

# Sports

## For Older Readers



### Breakaway

by Andrea Montalbano

When seventh-grade soccer star LJ befriends Tabitha, LJ learns to curb her competitive nature, which has been slowly alienating her friends. **710 Lexile**

### \* Under Pressure

by Alex Morgan

Excitedly reuniting with her teammates at the beginning of a new school soccer season, Devin aspires to win a championship and faces the escalating pressures of higher expectations that her teammates worry they will not be able to meet. **690 Lexile**



### \* Ghost

by Jason Reynolds

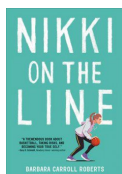
Aspiring to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school's track team, gifted runner Ghost finds his goal challenged by a tragic past with a violent father. **730**

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### Nikki on the Line

by Barbara Carroll Roberts

Nikki, thirteen, dreams of being a great basketball player but struggles on her new, elite team while also juggling school stress, her non-traditional family, and revelations about her biological father. **840 Lexile**



### The Hero Two Doors Down

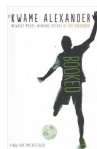
by Sharon Robinson

A tale based on a true story follows the experiences of a young Jewish boy in Brooklyn who befriends baseball icon Jackie Robinson before a well-intentioned mistake

helps bridge disparate religious and cultural gaps. **640 Lexile @**

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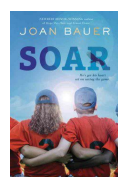
by Kwame Alexander

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. **660 Lexile @**

### Beyond Lucky

by Sarah Aronson

Aspiring young goalie Ari Fish finds his athletic skills floundering in the face of a dispute between his best friend and the new girl on the team. **550 Lexile**



### Soar

by Joan Bauer

When his adoptive father accepts a temporary job, 12-year-old Jeremiah, a heart transplant recipient, has sixty days to find a baseball team to coach. **510 Lexile @**

### \* Play Ball!

by Matt Christopher

Eleven-year-old cousins, Liam and Carter, grew up playing baseball together. Now their team is on the verge of winning the Little League Baseball World Series, but challenges lie ahead. **700 Lexile @**



### The Mighty Dynamo

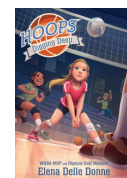
by Kieran Crowley

When he is banned from his school's soccer team for an infraction he didn't commit, Noah must find his own way to enter the Schools' World Cup tournament and joins up with an unlikely cast of teammates. **760 Lexile**

### \* Digging Deep

by Elena Delle Donne

Twelve-year-old Elle, unsure about quitting the basketball team, fills in for an injured volleyball player and is surprised at how much less pressure she feels. **640 Lexile**



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## Cover-Up : Mystery at the Super Bowl

by John Feinstein

As the Super Bowl draws near, teens Steve and Susan learn that the entire offensive line of the California Dreams have failed their doping tests and that the Dreams' owner is trying to cover up the test results. **780 Lexile @**



## Gold Medal Winter

by Donna Freitas

Realizing her dream of competing in the Olympics after years of training and sacrifice, figure skater Espi is frustrated by intrusive media attention, a schedule that separates her from her friends, and

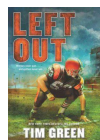
sophisticated teammates who doubt her abilities. **760 Lexile**

## \* Baseball Genius

by Tim Green

An everyday kid with a talent for predicting baseball pitches is caught stealing baseballs from his favorite New York Yankees player, who agrees not to press charges if the boy will help him recover from a difficult batting slump.

**750 Lexile @**



## Left Out

by Tim Green

Struggling to overcome his hearing impairment and the way others see him because of it, Landon uses his height and

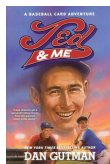
strength to prove himself on the football team without initial success before befriending a star player who understands how Landon feels about being different.

**800 Lexile @**

## \* Ted & Me

by Dan Gutman

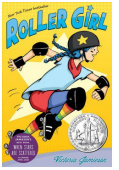
When Stosh travels back to 1941 in hopes of preventing the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, he meets Ted Williams, one of the greatest hitters in baseball history. **630 Lexile @**



## Roller Girl

by Victoria Jamieson

A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart. **440 Lexile @ GN**



## \* Fast Break

by Derek Jeter

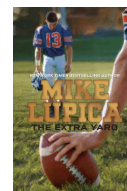
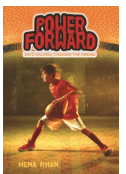
Young Derek worries that he may be in over his head when he decides to enter the school talent show and simultaneously try out for the basketball team after he realizes

how much work goes into each. **690 Lexile**

## \* Power Forward

by Hena Khan

Fourth-grader Zayd yearns to play basketball on the Gold Team, but when he skips orchestra rehearsal to practice, his parents forbid anything basketball-related, and tryouts are coming soon. **600 Lexile**



## The Extra Yard

by Mike Lupica

Teddy has been training all summer to make the new travel football team in Walton, but when his long-absent dad comes back to town and into his life, he is faced with a much bigger challenge. **780 Lexile @**

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## Point Guard

by Mike Lupica

The bond between Gus and Cassie is tested when Cassie is offered a spot on the boys' basketball team, a situation that is further complicated by racist beliefs as expressed by a local political candidate and his son, another teammate. **810 Lexile**

