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### *Whale Talk*

Harper Collins  
Willie Weaver  
used to be a  
hero. Now  
he's nothing.  
Willie is a top  
athlete, the  
star of the  
legendary

game against  
Crazy Horse  
Electric. Then  
a freak  
accident robs  
him of his  
once-amazing  
physical  
talents.  
Betrayed by  
his family, his  
girlfriend, and  
his own body,  
Willie's on the  
run, penniless  
and terrified

on the streets,  
where he  
must fight to  
rebuild both  
his body and  
his life.

**Careers in  
Focus** Harper  
Collins  
It's the last  
inning of a  
high school  
baseball game  
between arch-  
rivals Oak  
Grove and

<p>Compton. Center fielder Luke "Wizard" Wallace steps up to the plate--and is hit by a beanball, a wild pitch that shatters his skull, destroys the vision in his left eye, and changes his life forever. In this riveting novel, the events surrounding this pivotal moment are recounted through free- verse monologues by 28 different voices, including those of Luke and his Oak Grove teammates;</p>	<p>the pitcher, Kyle Dawkins, and other Compton players; the two coaches; Luke's family members and teachers; and Sarah Edgerton, a new classmate who seems more affected by Luke's injury than his girlfriend is. With its unusual format, gripping subject matter, and economy of language, Beanball is a thought- provoking, fast-paced read. <i>Beanball</i></p>	<p>HarperCollins Provides information on banned books and ways to organize programs in support of the First Amendment. <i>Sports Athletic ShortsSix Short Stories</i> Contains a bibliography of books for young adults that deal with sports and includes over 3,000 titles. <u>Ultimate Sports</u> Simon and Schuster Wes' life has been nothing but one tragedy after another since he went to see a game at Yankee</p>
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Stadium, and it can all be traced back to one man: all-star shortstop Derek Jeter. Now, Derek Jeter must pay. This short story from the collection *Guys Read: The Sports Pages* is a winner.

**Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes**

Harper Collins  
A boy . . . a witch . . . and a totally sinister paradise: that's what Marcus gets when his mom rents a scuzzy trailer and parks it near a dirty, noisy beach. Some

vacation! Marcus would rather play video games anyway, but when he discovers a staircase underneath the trailer, it looks as if he may be in for some kind of multilevel, multiplayer experience controlled by a complete nightmare of a witch. It's just like a game—except it's all too real. The author of *Evil Genius* spins a brilliantly compelling yarn of a journey into a dark and twisted

land—because once you enter the Paradise Trap, there's no guarantee that you'll ever leave!

**A Novel**

HarperCollins  
The notorious Nikitin drug cartel has ruined the lives of many people, and has left a trail of death in its wake. Jan 'Jesse' Schild is one of these people. When his wife and young daughter are killed in an explosion of one of Nikitin's drug labs, his life is turned upside down. In the process

of rebuilding his life, he is attracted to another young woman whose life is also threatened by Nikitin. Jesse vows that Nikitin will never take another innocent life. With allies and villains everywhere you turn, will the Nikitin cartel finally meet its end?  
*Period 8*  
HarperCollins Defines the top twenty-two careers in sports-related fields, discussing the nature of the work, educational or training

requirements, getting started, advancement possibilities, salary, employment outlook, and sources of more information.  
*Sports Akashic Books*  
When a family argument turns into an urgent hunt for a missing child, seventeen-year-old Annie Boots must do everything in her power to bring her nephew home safely. Chris Crutcher, the acclaimed and bestselling author of *Staying Fat for*

Sarah Byrnes, shares a provocative story about family, loss, and loyalty that is perfect for fans of Jason Reynolds and Laurie Halse Anderson. The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books called *Losers Bracket* "Genuine and affecting." When it comes to family, Annie is in the losers bracket. While her foster parents are great (mostly), her birth family would not have been her first pick. And

no matter how many times Annie tries to write them out of her life, she always gets sucked back into their drama. Love is like that. But when a family argument breaks out at Annie's swim meet and her nephew goes missing, Annie might be the only one who can get him back. With help from her friends, her foster brother, and her social service worker, Annie puts the pieces of the puzzle together, determined to

find her nephew and finally get him into a safe home. Award-winning author Chris Crutcher's books are strikingly authentic and unflinchingly honest. *Losers Bracket* is by turns gripping, heartbreaking, hopeful, and devastating, and hits the sweet spot for fans of Andrew Smith and Marieke Nijkamp. **Love, Football, and Other Contact Sports** American Library Assn In this terrifying and

provocative novel by the bestselling and award-winning author of *Deadline* and *Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes*, a teenage boy tries to uncover what happened to a girl who has vanished from his high school. Was she abducted, or did she run for her life? Paul "The Bomb" Baum tells the truth. No matter what. It was something he learned at Sunday school. But telling the truth can cause

problems, and not just minor ones. And as Paulie discovers, finding the truth can be even more problematic. Period 8 is supposed to be that one period in high school where the truth can shine, a safe haven. Only what Paulie and Hannah (his ex-girlfriend, unfortunately) and his other classmates don't know is that the ultimate liar is in their midst. Terrifying, thought-provoking, and original,

this novel combines all the qualities of a great psychological thriller with the controversy, ethics, athletics, humor, and raw emotion of a classic Crutcher story. *Banned Books Libraries Unlimited Sports: The Ultimate Teen Guide* looks at a wide variety of topics related to high school sports—everything from choosing a sport to preparing to play at the college level.

This book provides up-to-date information on sports-related issues, practical tips, and valuable resources for high school athletes of all levels, from freshman novices to highly competitive seniors. **Chris Crutcher** Egmont USA Stotan: A cross between a Stoic and a Spartin It's the last swimming season for Walker, Nortie, Lion, and Jeff, and their coach is building their self-discipline

in a grueling four-hour-a-day test of stamina designed to bring them to the outer edge of their capabilities. As it turns out, Stotan Week is also the week in which secrets are revealed, and the four friends must draw upon their new strengths for an endurance they never knew they'd need. Harper Collins A collection of stories about high school students from one end of the social spectrum to

the other. **Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom** Harper Collins Athletic ShortsSix Short StoriesHarper Collins Respot the Pin Studies in Young Adult Literature Billy Bartholomew has an audacious soul, and he knows it. Why? Because it's all he has left. He's dead. Eddie Proffit has an equally audacious soul, but he doesn't know it. He's still alive. These

days, Billy and Eddie meet on the sledding hill, where they used to spend countless hours -- until Billy kicked a stack of Sheetrock over on himself, breaking his neck and effectively hitting tilt on his Earthgame. The two were inseparable friends. They still are. And Billy is not about to let a little thing like death stop him from hanging in there with Eddie in his epic struggle



to get his life  
back on track.  
Izzy, Willy-  
Nilly Laurel  
Leaf  
A knockout  
collection of  
16 original  
stories  
featuring  
young adults  
playing  
basketball and  
football,  
running track  
and cross-  
country, and  
training for  
the triathlon.  
Challenges  
abound in  
water sports,  
racquetball  
and tennis,  
boxing and  
wrestling, and  
the "ultimate"  
sport of the  
future.  
Catching  
Jordan  
Hachette UK

Bo Brewster  
has been at  
war with his  
father for as  
long as he can  
remember.  
Following  
angry  
outbursts at  
his football  
coach and  
English  
teacher that  
have cost him  
his spot on the  
football team  
and moved  
him  
dangerously  
close to  
expulsion  
from school,  
he turns to the  
only adult he  
believes will  
listen: Larry  
King. In his  
letters to  
Larry, Bo  
describes his  
quest for  
excellence on

his own terms.  
No more  
coaches for  
me, he tells  
the talk show  
icon, no more  
dads. I'm  
going to be a  
triathlete, an  
Ironman.  
Relegated to  
Mr. Nak's  
before-school  
Anger  
Management  
group (which  
he initially  
believes to be  
populated  
with future  
serial killers  
and freeway  
snipers), Bo  
meets a hard-  
edged, down-  
on-their-luck  
pack of  
survivors with  
stainless steel  
shields  
against the  
world that Bo

comes to see are not so different from his own. It is here he meets and falls in love with Shelly, a future American Gladiator, whose passion for physical challenge more than matches his. Ironman is a funny, sometimes heartbreaking story about growing up in the heart of struggle. It is about standing up, getting knocked down, and standing up again. It is about being

heard--and learning to listen. Dairy Queen Infobase Publishing Ten stories guaranteed to put you in the ring, under the basket, and right behind home plate, from the following perennial all-stars: Dustin Brown James Brown Joseph Bruchac Chris Crutcher Tim Green Dan Gutman Gordon Korman Chris Rylander Anne Ursu Jacqueline Woodson with illustrations by Dan Santat *Stotan!* Farrar,

Straus and Giroux John Coy turns to the high-stakes world of high school basketball in this fast-paced YA novel--now in paperback with new cover art! Sophomore Liam Bergstrom just joined the varsity basketball team. His teammates made varsity because they're good. Liam's here because he's tall and Coach needs a guy who can grab rebounds. It's the chance Liam's been waiting for,

but already he's playing catch-up. The other guys know what Coach expects, and they're willing to do things Coach's way, no matter what. So when Liam questions the team's practice of praying together	before games, he's suddenly the odd man out. Now Liam has to find the guts to stand up for what he believes in-- and take his game to a whole new level. <i>King of the Mild Frontier</i> Harper Collins For a rugged outdoor man	and his family, life in northern Minnesota is a wild experience involving wolves, deer, and the sled dogs that make their way of life possible. Includes an account of the author's first Iditarod, a dogsled race across Alaska.
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