

## On your mark, get set...

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***A is for Axel: An Ice Skating Alphabet*** by Kurt Browning

Four-time World Champion and professional figure skater Kurt Browning replaces his boots and blades with pen and paper in this book. From holding an edge to laces and hooks, Kurt glides and dances through the alphabet explaining the history, techniques, and memorable moments of the sport.  
E ALPHABET BROWNING

***Backup Goalie*** by Jake Maddox

Jamie thought everything was perfect on his hockey team. But when the goalie is injured, Jamie has to step in to play the unfamiliar position. With the state championship at stake, can Jamie help his team skate to victory—or are they all on thin ice?  
J MADDOX, J PAP 1M

***Breaking the Ice*** by Gail Nall

Twelve-year-old skater Kaitlin dreams of becoming an Olympic figure skating champion. While competing in a high stakes Championship meet where it feels like everything is on the line, Kaitlin has a disappointing performance. Is her skating journey over before it begins or will she dig deep and get back on the ice where she belongs? J NALL

***The Chicken Doesn't Skate***  
by Gordon Korman

Wild things happen at the South Middle School when Milo's science project, Henrietta the chicken, becomes the hockey team's masco and their only chance for a winning season. J PAP 1-K

***Free Baseball*** by Sue Corbett

Angry with his mother for having too little time for him, eleven-year-old Felix takes advantage of an opportunity to become bat boy for a minor league baseball team, hoping to someday be like his father, a famous Cuban outfielder. J CORBETT

***Gabby Douglas: Golden Smile, Golden Triumph (GymStars Series # 4)*** by Christine Dzidrums

At just fourteen years old, gymnast Gabby Douglas left behind her close-knit family in Virginia Beach, Virginia, to train under Liang Chow, famed coach of Olympic legend Shawn Johnson. The move to Iowa was not an easy decision for the focused teenager. For many months she suffered serious bouts of homesickness. Still, the girl with the golden smile believed her sacrifice would someday lead her to Olympic Gold. JB DOUGLAS 2012

***H is for Home Run : A Baseball Alphabet Book*** by Brad Herzog

Now anyone can be one of the “boys or girls of summer” and get a home plate view of America's favorite pastime in this book. *H is for Home Run* brings the game of baseball to entertaining and informative life.  
E ALPHABET HERZOG

***Honus and Me*** by Dan Gutman

Joey, who plays baseball but is not very good at it, finds a valuable 1909 Honus Wagner card and travels back in time to meet Honus.  
J SCIENCE FICTION GUTMAN

***Nancy Clancy, Soccer Mania (Fancy Nancy Clancy # 6)***  
by Jane O'Connor

Normally Nancy doesn't like dressing like everyone else. But wearing a soccer uniform—well, that's different. Nancy adores being on the Green Goblins. If only she wasn't cursed with slow legs! All Nancy wants is to be mediocre—or maybe a little better than average. Will she reach her goal? This new chapter book has plenty of humor and sports action and was written expressly for kids like Nancy who aren't the star of their team. J O'CONNOR

***The Puzzling World of Winston Been***  
by Eric Berlin

Puzzle-crazy, twelve-year-old Winston and his ten-year-old sister, Katie, find themselves involved in a dangerous mystery involving a hidden ring. Puzzles for the reader to solve are included throughout the text. If you like *Encyclopedia Brown*, you'll love Winston Breen. J MYS BERLIN

**Secret of the Forbidden City**  
(*Treasure Hunters Series # 3*)  
by James Patterson

Bick and Beck Kidd are desperately trying to secure the ancient Chinese artifact that will buy their mother's freedom from renegade pirates. But when the kidnapers force them to locate an even greater treasure—priceless paintings stolen by Nazis, the Kidds must rely on their own cunning and experience to outwit the criminals, all while their mom's life is on the line. J PATTERSON

**Snowboard Champ**  
by Matt Christopher

While his mother is working overseas, Matt Harper is living temporarily with his uncle in Dragon Valley, where he practices his snowboard technique and contends with a local bully. J PAP 1

**Stink and the Attack of the Slime Mold** by Megan McDonald

Glip! Glop! Gloop! What looks like dog vomit, smells like a corpse flower, and stars in one of the scariest movies Stink Moody has ever seen? Is it the Blob? The Glob? Son of Glob? No, its...slime mold! Stink may be a super science geek, but even Dr. Stinkelstein is feeling freaked out about having a slime mold in his very own room. When he learns that these one-celled organisms are smart enough to find their way out of mazes and gang up on food sources, who says they aren't smart enough to take over Stink's pets, Stink himself, and... the world? J MCDONALD

**Tales from a Not-So-Happily Ever After (Dork Diaries # 8)**  
by Rachel Renee Russell

After a bump on the head in gym class on April Fool's Day, Nikki has a wild dream in which she, her BFFS Chloe and Zoey, her crush Brandon and mean girl MacKenzie all end up playing the roles of some familiar classic fairy tale characters. Of course, the stories don't go quite as expected—because they each have a very special Dork Diaries spin! J RUSSELL

**The Terrible Two Get Worse**  
(*Terrible Two series # 2*)  
by Mac Barnett

On their own, pranksters Miles and Niles were pretty devious. Now that they've formed a pranking duo, they're terrible! Their powers will be tested when their favorite nemesis, Principal Barkin, is replaced by his stern and cunning father, former Principal Barkin. Now Miles and Niles will do just about anything to get their old antagonist back—including pranking alongside him. J BARNETT

**Timmy Failure : Sanitized for Your Protection** by Stephan Pastis

In this fourth volume of Timmy Failure's memoirs, Timmy is forced to hit the road in a cross-country trip that includes his mom, Total the polar bear, Doorman Dave and smells-like-a-tangerine criminal mastermind Milly Moskins. It's a world gone mad, where good becomes bad, and Timmy Failure is a condemned man. J PASTIS

**What is the Super Bowl?**  
by Dina Anastasio

With over 100 million viewers every year, the Super Bowl is one of the most watched television events in the United States. This final showdown between the best football teams in the NFL attracts some of the biggest musicians to perform at the half-time show. But this game is more than just a spectacle. It's a high stakes game to win the championship and claim a place in history. J 796.332 ANA 2015

**Who Was Babe Ruth?**  
by Joan Holub

Babe Ruth came from a poor Baltimore family. As a kid, he was a handful. It was at a reform school that Babe discovered his talent for baseball, and by the age of nineteen, he was on his way to becoming a sports legend. Kids will learn all about the Home Run King in this rags-to-riches sports biography. JB RUTH 2012

**Wilma Rudolph: Olympic Runner**  
by Jo Harper

Born in Clarksville, Tennessee, Wilma Rudolph would set world records in women's track and win a bronze medal in the 1958 Olympics while still in high school. While in college, Rudolph would become the first American woman to win three gold medals in the 1960 Olympics. Struggling to balance her athletics, family and education throughout much of her life, Rudolph died of a brain tumor in 1994. JB RUDOLPH 2014

**You Wouldn't Want to Be a Greek Athlete!** by Michael Ford

Readers are thrust into the life of a growing boy during fifth-century Greece. At the age of six, your father takes charge of your life and the first thing to go are your toys. If you are a citizen, you have the privilege to go to school and will train in sports. At the age of eighteen, you train as a soldier to prove that you are ready to become a citizen of Greece. If your father decides he wants you to train for the Olympics rather than the army, you start on a long journey by foot to the sanctuary at Olympia where you have ten months to train and make offerings to the sacred god Zeus. Do you think you have the physical stamina to survive? J 796.48 FOR 2014

