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Michael Bennett is a Super Bowl Champion, a three-time Pro Bowl defensive end, a fearless activist, a feminist, an organizer, and a change maker. He's also one of the most humorous athletes on the planet, and he wants to make you uncomfortable. Bennett adds his voice to discussions of racism and police violence, Black athletes and their relationship to powerful institutions like the NCAA and the NFL, the role of protest in history, and the responsibilities

of athletes as role models to speak out against injustice. Following in the footsteps of activist-athletes from Muhammad Ali to Colin Kaepernick, Bennett demonstrates his outspoken leadership both on and off the field. Written with award-winning sportswriter and author Dave Zirin, *Sitting Down to Stand Up* is a sports book for young people who want to make a difference, a memoir, and a book as hilarious and engaging as it is illuminating.

The Meaning Of Sports

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The Half Has Never Been Told University of Texas Press

From journalist Abe Streeb, the story of coming of age on a reservation in the American West and a team uniting a community March 11, 2017, was a night to remember. On that night, in front of the hopeful eyes of thousands of friends, family members, and fans, the Arlee Warriors would finally bring the high school

basketball state championship title home to Montana ' s Flathead Indian Reservation. The game would become the stuff of legend, with the boys revered as local heroes. The team ' s place in history was now cemented, but for starters Will Mesteth, Jr. and Phillip Malatare, life would keep moving on—senior year was only just beginning. In *Brothers on Three*, we follow Phil and Will, along with their teammates, coaches, and families, as they balance the pressures of adolescence, shoulder the dreams of their community, and chart their own individual courses for the future. And in doing so, a picture emerges of the challenges of growing up as Indigenous youth in the contemporary American West. *Brothers on Three* is not simply a story about high school basketball, about state championships and a winning team. It is a book about community, and it is about boys on the cusp of adulthood, finding their way

through the intersecting worlds they inhabit and forging their own paths to personhood.

A Choice of Weapons
Random House of Canada
The extraordinary life of Jackie Robinson is illuminated as never before in this full-scale biography by Arnold Rampersad, who was chosen by Jack's widow, Rachel, to tell her husband's story, and was given unprecedented access to his private papers. We are brought closer than we have ever been to the great ballplayer, a man of courage and quality who became a pivotal figure in the areas of race and civil rights. Born in the rural South, the son of a sharecropper, Robinson was reared in southern California. We see him blossom there as a student-athlete as he struggled against poverty and racism

to uphold the beliefs instilled in him by his mother--faith in family, education, America, and God. We follow Robinson through World War II, when, in the first wave of racial integration in the armed forces, he was commissioned as an officer, then court-martialed after refusing to move to the back of a bus. After he plays in the Negro National League, we watch the opening of an all-American drama as, late in 1945, Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers recognized Jack as the right player to break baseball's color barrier--and the game was forever changed. Jack's never-before-published letters open up his relationship with his family, especially his wife, Rachel, whom he married just as his perilous venture of

integrating baseball life. We see his began. Her memories are a major resource of the narrative as we learn about the severe harassment Robinson endured from teammates and opponents alike; about death threats and exclusion; about joy and remarkable success. We watch his courageous response to abuse, first as a stoic endurer, then as a fighter who epitomized courage and defiance. We see his growing friendship with white players like Pee Wee Reese and the black teammates who followed in his footsteps, and his embrace by Brooklyn's fans. We follow his blazing career: 1947, Rookie of the Year; 1949, Most Valuable Player; six pennants in ten seasons, and 1962, induction into the Hall of Fame. But sports were merely one aspect of his

business ventures, his leading role in the community, his early support of Martin Luther King Jr., his commitment to the civil rights movement at a crucial stage in its evolution; his controversial associations with Eisenhower, Kennedy, Nixon, Humphrey, Goldwater, Nelson Rockefeller, and Malcolm X. Rampersad's magnificent biography leaves us with an indelible image of a principled man who was passionate in his loyalties and opinions: a baseball player who could focus a crowd's attention as no one before or since; an activist at the crossroads of his people's struggle; a dedicated family man whose last years were plagued by illness and tragedy, and who died prematurely at

fifty-two. He was a pathfinder, an American hero, and he now has the biography he deserves.

On the Shoulders of

Giants

Peter Lang Incorporated, International Academic Publishers
When high jumper Alice Coachman won the high jump title at the 1941 national championships with "a spectacular leap," African American women had been participating in competitive sport for close to twenty-five years. Yet it would be another twenty years before they would experience something akin to the national fame and recognition that African American men had known since the 1930s, the days of Joe Louis and Jesse Owens. From the 1920s, when black women athletes were confined to competing within the black

community, through the heady days of the late twentieth century when they ruled the world of women's track and field, African American women found sport opened the door to a better life. However, they also discovered that success meant challenging perceptions that many Americans--both black and white--held of them. Through the stories of six athletes--Coachman, Ora Washington, Althea Gibson, Wilma Rudolph, Wyomia Tyus, and Jackie Joyner-Kersey--Jennifer H. Lansbury deftly follows the emergence of black women athletes from the African American community; their confrontations with contemporary attitudes of race, class, and gender; and their encounters with the

civil rights movement. Uncovering the various strategies the athletes use to beat back stereotypes, Lansbury explores the fullness of African American women's relationship with sport in the twentieth century.

Darwin's Athletes
University of Arkansas Press

Triumphant wins, gut-wrenching losses, last-second shots, underdogs, competition, and loyalty--it's fun to be a fan. But when a football player takes a hit to the head after yet another study has warned of the dangers of CTE, or when a team whose mascot was born in an era of racism and bigotry takes the field, or when a relief pitcher accused of domestic violence saves the game, how is one to cheer? Welcome to the club for sports fans who care too much. In *Loving Sports When They Don't Love You Back*, acclaimed sports writers Jessica Luther and Kavitha A. Davidson tackle the most pressing issues

in sports, why they matter, and how we can do better. For the authors, "sticking to sports" is not an option--not when our taxes are paying for the stadiums, and college athletes aren't getting paid at all. But simply quitting a favorite team won't change corrupt and deplorable practices, and the root causes of many of these problems are endemic in our wider society. An essential read for modern fans, *Loving Sports When They Don't Love You Back* challenges the status quo and explores how we might begin to reconcile our conscience with our fandom.

A Spectacular Leap
National Geographic Books

Near the end of a long season, fourteen-year-old baseball pitcher Ben Hyman approached his father with disappointing, if not surprising, news: his pitching shoulder was tired. With each throw to home plate, he felt a twinge in his still maturing arm.

Any doctor would have advised the young boy to take off the rest of the season. Author Mark Hyman sent his son out to pitch the next game. After all, it was play-off time. Stories like these are not uncommon. Over the last seventy-five years, adults have staged a hostile takeover of kids' sports. In 2003 alone, more than 3.5 million children under age fifteen required medical treatment for sports injuries, nearly half of which were the result of simple overuse. The quest to turn children into tomorrow's superstar athletes has often led adults to push them beyond physical and emotional limits. In *Until It Hurts*, journalist, coach, and sports dad Mark Hyman explores how youth sports reached this problematic state.

His investigation takes him from the Little League World Series in Pennsylvania to a prestigious Chicago soccer club, from adolescent golf and tennis superstars in Atlanta to California volleyball players. He interviews dozens of children, parents, coaches, psychologists, surgeons, sports medicine specialists, and former professional athletes. He speaks at length with Whitney Phelps, Michael's older sister; retraces the story of *A Very Young Gymnast*, and its subject, Torrance York; and tells the saga of the Castle High School girls' basketball team of Evansville, Indiana, which in 2005 lost three-fifths of its lineup to ACL injuries. Along the way, Hyman hears numerous stories: about a mother who

left her fifteen-year-old daughter at an interstate exit after a heated exchange over her performance during a soccer game, about a coach who ordered preteens to swim laps in three-hour shifts for twenty-four hours. Hyman's exploration leads him to examine the history of youth sports in our country and how it's evolved, particularly with the increasing involvement of girls and much more proactive participation of parents. With its unique multiple perspective-of history, of reporting, and of personal experience—this book delves deep into the complicated issue of sports for children, and opens up a much-needed discussion about the perils of youth sports culture today. Hyman focuses not only on the unfortunate

cases of overzealous parents and overly ambitious kids, but also on how positive change can be made, and concludes by shining a spotlight on some inspirational parents and model sports programs, giving hope that the current destructive cycle can be broken.

Sport Matters

Penguin Press HC
Bringing to life the historic battle for the 1967 black-college championship between Grambling College and Florida A&M, this exciting book tells the story of two legendary coaches and two talented quarterbacks, who, together, broke the color line, revolutionizing college sports and transforming the NFL. (This book was previously featured in Forecast.)

Jackie Robinson
Wadsworth Publishing Company
Following in the

footsteps of Robeson, Ali, Robinson and others, today's Black athletes re-engage with social issues and the meaning of American patriotism Named a best book of 2018 by Library Journal It used to be that politics and sports were as separate from one another as church and state. The ballfield was an escape from the world's worst problems, top athletes were treated like heroes, and cheering for the home team was as easy and innocent as hot dogs and beer. "No news on the sports page" was a governing principle in newsrooms. That was then. Today, sports arenas have been transformed into staging grounds for American patriotism and the hero worship of law enforcement. Teams wear camouflage jerseys to honor those who serve; police officers throw out first pitches; soldiers surprise their families with homecomings at halftime. Sports and politics are decidedly entwined. But as journalist Howard Bryant reveals, this has always been more complicated for black athletes, who from the start, were committing a political act simply by being on the field.

In fact, among all black employees in twentieth-century America, perhaps no other group had more outsized influence and power than ballplayers. The immense social responsibilities that came with the role is part of the black athletic heritage. It is a heritage built by the influence of the superstardom and radical politics of Paul Robeson, Jackie Robinson, Muhammad Ali, Tommie Smith, and John Carlos through the 1960s; undermined by apolitical, corporate-friendly "transcenders of race," O. J. Simpson, Michael Jordan, and Tiger Woods in the following decades; and reclaimed today by the likes of LeBron James, Colin Kaepernick, and Carmelo Anthony. The Heritage is the story of the rise, fall, and fervent return of the athlete-activist. Through deep research and interviews with some of sports' best-known stars—including Kaepernick, David Ortiz, Charles Barkley, and Chris Webber—as well as members of law enforcement and the military, Bryant details the collision of post-9/11 sports in America and the

politically engaged post-Ferguson black athlete.

Empire State of Mind Penguin

Traces the single-generation transformation of sports from a cottage industry to a global business, reflecting on how elite athletes, agents, TV executives, coaches, owners, and athletes who once had to take second jobs worked together to create the dominating, big-ticket industry of today.

A Place on the Team

Basic Books
Winner of the 2015 Avery O. Craven Prize from the Organization of American Historians Winner of the 2015 Sidney Hillman Prize A groundbreaking history demonstrating that America's economic supremacy was built on the backs of slaves Americans tend to cast slavery as a pre-modern institution -- the nation's original sin, perhaps, but isolated in time and

divorced from America's later success. But to do so robs the millions who suffered in bondage of their full legacy. As historian Edward E. Baptist reveals in *The Half Has Never Been Told*, the expansion of slavery in the first eight decades after American independence drove the evolution and modernization of the United States. In the span of a single lifetime, the South grew from a narrow coastal strip of worn-out tobacco plantations to a continental cotton empire, and the United States grew into a modern, industrial, and capitalist economy. Told through intimate slave narratives, plantation records, newspapers, and the words of politicians, entrepreneurs, and escaped slaves, *The Half Has Never Been Told* offers a radical new interpretation of American history.

We Will Win the Day: The Civil Rights Movement, the Black Athlete, and the Quest for Equality

Princeton University Press

Discover the untold story of African surf culture in this glorious and colorful collection of profiles, essays, photographs, and illustrations. AFROSURF is the first book to capture and celebrate the surfing culture of Africa. This unprecedented collection is compiled by Mami Wata, a Cape Town surf company that fiercely believes in the power of African surf. Mami Wata brings together its co-founder Selema Masekela and some of Africa's finest photographers, thinkers, writers, and surfers to explore the unique culture of eighteen coastal countries, from Morocco to Somalia, Mozambique, South Africa, and beyond. Packed with over fifty essays, AFROSURF features surfer and skater profiles, thought pieces, poems, photos, illustrations, ephemera, recipes, and a mini comic, all

wrapped in an astounding design that captures the diversity and character of Africa. A creative force of good in their continent, Mami Wata sources and manufactures all their wares in Africa and works with communities to strengthen local economies through surf tourism. With this mission in mind, Mami Wata is donating 100% of their proceeds to support two African surf therapy organizations, Waves for Change and Surfers Not Street Children.

Study Guide Beacon Press

A Place on the Team is the inside story of how Title IX revolutionized American sports. The federal law guaranteeing women's rights in education, Title IX opened gymnasiums and playing fields to millions of young women previously locked out. Journalist Welch Suggs

chronicles both the law's successes and failures—the exciting opportunities for women as well as the commercial and recruiting pressures of modern-day athletics. Enlivened with tales from Suggs's reportage, the book clears up the muddle of interpretation and opinion surrounding Title IX. It provides not only a lucid description of how courts and colleges have read (and misread) the law, but also compelling portraits of the people who made women's sports a vibrant feature of American life. What's more, the book provides the first history of the law's evolution since its passage in 1972. Suggs details thirty years of struggles for equal rights on the playing field. Schools dragged their feet,

offering token efforts for women and girls, until the courts made it clear that women had to be treated on par with men. Those decisions set the stage for some of the most celebrated moments in sports, such as the Women's World Cup in soccer and the Women's Final Four in NCAA basketball. Title IX is not without its critics. Wrestlers and other male athletes say colleges have cut their teams to comply with the law, and Suggs tells their stories as well. With the chronicles of Pat Summitt, Anson Dorrance, and others who shaped women's sports, A Place on the Team is a must-read not only for sports buffs but also for parents of every young woman who enters the arena of competitive sports. **Until It Hurts** PublicAffairs

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INSIGHTFUL,
UNAPOLOGETIC EXPOSÉ
OF THE INTERSECTION
OF SPORTS, CULTURE,
AND POLITICS FROM
VETERAN JOURNALIST
ROBERT SCOOP
JACKSON.

Minnesota Historical
Society
The author examines
sports as a microcosm
of national life,
from the use of
sports seasons to
mark time (i.e.
football, baseball
and basketball as
opposed to spring,
summer and autumn) to
the propensity for
starving our
educational system
while dumping
millions into stadium
and high-school
athletic programs.
Third and a Mile
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From 1920 to 1940,
the Harlem
Renaissance
produced a bright
beacon of light
that paved the way
for African-
Americans all over
the country. The
unapologetic
writings of W. E.
B. Du Bois and

Marcus Garvey, the
fervent fiction and
poetry of Zora
Neale Hurston and
Langston Hughes,
the groundbreaking
art of Aaron
Douglas and William
H. Johnson, and the
triumphant music of
Duke Ellington and
Louis Armstrong
gave voice and
expression to the
thoughts and
emotions that Jim
Crow segregation
laws had long
sought to stifle.
In *On the Shoulders
of Giants*,
indomitable
basketball star and
bestselling author
and historian
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
invites the reader
on an
extraordinarily
personal journey
back to his
birthplace, through
one of the greatest
political,
cultural, literary,
and artistic
movements in our
history, revealing
the tremendous
impact the Harlem
Renaissance had on
both American

culture and his own
life. Beginning
with the rise of
the Harlem Renaissance as
pioneers of
professional
basketball, Kareem
traces the many
streams of
historical
influence that
converged to create
the man he is today
-- the NBA's all-
time leading scorer
and a veritable
African-American
icon. Travel deep
into the soul of
the Renaissance --
to the night clubs,
restaurants,
basketball games,
and fabulous
parties that have
made footprints in
Harlem's history.
Meet the athletes,
jazz musicians,
comedians, actors,
politicians,
entrepreneurs, and
writers who not
only inspired
Kareem's rise to
greatness but an
entire nation's.
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
was born in the
midst of a cultural
reawakening,
carried on the

shoulders of athletes trying to prove there was a lot more at stake than a ball game, men and women who made music that could break your heart, and writers and intellectuals who gave voice to not just the ideals of a movement but the raw emotions. Kareem tells what it took to get these revolutionaries to Harlem and how they changed the world. A world that is still riding on the shoulders of giants.

American Slavery as it is Rochester, N.Y. : W. Alling
In *Young, Black, Rich, and Famous*, Todd Boyd chronicles how basketball and hip hop have gone from being reviled by the American mainstream in the 1970s to being embraced and imitated globally today. For young black men, he argues, they represent a new version of the American dream, one embodying the hopes and desires of those excluded from the original version.

Shedding light on both perception and reality, Boyd shows that the NBA has been at the forefront of recognizing and incorporating cultural shifts?from the initial image of 1970s basketball players as overpaid black drug addicts, to Michael Jordan?s spectacular rise as a universally admired icon, to the 1990s, when the hip hop aesthetic (for example, Allen Iverson?s cornrows, multiple tattoos, and defiant, in-your-face attitude) appeared on the basketball court. Hip hop lyrics, with their emphasis on ?keepin? it real? and marked by a colossal indifference to mainstream taste, became an equally powerful influence on young black men. These two influences have created a brand-new, brand-name generation that refuses to assimilate but is nonetheless an important part of mainstream American culture. This Bison Books edition includes a new introduction by the author.

\$40 Million Slaves
Simon and Schuster
Describes how the origins and development of the

three major professional team sports in the United States have reflected human psychological needs and social and economic changes in the United States.
Breaking the Line Holt Paperbacks
A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK The long-awaited autobiography from Georgetown University's legendary coach, whose life on and off the basketball court throws America's unresolved struggle with racial justice into sharp relief John Thompson was never just a basketball coach and *I Came As a Shadow* is categorically not just a basketball autobiography. After three decades at the center of race and sports in America, the first Black head coach to win an NCAA championship is ready to make the private public. Chockful of stories and moving beyond mere stats (and what stats! three Final Fours, four times national coach of the year, seven Big East championships, 97 percent graduation rate), Thompson's book drives us through his childhood under Jim

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current moment of Shadow is not a swan
racial reckoning. We song, but a bullhorn
experience riding blast from one of
shotgun with Celtics America's most
icon Red Auerbach, and prominent sons.
coaching NBA Hall of
Famers like Patrick
Ewing and Allen
Iverson. How did he
inspire the phrase
"Hoya Paranoia"? You'll
see. And thawing his
historically glacial
stare, Thompson brings
us into his negotiation
with a DC drug kingpin
in his players' orbit
in the 1980s, as well
as behind the scenes on
the Nike board today.
Thompson's mother was a
teacher who couldn't
teach because she was
Black. His father could
not read or write, so
the only way he could
identify different
cements at the factory
where he worked was to
taste them. Their son
grew up to be a man
with his own life-sized
statue in a building
that bears his family's
name on a campus once
kept afloat by the
selling of 272 enslaved
people. This is a great
American story, and
John Thompson's
experience sheds light
on many of the issues
roiling our nation. In
these pages, he proves
himself to be the elder
statesman college
basketball and the
country need to hear