

# Sports Booklists for Young Adults

## BASKETBALL

### Danger Zone, Klass, David 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.

### Moves That Make the Man, Brooks, Bruce 1987

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

### Night Hoops, Deuker, Carl 2002

While trying to prove that he is good enough to be on his high school's varsity basketball team, Nick must also deal with his parents' divorce and the erratic behavior of a troubled classmate who lives across the street.

### Slam, Myers, Walter Dean 1996 (High School)

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

### Taking Sides, Soto, Gary 1991 (Bacon Free Library)

Fourteen-year-old Lincoln Mendoza, an aspiring basketball player, must come to terms with his divided loyalties when he moves from the Hispanic inner city to a white suburban neighborhood.

### Travel Team, Lupica, Mike 2004

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.

## SWIMMING

### Born in Sin, Coleman, Evelyn 2001

Despite serious obstacles and setbacks, fourteen-year-old Keisha pursues her dream of becoming an Olympic swimmer and medical doctor.

### In Lane Three, Alex Archer, Duder, Tessa 1987

Fifteen-year-old Alex struggles to overcome personal trauma and hardship as she competes with her arch rival for a place on the New Zealand swimming team participating in the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome.

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## On Different Shores, McVeity, Jen 1998

While participating in the rescue of a beached whale, Australian teenager Tess finally confronts her fear of swimming and begins to resolve her difficult relationship with her father.

## River Boy, Bowler, Tim 2002

Knowing that he is dying, Jess's grandfather insists on returning to the river he had known as a boy to finish a special painting and fulfill a life-long dream.

## Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes, Crutcher, Chris 2003

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 a high-school senior's attempt to answer a friend's dramatic cry for help.

## Stotan!, Crutcher, Chris 1986

A high school coach invites members of his swimming team to a memorable week of rigorous training that tests their moral fiber as well as their physical stamina.

## Whale Talk, Crutcher, Chris 2001

Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.