

#### **Ghost** by Jason Reynolds

Ghost. Lu. Patina. Sunny. Four kids from wildly different backgrounds with personalities that are explosive when they clash. But they are also four kids chosen for an elite middle school track

team -- a team that could qualify them for the Junior Olympics if they can get their acts together.



### **Press play ...** by Eric Devine

While making a documentary to get himself into film school, Greg accidentally captures footage of brutal and bloody hazing by the lacrosse team, and

he must decide whether to release the film or keep the secret.



#### **Booked** by Kwame Alexander

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a

bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

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#### **Game changer** by Tom Greenwald

While thirteen-year-old Teddy fights for his life after a football injury at training camp, his friends and family gather to support him and discuss

events leading to his coma. Told through dialogue, text messages, newspaper articles, transcripts, an online forum, and Teddy's inner thoughts.



### **The justice project** by Michael Betcherman

High-school football star Matt Barnes was on the top of the world until a freak snowboarding accident ended his promising sports career and left him

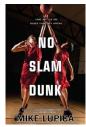
with a permanent limp. As he struggles to accept his changed body, Matt becomes depressed and isolated. Instead of college football camp, he faces a summer job at the local golf club.



## **Ball don't lie** by Matt de la Pena

Seventeen-year-old Sticky lives for basketball and plays at school and at the Lincoln Rec Center in Los Angeles but he is unaware of the many

dangers--including his own past--that threaten his dream of playing professionally.



# **No slam dunk** by Mike Lupica

In Annapolis, Maryland, seventh-grader Wes is a good teammate but this basketball season has been challenging because of his ball hog teammate Dinero,

who is determined to steal the spotlight, and Wes's army veteran father who is suffering from PTSD.



#### **The big game** by Tim Green

Danny Owens is dedicating his seventhgrade football season to his recentlydeceased father, an NFL legend, but the pressure to succeed is magnified by his

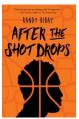
inability to read.



## **Running with lions** by Julian Winters

Bloomington High School Lions' star goalie Sebastian Hughes should be excited about his senior year: His teammates are amazing, and he's got a coach who

doesn't ask anyone to hide their sexuality. But when his estranged childhood-best-friend Emir Shah shows up at summer training camp, Sebastian realizes the team's success may end up in the hands of the one guy who hates him. Determined to reconnect with Emir for the sake of the Lions, he sets out to regain Emir's trust. But to Sebastian's surprise, sweaty days on the pitch, wandering the town's streets, and bonding on the weekends spark more than just friendship between them.



### **After the shot drops** by Randy Ribay

Told from alternating perspectives, Bunny takes a basketball scholarship to an elite private school to help his f amily, leaving behind Nasir, his best

friend, in their tough Philadelphia neighborhood.



#### **Rocket blues** by David Skuy

When Rocket gets cut from his AAA bantam hockey team, he needs to re-evaluate his priorities. With no other teams interested in him, Bryan

reluctantly joins a AA team, the Blues, at his best friend Maddy's insistence.



## **Breakaway** by Michael Betcherman

After Nick Macklin's father is given a life sentence for a crime he says he didn't commit, Nick devotes himself to discovering the truth and seeking

justice for his father.



# A season of daring greatly by Ellen White

After making history as the first female pitcher drafted by a major league baseball team, eighteen-year-old Jill Cafferty struggles with the pressures of living up

to impossible expectations.