Readings on Sport

Following are select readings on various topics surrounding sport, including fiction and non-fiction for students in grades 1-12. The readings have been grouped by approximate developmental level (i.e., school level), though in most cases, they may be appropriate for a higher (or lower) grade level (in some cases books may be listed in both levels).

The readings can be used as a way of complementing a season’s activities or as a part of an integrated subject matter project that blends physical education with language arts or humanities. ISBN numbers have been added. Most all of the books listed below have “796” as the primary library locator number.

***Elementary School Level (Grades 4-6)***

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Bledsoe, Lucy Jane (2002). *Hoop girlz*. New York: Holiday House.

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Corey, Shana (2003). *Players in pigtails*. New York: Scholastic.

(ISBN: 0-439-18305-7)

Deuker, Carl (2003). *High heat*. Boston: Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin.

(ISBN: 0-618-31117-3)

Foreman, Michael (2003). *Wonder goal!* New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

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Hicks, Betty (2002). *I smell like ham*. Brookfield, CT: Millbrook.

(ISBN: 0-7613-1748-1)

Layden, Joe (1995). *The great American baseball strike*. Brookfield, CT: Millbrook.

(ISBN: 1-56294-930-6)

Meyer, E.R., & Whitt, C. (2014). *Ballpark*. Two Lions / Amazon Publishing

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Ritter, John (2003). *The boy who saved baseball*. New York: Putnam.

(ISBN: 0-399-23622-8)

Steiner, Andy (1995). *A sporting chance: Sports and gender*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publishers.

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***Junior High/Middle School Level (Grades 6-9)***

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(ISBN: 031655538X)

Bledsoe, Lucy Jane (2002). *Hoop girlz*. New York: Holiday House.

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Collins, Ace, & Hillman, John (1999). *Blackball superstars: Legendary players of the Negro baseball leagues*. Greensboro, NC: Avisson Press.

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Draper, Sharon (2002). *Double Dutch*. New York: Simon & Schuster/Atheneum.

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Flowers, Sarah (1996). *Sports in America*. San Diego, CA: Lucent.

(ISBN: 1-56006-178-2)

Fremon, David K. (1994). *The Negro baseball leagues*. Parsippany, NJ: Silver Burdett Press.

(ISBN: 0-382-24730-2)

Gilbert, Thomas (1995). *Baseball and the color line*. Danbury, CT: Franklin Watts.

(ISBN: 0-531-11206-3)

Gilbert, Thomas (1997). *Baseball at war: World War II the fall of the color line*. Danbury, CT: Franklin Watts.

(ISBN: 0-531-11330-2)

Hammer, Trudy J. (1994). *The All-American girls professional baseball league*. Parsippany, NJ: Silver Burdett.

(ISBN: 1-57028-000-2)

Hastings, Penny (1999). *Sports for her: A reference guide for teenage girls*. Westport, CT: Greenwood.

(ISBN: 0-313-30551-X)

Hicks, Betty (2002). *I smell like ham*. Brookfield, CT: Millbrook.

(ISBN: 0-7613-1748-1)

Kelley, Brent P. (1998). *Voices form the Negro leagues: Conversations with 52 baseball standouts of the period 1924-1960*. Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Co.

(ISBN: 0-7864-0369-1)

Klass, David (2002). *Home of the bra*ves. New York: Farrar.

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Lannin, Joann (2000). *A history of basketball for girls and women: From bloomers to big leagues*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publishers.

Layden, Joe (1995). *The great American baseball strike*. Brookfield, CT: Millbrook.

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Margolis, Jeffrey (1999). *Violence in sports: Victory at what price?* Berkeley, NJ: Enslow Publishers.

(ISBN: 0-89490-961-4)

Porter, David (Ed.) (1995). *African-American sports greats: A biographical dictionary*. Westport, CT: Greenwood.

(ISBN: 0-313-28987-5)

# Raisman, A. (2017). *Fierce: How Competing for Myself Changed Everything.* Little, Brown Book Publisher.

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Steiner, Andy (1995). *A sporting chance: Sports and gender*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner.

(ISBN: 0-8225-3300-6)

Stewart, Mark (1999*). Basketball: A history of hoops*. Danbury, CT: Franklin Watts.

(ISBN: 0-531-11492-9).

Time for Kids Biographies (2005). *Jackie Robinson: Strong inside and out*. New York: Harper Collins.

(ISBN-10: 0060576006; ISBN-13: 978-0060576004).

Time for Kids Biographies (2005). *Jesse Owens: Running into history.*

New York: Harper Collins.

(ISBN-10: 0060576200; ISBN-13: 978-006057620)

Weiss, Ann E. (1993). *Money games: The business of sports.* Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

(ISBN: 0-395-57444-7)

Young, Perry D. (1995). *Lesbians and gays and sports*. Broomall, PA: Chelsea.

(ISBN: 0-7910-2951-4)

***High School Level (Grades 9-12)***

Araton, Harvey (2001). *Alive and kicking: When soccer moms take the field and change their lives forever*. New York: Simon & Schuster.

(ISBN: 0-0-684-87390-7)

Bachrach, Susan D. (2000). *The Nazi Olympics: Berlin 1936*. New York: Little, Brown & Company

(ISBN: 0-316-07086-6)

Bellos, Alex (2002). *Futebol: The Brazilian way of life*. London, UK: Bloomsbury Press.

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Collins, Ace, & Hillman, John (1999). *Blackball superstars: Legendary players of the negro baseball leagues*. Greensboro, NC: Avisson Press.

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Costas, Bob (2000). *Fairball: A fan’s case for baseball*. New York: Broadway Books.

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(ISBN: 1-56510-104-9)

Egendorf, Laura K. (Ed.) (1999). *Sports and athletes*. San Diego, CA: Greenhaven.

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Feinstein, John (2000). *The last amateurs: Playing for glory and honor in Division I, college basketball least known league*. New York: Little, Brown & Company.

(ISBN: 0-316-27701-0)

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Halberstam, David (Ed.) (1999). *The best American sports writing of the century*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

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