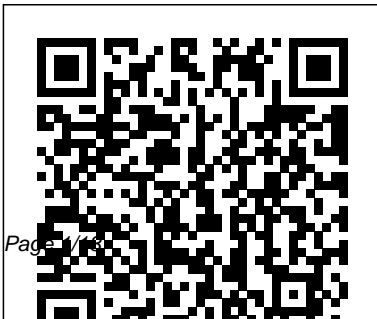

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Knopf Books for Young Readers

A Season on the Brink chronicles the basketball season that John Feinstein spent following the Indiana Hoosiers and their fiery coach, Bob Knight. Knight granted Feinstein an unprecedented inside look at college basketball -- with complete access to every moment of the season. Feinstein saw and heard it all -- practices, team meetings, strategy sessions, and mid-game huddles -- during Knight's struggle to avoid a losing season. *A Season on the Brink* not only captures the drama and pressure of big-time college basketball but paints a vivid portrait of a complex, brilliant coach walking a fine line between genius and madness.

Winter Games Foul Trouble

After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.

Season on the Brink U of Nebraska Press

As the Super Bowl draws nearer, teens Steve Thomas and Susan Carol Anderson 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. Reprint.

Where Nobody Knows Your Name Penguin

The path to victory starts on the sidelines, in this fast-paced new middle grade series from #1 New York Times bestselling sportwriting powerhouse John Feinstein. Twelve-year-old Jeff Michaels, son of a Philadelphia TV sports reporter, is just learning to play soccer on the new sixth-grade team at his middle school. Andrea Carillo has fought

her way onto the squad, but the coach doesn't think girls should play with boys, so she's riding the bench with Jeff—even though she's one of the best players. With Jeff's help, the Philly media gets ahold of the story, and suddenly Andi is all over the news as she shows her worth on the soccer field. But amid bullies, threats, and a media firestorm, will Andi's skills and Jeff's perseverance be enough to save the season? From sportswriter John Feinstein comes this action-packed novel about two kids who may be "benchwarmers," but prove themselves naturals when it comes to teamwork, friendship, and finding

a path to victory.

Rush for the Gold Simon and Schuster

When an on-court fight broke out between the Houston Rockets and the LA Lakers just before Christmas 1977, Rudy Tomjanovitch raced to break it up. He was met by Kermit Washington's fist. This is the story of how one punch changed two lives, the NBA and how we think about basketball, forever.

Mystery at the Olympics Speak
New York Times bestselling sportswriter John Feinstein takes readers behind the scenes at the World Series in this exciting baseball mystery. When teen sports reporters Stevie

and Susan Carol are sent to cover the World Series, the talk of the tournament is Norbert Doyle—a late call-up for an underdog team. But the more they learn about him, the more conflicting stories they hear. Bit by bit they piece together the shocking truth about this rising star, but once the secret's out, there's no going back. . . . John Feinstein has been praised as "the best writer of sports books in America today" (The Boston Globe), and he proves it again in this fast-paced novel.

My Six Seasons with Coach Knight
Little, Brown

Relates the story of the Butler Bulldogs college basketball team and their improbable run to the 2010 NCAA National Championship game under the leadership of their young coach and his unique philosophy of basketball and life. *Three Seconds in Munich* Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)
Perfect for baseball lovers and fans of Mike Lupica, book three in the Triple Threat series by New York Times bestselling sports writer John Feinstein explores what happens when athletes break the rules. Alex Myers's football and basketball seasons were mired in controversy, and his dad's been MIA since his parents split up. All Alex wants this spring is to work on his fastball and hang out

with his maybe-girlfriend, Christine. But he runs into unexpected competition on both fronts. Matt Gordon was suspended from sports after he admitted taking PEDs during football season, but the athletic board has decided to give him another chance. So he's on the team—and he's got something to prove. He's also got his eye on Christine. The question this season—is all fair in love and baseball? Or are some things truly foul? Filled with action, intrigue, and intense rivalries, *The DH* and the other books in the Triple Threat series follow the ups and downs of one talented athlete's year in sports. Praise for book one in the Triple Threat series, *The Walk On*: "All the goods for the sports enthusiast—and more." —Kirkus Reviews "Full of refreshingly decent high school students, first crushes, a dose of dating drama, and a cliff-hanger ending, *The Walk On* will interest even non-football fans." —School Library Journal Praise for book two in the Triple Threat series, *The Sixth Man*: "Suspenseful and well-dramatized sports action scenes. . . . Solidly drawn, both on and off the court." —Kirkus Reviews ***The Queen's Secret*** Little Brown After moving to a new town his freshman year in high school, Alex Myers is happy to win a spot on the varsity team as a quarterback but must deal with idea of not playing for two years since the first-string quarterback is not

only a local hero, he is also the son of the corrupt head coach.

Mystery at the Army-Navy Game
Yearling

In *Backfield Boys*, renowned sports journalist and New York Times–bestselling author John Feinstein tells a thrilling story of friendship, football, and a fight for justice. Freshman footballers Jason Roddin and Tom Jefferson are a perfect pair: Jason is a blazing-fast wide-receiver, while his best friend Tom has all the skills a standout quarterback needs. After summer football camp at

an elite sports-focused boarding school, the boys are thrilled to be invited back with full-ride scholarships. But on day one of practice, they're shocked when the team's coaching staff makes Tom, a black kid, a receiver and Jason, a white kid, a quarterback. Confronted with mounting evidence of deep-seated racial bias, the boys speak out, risking their scholarships and chances to play. As tensions ratchet up with coaches and other players, Tom and Jason must decide how much they're

willing to lose in a conflict with powerful forces that has nothing—and everything—to do with the game they love.

A Pro Basketball Novel Knopf Books for Young Readers

A New York Times best-selling sportswriter takes readers deep within the secretive inner-workings of the minor leagues through the stories of eight men who are living on the cusp of the dream—some of who have tasted major league success and some of who have toiled for long careers. 100,000 first printing.

Last Shot Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)

From the #1 New York Times best-selling author of *Travel Team*, *Heat* and *Million Dollar Throw* comes a cheer-worthy, family-friendly novel about 14-year-old Jake Cullen, who lives in the shadows of his father and older brother until he becomes the starting quarterback for the high school football team and finally gets his chance to shine.

The Prodigy Simon and Schuster

True: Delly Pattison likes surprises (presents that are a surprise). The day the

Boyd's come to town, Delly's sure a special surprise is on its way. But lately, everything that she thinks will be good and fun turns into trouble. She's never needed a surprise more than now. True: Brud Kinney wants to play basketball like nothing anybody's ever seen. When the Boyds arrive, though, Brud meets someone who plays like nothing he's ever seen. True: Ferris Boyd isn't like anyone Delly or Brud have ever met. Ferris is a real mystery (an extremely curious mystery). True:

Katherine Hannigan's first novel since her acclaimed *Ida B* is a compelling look at the ways friendships and truths are discovered. It's all true (. . . sort of).

QB 1 Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)

"When Cal and Lilac are forced to face dark forces apart, the strength of their love--and their kingdom--are put to the ultimate test"--

Solo Yearling

Unlike any book before it, *Play Ball* takes on a national pastime--and baseball will never be the same again. Baseball is the greatest of

all American games. No other sport has the tradition, the mythology, the heroes, and the heroics. Yet baseball is also in the midst of an upheaval unprecedented in its glorious history. Many of its traditions have been discarded, much of its mythology has been disproved, and too many of its heroes have entered drug clinics or let greed triumph over team spirit. What makes baseball what it is—the good as well as the bad? Who are the game's heroes, and who its villains? What roles do managers play, and umpires and announcers and mascots and the media? What is the game's future? These are the questions that John Feinstein—bestselling author and sports journalist extraordinaire—examines in *Play Ball: The Life and Troubled Times of Major League Baseball*. As he did in his classic books on professional tennis (*Hard Courts*) and college basketball (*A Season Inside*), Feinstein spent one entire season examining the game from the inside. He had access to general managers, who gave him never-before-

revealed information on trades commissioner Fay Vincent, and and the maneuverings behind graphically illustrates the these trades. He looks at financial state of the game as managers Tony LaRussa and Jim well as the pressures, the Leyland to examine strategy politics, and the joys that and the psychology of success; come with playing, managing, he puts Tommy Lasorda under negotiating, and simply the microscope, showing the surviving a 162-game season. frustrating decline of a once-Above all are still the great franchise and the pain players, and this is what resulting from the tragic makes Feinstein's book so death of Lasorda's son. special. He gives us intimate Feinstein answers questions portraits of such longtime about escalating salaries, superstars as Cal Ripken, Jr. reveals the identities of the and George Brett, as well as real controlling forces in the revealing glimpses—some game, explains why the owners flattering, some not so so totally despised flattering—of such newer stars

as Gary Sheffield, Bobby Bonds, and Ken Griffye, Jr. Beyond the obsession with money and salaries, Feinstein knows it's the players who make and break the game. In Play Ball, we hear stories of how they were shaped; see how stardom—or lack of stardom—further shapes them; we finally understand what it means to be a major league baseball player, in every possible sense.

Foul Lines Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)

All-American basketball guard Alford tells the inside story on playing for the brilliant but

volatile Indiana coach Bob Knight as the star guard for the Hoosiers, winners of the 1987 NCAA Championship.

Benchwarmers Yearling

What do Julius Erving, Larry Brown, Moses Malone, Bob Costas, the Indiana Pacers, the San Antonio Spurs and the Slam Dunk Contest have in common? They all got their professional starts in the American Basketball Association. What do Julius Erving, Larry Brown, Moses Malone, Bob Costas, the Indiana Pacers, the San Antonio Spurs and the Slam

Dunk Contest have in common? They all got their professional starts in the American Basketball Association. The NBA may have won the financial battle, but the ABA won the artistic war. With its stress on wide-open individual play, the adoption of the 3-point shot and pressing defense, and the encouragement of flashy moves and flying dunks, today's NBA is still—decades later—just the ABA without the red, white and blue ball. Loose Balls is, after all these years, the definitive and most widely respected history of the ABA. It's a wild ride through some of the wackiest, funniest, strangest times ever to hit pro sports—told entirely through the (often incredible) words of those who played, wrote and connived their way through the league's nine seasons.

The Life and Troubled Times of Major League Baseball Yearling Books

An opinionated tour of the past, present, and future of pro basketball, written by ESPN's "Sports Guy" columnist, shares insights on everything

from major NBA events and underrated players to how Hall of Famers should be selected.

True (. . . Sort Of) Anchor

The author of *A Season on the Brink* creates a story of intrigue and murder set in cutthroat world of college basketball, where recruiters will do what is necessary to sign a potential Michael Jordan.

The DH (The Triple Threat, 3) U of Nebraska Press

Since his mother's death, Jayson, twelve, has focused on basketball and surviving but he is found out and placed with an affluent foster family of a different race, and must learn to accept many changes,

including facing his former teammates in a championship game.