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Play Ball Simon and Schuster

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.

Backfield Boys U of Nebraska Press

Sixteen-year-old Kari juggles saving her spy parents while impressing the guy she has been in love with forever.

A Mystery Simon and Schuster

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 Prodigy Blink

From two senior Sports Illustrated writers comes an explosive, fast-paced satire that will do for today's NBA what North Dallas Forty did for the NFL a generation ago. Just months from his Yale graduation, street-smart whiz kid Jamal Kelly leaves school to take a once-in-a-

lifetime opportunity to join the front office of the Los Angeles Lasers. Once on the West Coast, Jamal gets a quick introduction to a subculture awash in big egos and fast cars, as well as an introduction to the charms of the team's new hard-charging beat writer, Jilly Forrester. In the spirit of *Primary Colors* and *The Devil Wears Prada*, *Foul Lines* peels back the curtain on the trappings of big-time professional basketball. No other sport encapsulates so many cultural hot-button topics, and *Foul Lines* at once exposes and lampoons this parallel universe. **Inside the Most Entertaining and Influential Conference in College Basketball History**
Little Brown

"New kid Max Bellotti has the talent to lead The Lions basketball team straight to victory, but Max he also has a secret that could disrupt their winning streak once it's exposed"--

Cover-up Knopf Books for Young Readers

New York Times bestselling sportswriter John Feinstein tackles doping in the NFL in this exciting football mystery. The Super Bowl. America's biggest sports spectacle. Over 95 million fans will be watching, but teen sports reporters Stevie and Susan Carol know that what they'll be watching is a lie. They know that the entire offensive line of the California Dreams have failed their doping tests. They know the owner is trying to cover up the results. The only thing they don't know is how to prove it. 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.

Mystery at the Olympics Knopf Books for Young Readers
From award-winning sportswriter John Feinstein, a YA novel about a teen golfer poised to blaze his way into Masters Tournament history—and he'll face secrecy, sacrifice, and the decision of a lifetime to get there. Seventeen-year-old Frank Baker is a golfing sensation. He's set to earn a full-ride scholarship to play at the university of his choice, but his single dad wants him to skip college and turn pro—golf has taken its toll on the family bank account, and his dad is eager to start cashing in on his son's prowess. Frank knows he isn't ready for life on the pro tour—regardless of the potential riches—so his swing coach enlists a professional golfer turned journalist to be Frank's secret adviser. Pressure mounts when, after reaching the final of the U.S. Amateur tournament, Frank wins an automatic invite to the Masters. And when the prodigy, against all odds, starts tearing up the course at Augusta National, sponsors are lined up to throw money at him—and his father. But Frank's entry in the Masters hinges on maintaining his standing as an amateur. Can he and his secret adviser—who has his own conflicts—keep Frank's dad at bay long enough to bring home the legendary green jacket?

A Pro Basketball Novel
Anchor Books

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.

Game Changers Yearling Books

With college recruiters clamoring to sign up him up, Terrell Jamerson will have to think fast if he wants to stay in the game.

Loose Balls Knopf Books for Young Readers

In 1974, Rick Telander intended to spend a few days doing a magazine piece on the court wizards of Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant. He ended up staying the entire summer, becoming part of the players' lives and eventually the coach of a loose aggregation known as the Subway Stars. Telander tells of everything he saw: the on-court flash, the off-court jargon, the late-night graffiti raids, the tireless efforts of one promoter-hustler-benefactor to get these kids a chance at a college education. He lets the kids speak for themselves, revealing their grand dreams and ambitions. But he never flinches from showing us how far their dreams are from reality. The roots of today's inner-city basketball can be traced to the world Telander presents in "Heaven is a Playground," the first book of its kind. Rick Telander is a senior writer for "Sports Illustrated" and the winner of the 1987

Notre Dame Club Award for Excellence in Sports Journalism. [QB 1 Ember](#)

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.

How Brad Stevens and Butler University Built the Bulldogs for March Madness [Simon and Schuster](#)

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

A Benchwarmers Novel [Little, Brown](#)

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.

The DH (*The Triple Threat*, 3) [Simon and Schuster](#)

"The compulsively readable, definitive account of the greatest era of the most influential league in college basketball history, infused with the raucous spirit and roaring voices of the league's legendary coaches and players. There has

never been, nor will there ever be, another league quite like the Big East. Five Big East schools have won national college basketball titles, and five coaches are enshrined in the Hall of Fame. Eight players have been named the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four. But the magic and mastery of the league cannot be quantified by trophies or plaques. During its golden era, the league's heart beat in its moments and personalities. Syracuse versus Georgetown, Patrick versus Chris, Allen versus Allen, the Pearl, Billy the Kid, P.J and six overtimes. Combustible, competitive, and, at times, maybe even a little crazy, they turned the Big East into must-watch TV just as cable television took off. The players, many products of the Northeast playgrounds, competed fiercely and physically, their talent mixing with their fire to produce unforgettable games and court battles. The coaches were each more of a caricature than the next—the wild mania of Rollie Massimino versus the stoic intimidation of John Thompson, Jr. Or sweet, lovable Looie Carnesecca going toe-to-toe against perpetually whiny Jim Boeheim. The rivalries were real, the Catholic tradition ran deep, and the loyalties went beyond fan fervor. These titans of athletic prowess and power fought over every recruit, every gameday advantage, every basket, and every conference title. On the court, down back hallways, in meeting rooms, and on golf courses, they bickered and postured, not willing to cede a competitive inch. From the formation of the league to the backstories of the people who shaped it, to inside the epic games and players that sealed its relevance

and laid the groundwork for its eventual rebirth, *The Big East* tells the tale of the most powerful and entertaining league in college basketball history"—

Cover-up: Mystery at the Super Bowl (The Sports Beat, 3) Yearling

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • After providing what is arguably the worst single performance in the history of the NFL, third-string quarterback Rick Dockery becomes a national laughingstock. Cut by the Cleveland Browns, and shunned by every other team, Rick insists that his agent find a team that does need him. Against enormous odds, Rick lands a job—as the starting quarterback for the Mighty Panthers ... of Parma, Italy. The Parma Panthers desperately want a former NFL player—any former NFL player—at their helm. And now they 've got Rick, who knows nothing about Parma (not even where it is) and doesn' t speak a word of Italian. To say that Italy—the land of fine wines, extremely small cars, and football americano—holds a few surprises for Rick Dockery would be something of an understatement.

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Change-Up: Mystery at the World Series (The Sports Beat, 4) Ballantine Books

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. Fast Break Yearling

"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"--

Game Seven First Second

Trouble is about to tip off for Jeff and Andi ' s sixth-grade basketball teams in Game Changers, a standalone second book in the middle-grade Benchwarmers series by #1 New York Times bestselling sportswriter John Feinstein. After a controversial season playing on the boys' soccer team, Andi Carillo is ready to kick butt and take names on the girls' basketball team. Jeff Michaels, her best friend, is raring to drop his benchwarmer status from soccer and play a leading role on the boys' basketball squad. But between a coach's coded racism and a teammate's endless sabotage, neither Andi nor Jeff is in for a layup of a season. To make matters worse, the local media smells more than one juicy story. Will Andi and Jeff be able to power through and find a way to help both their teams rebound? From sportswriting legend John Feinstein comes this fast-paced novel about two friends who are willing to risk it all to change the game—on and off the court.

Last Shot Simon and Schuster
Eighth-grade sportswriters Stevie and Susan Carol up to

solve a mystery at the famous Army-Navy football game.