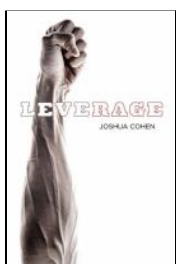


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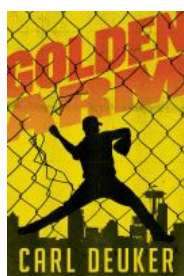
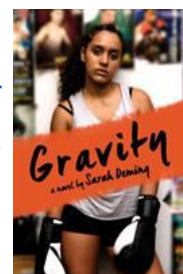


Leverage by Joshua Cohen | [YA COH](#)

High school sophomore Danny excels at gymnastics but is bullied, like the rest of the gymnasts, by members of the football team, until an emotionally and physically scarred new student joins the football team and forms an unlikely friendship with Danny.

Gravity by Sarah Deming | [YA DEM](#)

Sixteen-year-old Gravity Delgado has been breaking records and competitors since she started boxing with a legendary coach at age twelve, and now will reach the Olympics if her home life and romance do not distract her.



Golden Arm by Carl Deuker | [YA DEU](#)

Lazarus Weathers, a high school senior from the wrong side of the tracks, seeks to protect his half-brother while pitching his way out of poverty, one strike at a time. (from the catalog)

***Here to Stay by Sara Farizan | [YA FAR](#)**

Bijan is a varsity athlete at a Boston-area prep school whose otherwise ordinary life gets disrupted when a cyberbully torments him because of his Iranian-Jordanian heritage. (from *Kirkus*)



***See No Color by Shannon Gibney | [YA GIB](#)**

Alex has always identified herself as a baseball player, the daughter of a winning coach, but when she realizes that is not enough she begins to come to terms with her adoption and her race.

Checked by Cynthia Kadohata | [YA KAD](#)

An elite hockey player struggles with multiple real-world issues while sidelined from pursuing his dream of playing in the NHL. (from *Kirkus*)

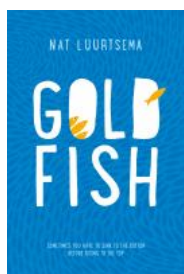


Losers Take All by David Klass | [YA KLA](#)

When a football coach-turned-principal enforces a new policy requiring every senior to join an athletic team, a group of self-professed geeks, oddballs, and other nonathletes creates a team that challenges the high school's long-standing sports culture. (from *Kirkus*)

***Pop by Gordon Korman | [YA KOR](#)**

Lonely after a midsummer move to a new town, sixteen-year-old high-school quarterback Marcus Jordan becomes friends with a retired professional linebacker who is great at training him, but whose childish behavior keeps Marcus in hot water.



***Goldfish by Nat Luurtsema | [YA LUU](#)**

Lou Brown is a fast individual medley swimmer, training for the Olympics. But when she tanks the time trials, she starts over and goes back to school. It's hard to fit in with the existing social groups. But then, she begins to coach boys in a different type of swimming activity, for a different type of competition.



Furia by Yamile Saied Mendez | [YA MEN](#)

Seventeen-year-old Camila Hassan, a rising soccer star in Rosario, Argentina, dreams of playing professionally, in defiance of her fathers' wishes and at the risk of her budding romance with Diego.

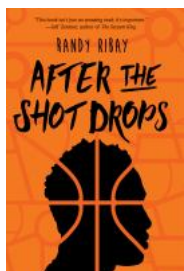


***Mike by Andrew Norriss | [YA NOR](#)**

Tennis-whiz Floyd knows exactly what he'll be when he grows up; Mike, a new, mysterious acquaintance, has other ideas. (from *Kirkus*)

***Fierce as the Wind by Tara Wilson Redd | [YA RED](#)**

In order to cope with a traumatic breakup and the uncertainty of life after high school, seventeen-year-old Miho decides to complete a triathlon and with the help of her family and friends learns just how far her determination can take her.



After the Shot Drops by Randy Ribay | [YA RIB](#)

Told from alternating perspectives, Bunny takes a basketball scholarship to an elite private school to help his family, leaving behind Nasir, his best friend, in their tough Philadelphia neighborhood.

The Berlin Boxing Club by Rob Sharenow | [YA SHA](#)

In 1936 Berlin, fourteen-year-old Karl Stern, considered Jewish despite a non-religious upbringing, learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust.

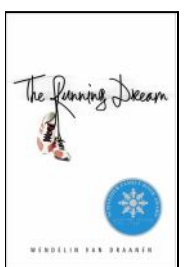


All the Things We Never Knew by Liara Tamani | [YA TAM](#)

Carli and Rex have an immediate connection, an understanding that must mean first love, but family secrets, disappointments--and basketball, which holds center stage in both their lives--all create complications.

The Easy Part of Impossible by Sarah Tomp | [YA TOM](#)

After an injury forces Ria off the diving team she forms an unexpected friendship with Cotton, a neuro-divergent boy who helps her to see that Coach Benny's training methods were actually abuse. Then Benny returns, offering Ria a second chance with a life-changing diving opportunity.



The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen | [YA VAN](#)

When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again.

***The Final Four by Paul Volponi | [YA VOL](#)**

Four players at the Final Four of the NCAA basketball tournament struggle with the pressures of tournament play and the expectations of society at large.



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