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SPORTS STORIES

Title: [Athletic shorts](#)
Author: Crutcher, Chris
Call No: YA-PB Crutc
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Six stories of love & death, bigotry & heroism, of real people doing their best, even when that best isn't very good.

Title: [Blind beauty](#)
Author: K.M. Peyton
Call No: YA FIC Payto
Locations: BCRL, PBRL
Annotation: Teenage Tessa's passion for riding and her love for an ugly horse named Buffoon help her endure an unhappy life in the English countryside with a hateful stepfather.

Title: [Born in sin](#)
Author: Coleman, Evelyn
Call No: YA-PB Colem
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, PBRL, WO
Annotation: "I've seen you swim, girl. You're the best. And whenever you're ready you can win. Or, you can give up."

Title: [Bull catcher](#)
Author: Carter, Alden
Call No: YA-PB Carte
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, MA, WO
Annotation: Neil "Bull" Larsen is prompted to take a closer look at his life and learn some important lessons about himself when he submits his four year baseball diary as his senior project.

Title: [Damage](#)
Author: Jenkins, A.M.
Call No: YA-PB Jenki
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, WO
Annotation: "What you really want to do is give up trying. Lay your head down... & quit breathing, quit trying. The problem is, you can't."

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Title: [Dancer](#)
Author: Hewett, Lorri
Call No: YA-PB Hewet
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Sixteen year old Stephanie struggles to perfect her ballet dancing as her classes are complicated by a new male dancer.

Title: [Darkness before dawn](#)
Author: Draper, Sharon
Call No: YA-PB Drape
Locations: BCRL, KL, PBRL
Annotation: In her senior year, things are finally looking a little brighter for Keisha. Still haunted by the suicide of her ex-boyfriend, Andy, she finds comfort in the attentions of the new track coach, twenty-three-year-old Jonathan Hathaway, the principal's son. Keisha falls for Jonathan, and suddenly this intoxicating relationship takes a frightening turn, and Keisha is once again plunged into the darkness she's fought so hard to escape.

Title: [High heat](#)
Author: Deuker, Carl
Call No: YA-PB Deuke
Locations: MA, PBRL
Annotation: Like the game of baseball, life is quirky and unpredictable, as Shane Hunter discovers when his father is accused of a crime. Shane's world is turned upside down, and he's not sure if he ever wants to--or even can—pitch again.

Title: [How far would you have gotten if I hadn't called you back?](#)
Author: Hobbs, Valerie
Call No: YA-PB Hobbs
Locations: DC, KL, MA, WO
Annotation: When sixteen year old Bronwyn Lewis's family uproots itself and moves across the country to sleepy Ojala, California, Bron is caught off-guard by the effortless cool of her new classmates. In order to make it in Ojala, Bron will have to remake herself. And so she does, putting aside her studies to drag race, hang out, and meet boys. Soon she's involved in an intense love triangle -- with no easy solutions.

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Title: [Night hoops](#)
Author: Deuker, Carl
Call No: YA-PB Deuke
Locations: AN, DC, PBRL, WO
Annotation: 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 behaviour of a troubled classmate who lives across the street.

Title: [Playing without the ball](#)
Author: Wallace, Rich
Call No: YA-PB Walla
Locations: AN, BCRL, KL, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Jay's mother walked out when he was 9, his dad, who took a job thousands of miles away and let him stay above a bar in a one-room apartment, and his basketball coach saw his talent but chose youth over determination. But just when senior year seems a waste life begins to click again. The church league gives him some of the best basketball he's ever played, and the right girl gives him a second chance.

Title: [The runner](#)
Author: Voigt, Cynthia
Call No: YA FIC Voigt
Locations: AN, DC, KL, WO
Annotation: Bullet runs. It's what he does best. But can he keep running away from his problems?

Title: [Running loose](#)
Author: Crutcher, Chris
Call No: YA-PB Crutc
Locations: DC, WO
Annotation: Louie Banks is a senior in high school who has everything he wants in life: a car, a starting spot on the football team, good friends, and the girl of his dreams. But his hopes and dreams are shattered as everything he knows about sportsmanship, fair play, love and life, are suddenly snatched away from him.

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Title: [Sloppy firsts](#)
Author: McGafferty, Megan
Call No: YA FIC McGaf
Locations: BCRL, PBRL
Annotation: When her best friend, Hope Weaver, moves away, Jessica Darling is devastated. A fish out of water at school and a stranger at home, Jessica feels more lost than ever now that the only person with whom she could really communicate has gone. How is she supposed to deal with the boy- and shopping-crazy girls at school, her dad's obsession with her track meets, her mother salivating over big sister Bethany's lavish wedding, and her nonexistent love life?

Title: [St. Michael's scales](#)
Author: Connelly, Neil
Call No: YA-PB Conne
Locations: AN, BCRL, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Only a curmudgeonly coach, a wild card wrestler named Nicky, and an acknowledged place on the school's underdog wrestling team stand between Keegan and all eternity. But will they be enough to encourage an underweight, overwrought wrestler who's lost his will to fight?

Title: [Stand tall](#)
Author: Bauer, Joan
Call No: YA-PB Bauer
Locations: BCRL, KL, MA, WO, PBRL
Annotation: Tree, a 6 foot 3 inch 12 year old, copes with his parents' recent divorce and his failure as an athlete, by helping his grandfather, a Vietnam vet and recent amputee, and Sophie, a new girl at school.

Title: [Summerland](#)
Author: Chabon, Michael
Call No: YA FIC Chabon
Locations: AN, BCRL, PBRL
Annotation: Ethan Feld, the worst baseball player in the history of the game, finds himself recruited by a 100-year-old scout to help a band of fairies triumph over an ancient enemy.

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Title: [Tangerine](#)
Author: Bloor, Edward
Call No: YA-PB Bloor
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: A rough new school, tough new friends, and success on the soccer field give Paul the courage to take down his bullying older brother, confront his parents about an old horrifying family secret, and solve a grisly murder.

Title: [Three clams and an oyster](#)
Author: Powell, Randy
Call No: YA-PB Powel
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Who are you going to pick to be the new guy for your team: the stoner, the girl, or the guy with the roadkill hairdo?

Title: [Warrior angel](#)
Author: Lipsyte, Robert
Call No: YA-PB Lipy
Locations: BCRL, PBRL
Annotation: Sonny Bear, the Tomahawk Kid, is on a fast downhill slide with the heavyweight championship at stake. He hardly knows who he is anymore, or why he should keep on fighting. Then the first e-mail arrives. Do not lose heart. I come on a Mission from the Creator to save you. -- Warrior Angel.