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Last Shot Houghton
Mifflin Harcourt
Dillon is living with
the painful memory of
his brother's suicide
-- and the role he
played in it. To keep
his mind and body

occupied, he trains intensely for the Ironman triathlon. But outside of practice, his life seems to be falling apart. Then Dillon finds a confidante in Jennifer, a star high school basketball player who's hiding her own set of destructive secrets. Together, they must find the courage to confront their demons -- before it's too late.

Gym Candy Houghton

Mifflin Harcourt

A gripping new novel by the author of such successful sports fiction as *Painting the Black* and *On the Devil's Court*.

Night Hoops Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Large Print s increased font size and wider line spacing maximizes reading legibility, and has been proven to advance comprehension, improve fluency, reduce eye fatigue, and boost engagement in young readers of all abilities, especially struggling, reluctant, and striving readers.

My Life Undecided

Harper Collins

Lazarus Weathers, a high

school senior from the wrong side of the tracks, seeks to protect his half-brother while pitching his way out of poverty, one strike at a time.

The Incredible Shrinking

Kid Candlewick Press

As the star closer for his high school baseball team, Shane Hunter is untouchable. Firing fastballs at ninety miles per hour, he loves being a winner. But when his father is accused of a crime, Shane's charmed world is turned upside down. Nothing is the way it once was, and Shane's not sure he wants to -- or even can -- pitch ever

again. But like baseball, life sometimes throws you curves, and Shane discovers it's how you play the game that counts most of all.

A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard
Penguin

Jimmy Winter is a born star on the baseball field, and Seth Barnam can only dream of being as talented. Still, the two baseball fanatics have the kind of friendship that should last forever. But when Seth experiences an unthinkable loss, he's forced

to find his own personal strength--on and off the field.

An ALA Best Book for Young Adults
An ALA Best Book for Reluctant Readers
A New York Public Library Book for the Teen Age
Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Book of the Year

Out of Nowhere Square Fish
PLEASE READ THIS! MY LIFE DEPENDS ON IT!

Okay, maybe that was a bit melodramatic, but I'm sorry, I'm feeling a bit melodramatic at the moment. Here's the deal. My name is

Brooklyn Pierce, I'm fifteen years old, and I am decisionally challenged. Seriously, I can't remember the last good decision I made. I can remember plenty of crappy ones though. Including that party I threw when my parents were out of town that accidentally burned down a model home. Yeah, not my finest moment, for sure. But see, that's why I started a blog. To enlist readers to make my decisions for me. That's right. I gave up. Threw in the towel. I let someone else decide which

book I read for English. And whether or not I accepted an invitation to join the debate team from that cute-in-a-dorky-sort-of-way guy who gave me the Heimlich maneuver in the cafeteria. (Note to self: chew the melon before swallowing it.) I even let them decide who I dated! Well, it turns out there are some things in life you simply can't choose or have chosen for you—like who you fall in love with. And now everything's more screwed up than ever. But don't take my word for it. Read the book

and decide for yourself. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll scream in frustration. Or maybe that's just me. After all, it's my life.

Painting the Black HarperCollins
“Look, Mick,” he said, “you’re going to find out from somebody in the gym, so you might as well find out from me. Those supplements you’re taking? They might get you a little bigger, but just a little. If you’re after serious results, there’s other stuff that produces better results much faster, stuff that a lot of guys in the gym use.” “What other stuff?” “You know what I’m talking about—gym candy.” Runningback Mick Johnson has

dreams: dreams of cutting back, finding the hole, breaking into the open, and running free with nothing but green grass ahead. He has dreams of winning and of being the best. But football is a cruel sport. It requires power, grace, speed, quickness, and knowledge of the game. It takes luck, too. One crazy bounce can turn a likely victory into sudden defeat. What elite athlete wouldn’t look for an edge? A way to make him bigger, stronger, faster? This novel explores the dark corners of the heart of a young football player as he struggles for success under the always glaring—and often unforgiving—stadium lights.
Swagger Yearling Books

Fascinating and disturbing.” don't want to get involved just a girl like that. This
—Jodi Picoult, #1 New York with a girl like that, they say. beautifully written debut
Times—bestselling author of So how is it that eighteen- novel from Tanaz Bhathena
Small Great Things and year-old Porus Dumasia has reveals a rich and wonderful
Leaving Time A timeless only ever had eyes for her? new world to readers; tackles
exploration of high-stakes And how did Zarin and Porus complicated issues of race,
romance, self-discovery, and end up dead in a car together, identity, class, and religion;
the lengths we go to love and crashed on the side of a and paints a portrait of
be loved. Sixteen-year-old highway in Jeddah, Saudi teenage ambition, angst, and
Zarin Wadia is many things: Arabia? When the religious alienation that feels both
a bright and vivacious police arrive on the scene, inventive and universal.
student, an orphan, a risk everything everyone thought *Heart of a Champion*
taker. She’s also the kind of they knew about Zarin is HarperCollins
girl that parents warn their questioned. And as her story Performing community service
kids to stay away from: a is pieced together, told for pulling a foolish prank
troublemaker whose many through multiple against a rival high school,
romances are the subject of perspectives, it becomes clear soccer star Tom tutors a
endless gossip at school. You that she was far more than Somali refugee with soccer

dreams of his own. By the author of Brett McCarthy: *Work in Progress*, which was an ALA-YALSA Best Book for Young Adults.

Breaking Night Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Featuring lyrical text and beautiful illustrations, this bedtime tale from Pulitzer Prize winner Jane Smiley and Caldecott Honor recipient Lauren Castillo evokes the splashy fun of the beach and the quietude of a moonlit night, with twenty yawns sprinkled in for children to discover and

count. As her mom reads a bedtime story, Lucy drifts off. But later, she awakens in a dark, still room, and everything looks mysterious. How will she ever get back to sleep? -- Publisher.

The Things a Brother

Knows Delacorte Press

An ALA-YALSA Best Book for Young Adults New Bonus Content: -Q&A with Walter Dean Myers -Q&A with screenwriter John Ballard -Teaser chapter from *On a Clear Day* -Excerpt from *145th Street* All eyes are on seventeen-year-old

Lonnie Jackson while he practices with his team for a city-wide basketball Tournament of Champions. His coach, Cal, knows Lonnie has what it takes to be a pro basketball player, but warns him about giving in to the pressure. Cal knows because he, too, once had the chance—but sold out. As the tournament nears, Lonnie learns that some heavy bettors want Cal to keep him on the bench so that the team will lose the championship. As the last seconds of the game tick away, Lonnie and

Cal must make a decision.
Are they willing to blow the
chance of a lifetime?

My Life in Briefs Ember

The story of a young marine's
return from war in the Middle
East and the psychological effects
it has on his family. Finally, Levi
Katznelson's older brother, Boaz,
has returned. Boaz was a high
school star who had it all and
gave it up to serve in a war Levi
can't understand. Things have
been on hold since Boaz left.

With the help of his two best
friends Levi has fumbled his way
through high school, weary of his
role as little brother to the hero.

But when Boaz walks through the
front door after his tour of duty is

over, Levi knows there's
something wrong. Boaz is home,
safe. But Levi knows that his
brother is not the same. Maybe
things will never return to normal.
Then Boaz leaves again, and this
time Levi follows him, determined
to understand who his brother
was, who he has become, and how
to bring him home again. Award-
winning author Dana Reinhardt
introduces readers to Levi, who
has never known what he
believes, and whose journey
reveals truths only a brother
knows.

Squashed Farrar, Straus and
Giroux (BYR)

Kirby Nickel loves
basketball. The only problem

is he can't play basketball.
But when an opportunity to
meet NBA star Brett
McGrew comes up, Kirby
knows he has to take a
chance and try out for the
basketball team. Getting on
the team turns out to be
easy—the rest of the boys are
as supremely untalented as
Kirby—but winning in order
to be eligible to meet
McGrew is a whole different
problem. Different and
embarrassing. The coach's
radical new plan for success
involves the boys playing in
their underwear. But if this

crazy idea works, Kirby will get to meet his hero—who he secretly also hopes is his long-lost father.

Hoops Harper Collins
Humor, agriculture and young love all come together in Joan Bauer's first novel, set in rural Iowa. Sixteen-year-old Ellie Morgan's life would be almost perfect if she could just get her potentially prize-winning pumpkin to put on about 200 more pounds--and if she could take off 20 herself...in hopes of attracting Wes, the new boy in town. Ninth

Annual Delacorte Press Prize for an Outstanding First Young Adult Novel.

Izzy, Willy-Nilly Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

It's the last inning of a high school baseball game between arch-rivals Oak Grove and Compton. Center fielder Luke "Wizard" Wallace steps up to the plate--and is hit by a beanball, a wild pitch that shatters his skull, destroys the vision in his left eye, and changes his life forever. In this riveting novel, the events surrounding this

pivotal moment are recounted through free-verse monologues by 28 different voices, including those of Luke and his Oak Grove teammates; the pitcher, Kyle Dawkins, and other Compton players; the two coaches; Luke's family members and teachers; and Sarah Edgerton, a new classmate who seems more affected by Luke's injury than his girlfriend is. With its unusual format, gripping subject matter, and economy of language, *Beanball* is a thought-provoking, fast-paced read.

Pinned HMH Books For Young Readers

What would you give to be your school's superstar? After reading Dr. Faustus, Joe considers the merits of selling his soul to the devil. Suddenly, he finds himself changing from a lousy basketball player and a C student to the star athlete he always dreamed he could be. Even though he isn't sure if he actually made a deal with the devil, he can't help but enjoy the benefits that come with his newfound abilities. But is achieving his dreams

worth what he may have given up? In this coming of age sports novel, Joe learns the power of belief and that the only goals worth attaining are the ones that you earn -- on your own.

Runner Running PressBook Pub

Newbery Award-winning and New York Times bestselling author Matt de la Peña's *Ball Don't Lie* "is a must-read." [The Bulletin] Sticky is a beat-around-the-head foster kid with nowhere to call home but the street, and an outer shell so tough that no one will take him in. He started out life so far

behind the pack that the finish line seems nearly unreachable. He's a white boy living and playing in a world where he doesn't seem to belong. But Sticky can ball. And basketball might just be his ticket out . . . if he can only realize that he doesn't have to be the person everyone else expects him to be. Matt de la Peña's breakout urban masterpiece, *Ball Don't Lie* takes place where the street and the court meet and where a boy can be anything if he puts his mind to it. "[An] inspiring story. Sticky is a true original, and de la Peña has skillfully brought him to life."-School

Library Journal, Starred
"Riveting...Teens will be
strongly affected by the
unforgettable...basketball
action; and the questions about
race, love, self-worth, and what
it means to build a life without
advantages."-Booklist
"Stunningly realistic."-VOYA
"Gritty and
mesmerizing."-Kirkus Reviews
"I have never before seen
blacktop ball depicted so well.
In this novel, you will find its
flash, its power, and its
elegance without chains. This is
powerful stuff."-Antawn
Jamison, forward for the Los
Angeles Clippers "Truly

authentic in its examination of
both the game I love and the
invariable missteps toward
manhood. You cannot fail to be
moved by the eloquence and
truth of this story."-Rick Fox,
former forward for the Los
Angeles Lakers An ALA Best
Book for Young Adults An
ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant
Readers
Gutless Alfred A. Knopf
Books for Young Readers
It was a beautiful day. It was a
beautiful field.Except for the
body. Jazz is a likable
teenager. A charmer, some
might say. But he's also the son
of the world's most infamous

serial killer, and for Dear Old
Dad, "Take Your Son to Work
Day" was year-round. Jazz has
witnessed crime scenes the way
cops wish they could--from the
criminals' point of view. And
now, even though Dad has been
in jail for years, bodies are
piling up in the sleepy town of
Lobo's Nod. Again. In an effort
to prove murder doesn't run in
the family, Jazz joins the police
in the hunt for this new serial
killer. But Jazz has a
secret--could he be more like
his father than anyone knows?
From acclaimed author Barry
Lyga comes a riveting thriller
about a teenager trying to

control his own destiny in the face of overwhelming odds. Night Hoops Little, Brown Books for Young Readers In honor of Judy Moody's younger "bother," the creators of the award-winning series have put themselves in a very Stink-y mood. Shrink, shrank, shrunk! Every morning, Judy Moody measures Stink and it's always the same: three feet, eight inches tall. Stink feels like even the class newt is growing faster than he is. Then, one day, the ruler reads -- can it be? -- three feet, seven and three quarters inches! Is Stink shrinking? He tries

everything to look like he's growing, but wearing up-and-down stripes and spiking his hair aren't fooling anyone into thinking he's taller. If only he could ask James Madison -- Stink's hero, and the shortest person ever to serve as President of the United States. In Stink's first solo adventure, his special style comes through loud and strong -- enhanced by a series of comic strips, drawn by Stink himself, which are sprinkled throughout the book. From "The Adventures of Stink in SHRINK MONSTER" to "The Adventures of Stink in NEWT IN SHINING

ARMOR," these very funny, homespun sagas reflect the familiar voice of a kid who pictures himself with super powers to deal with the travails of everyday life -- including the occasional teasing of a bossy big sister!