)

The kids from New Auckland are dying to see something outside of their little village. Then, Thumb come up with a plan to form a baseball team so the kids can go to the big tournament in Vancouver, but there are a few problems with their plan. There is no grass in New Auckland, no baseball diamond and no place large enough to put one. Also, none of the kids have ever played baseball before.

Saldana, Rene. **The Whole Sky Full of Stars.** (IMC CBC Fic Sa317w 2007)

Eighteen-year-old Barry competes in a non-sanctioned boxing match in hopes of helping his recently-widowed mother, unaware that his best friend and manager, Alby, has his own desperate need for a share of the purse that may put their friendship on the line.

Spinelli, Jerry. **There's A Girl in My Hammerlock.** (IMC CBC Fic Sp464t 1991)

Thirteen-year-old Maisie joins her school's formerly all-male wrestling team and tries to last through the season, despite opposition from other students, her best friend, and her own teammates.



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Wallace, Rich. **Wrestling Sturbridge**. (IMC CBC Fic W1558w 1996) Stuck in a small town where no one ever leaves and relegated by his wrestling coach to sit on the bench while his best friend becomes state champion, Ben decides he can't let his last high school wrestling season slip by without challenging his friend and the future.

Zusak, Markus. **Fighting Ruben Wolfe**. (IMC CBC Fic Z897f 2001)
Partly because of their family's poor finances and partly to prove themselves, brothers Ruben and Cameron take jobs as fighters and find themselves reacting very differently in the boxing ring.