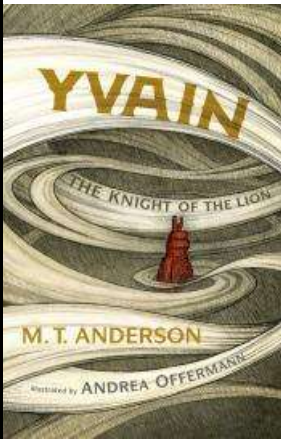


Wish List for Grades 4-5

All reviews from Junior Library Guild and School Library Journal.



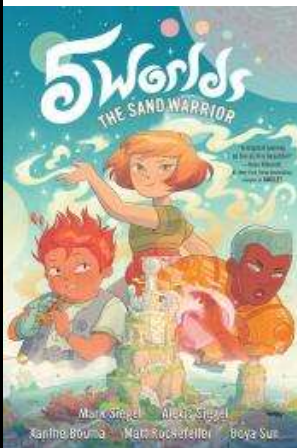
Yvain: The Knight of the Lion

by M. T. Anderson

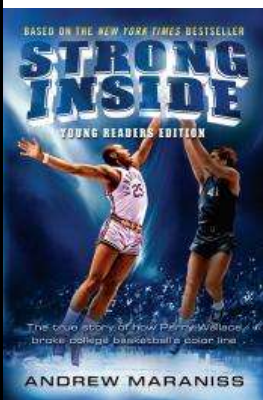
In a stunning visual interpretation of a 12th-century epic poem by Chrétien de Troyes, readers are transported into a classic Arthurian romance complete with errant knights, plundering giants, and fire-breathing dragons. Full-color illustrations.

The Sand Warrior: 5 Worlds, Book 1

by Mark Siegel, Alexis Siegel



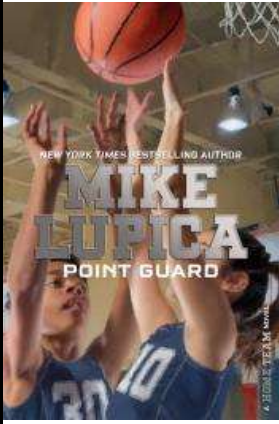
“Our worlds will die unless a sand warrior can rise up and light those beacons.” In this epic sci-fi/fantasy series opener, three kids from different backgrounds band together after a neighboring planet launches an unprovoked attack on their home planet, Mon Domani. Oona Lee is an unconfident sand dancer, raised with other trainees in relative privilege in the capital city’s Sand Castle. The invasion occurs as Oona embarks on a search for her runaway sister—a gifted sand dancer who had been Mon Domani’s hope for survival before mysteriously disappearing seven years earlier. Escaping the wreckage of a crashed sky ship, Oona saves orphan An Tzu, a part-vegetal homeless boy living in the slums, and Jax Amboy, a beloved celebrity starball player. The universe’s looming environmental crisis has contributed to extreme shortages, economic inequities, and disease; Oona is convinced that finding her sister is the key to averting a planetary catastrophe.



Strong Inside: The True Story of How Perry Wallace Broke College Basketball's Color Line: Young Readers' Edition

by Andrew Maraniss

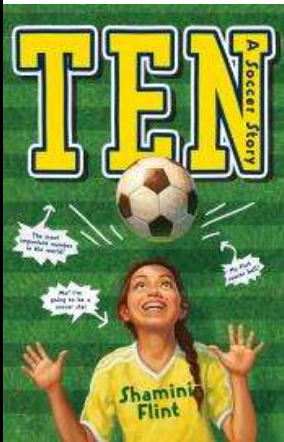
This thought-provoking biography digs deep beneath the surface to reveal a complicated, profound, and inspiring story of an athlete turned civil-rights trailblazer. Author's note. Bibliography. Index. Black-and-white photographs.



Point Guard

by Mike Lupica

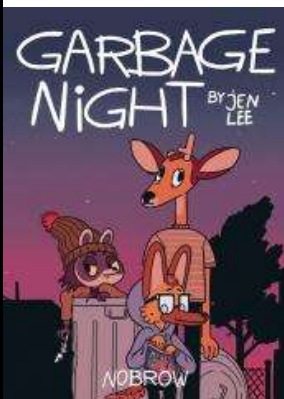
Gus and Cassie have always been on the same team off the field but can they stay friends when they're on the same court?



Ten: A Soccer Story

by Shamini Flint

Maya is a passionate soccer fan eager play the game. This is extra challenging, because soccer is considered a “boys’ game” in Malaysia in 1986. Author’s note.



Garbage Night

by Jen Lee

With echoes of post-war, derelict places, *Garbage Night* explores how animals may internalize their changing environment and express their thoughts, fears and hopes. Full-color illustrations.



Making Scents

by Arthur Yorinks

Mickey isn't like his brothers and sisters. They're all stronger, faster, and have a much better sense of smell. That's because his “brothers and sisters” are dogs—bloodhounds, to be exact. Information from the artists about the making of *Making Scents*. Full-color illustrations.

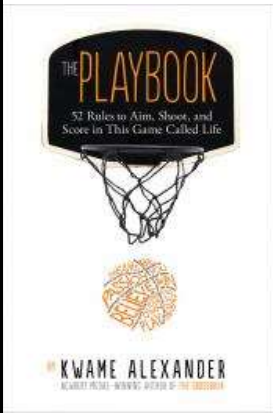


Pigs Might Fly

by Nick Abadzis

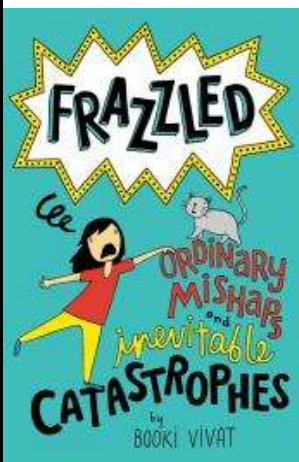
Magic and science clash in a world where highly evolved pigs fight their mortal enemies, the warthogs, for dominion of the skies! Full-color illustrations.

The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life



by Kwame Alexander

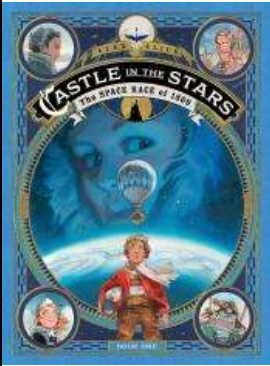
Alexander (*The Crossover*, *Booked*) turns motivational speaker in this volume of short poems, uplifting quotes, and memoir. Though several sports are represented, the collection is organized like a basketball game: four quarters (“1st Quarter: Grit,” “2nd Quarter: Motivation”), each with thirteen rules inspired by James Naismith’s rules for the sport he invented in 1891. Alexander’s personal narrative of his early life in sports weaves its way through the lively display of colorful graphics, black-and-white photographs, poems, and inspirational quotations by famous people (mostly athletes, but also Sonia Sotomayor, Michelle Obama, Oprah Winfrey, and others). The volume reads like a series of locker room pep talks by a coach with stories to tell and advice to give (“It takes skill / to make / the last shot. / But it takes confidence / to take it.” “It might look / like a / long shot / but you’ll never /make it / if you don’t / keep shooting”).



Ordinary Mishaps and Inevitable Catastrophes: Frazzled #2

by Booki Vivat

Abbie Wu has started middle school, and finally gets her own locker! But there’s a catch: She’s forced to share it with the new girl. Then Abbie’s teacher assigns her a science project partner—and it’s the very same girl. At home, things aren’t any better. Abbie’s family has a new cat named Felix who hates her. Vivat’s second entry into the “Frazzled” series has Abbie’s relatable adventures punctuated on each page with doodles. The charming art style will appeal to fans of popular series such as “Big Nate” or “Dork Diaries.”



Castle in the Stars: The Space Race of 1869

by Alex Alice

What if man journeyed into space in 1869, not 1969? Full-color watercolor illustrations.



Cici's Journal: The Adventures of a Writer-in-Training

by Joris Chamblain

In a graphic novel interwoven with journal notes, scrapbook pieces, and doodles, Cici assembles clues about the odd and wonderful people she's uncovered.

Patina

by Jason Reynolds

 Part of a Series: Track.

Ghost. Lu. Patina. Sunny. Four kids from wildly different backgrounds with personalities that are explosive when they clash. But they are also four kids chosen for an elite middle-school track team.

[STARRED REVIEW]

Twelve-year-old Patina Jones not only loves to run, she needs to run—and win. She's a gifted athlete, and since the death of her father and her mother's life-altering health problems, Patty's track club has become the focal point of her life. Running helps her to navigate the changes she and her younger sister, Maddy, are experiencing. They have left their urban neighborhood to live in a different part of the city with their uncle Tony (who is black like Patty and Maddy) and their aunt Emily (who is white) and attend a new school, Chester Academy. In this follow-up to *Ghost*, the award-winning author continues to display his mastery of voice. Patty's observations about her new classmates are pointed: "a whole bunch of rich girls whose daddies own stuff." Over time, Patty begins to understand that her success depends on teamwork. Her changing views are sparked by two collaborative projects. One is based on the life of Frida Kahlo. Working with classmates, about whom she had formed erroneous assumptions, gives her opportunities to widen her perspective. The second and more central catalyst is being selected as a member of the 4x800 relay on her elite track team. With the encouragement of her loving family and supportive coaches, Patty ultimately becomes the anchor of her team, both on and off the track. Patty's story is an invitation to grapple with the need to belong, socioeconomic status, and the dangers of jumping to conclusions. **VERDICT** This "second leg" of Reynolds's series is as satisfying as its predecessor and a winning story on its



own.—*Shelley Sommer, Inly School, Scituate, MA*

Lone Stars

by Mike Lupica



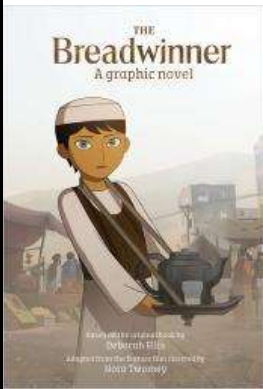
A young wide receiver, a professional football hero battling the effects of post-concussion syndrome, and the Dallas Cowboys converge in this inspiring sports novel.

Clay is a quarterback's dream. When he zips across the field, arms outstretched, waiting for the ball to sail into his hands, there's no denying him the catch. Like most Texans, Clay is never more at home than when playing football. And his coach, a former star player for the Dallas Cowboys, is just like a second father.

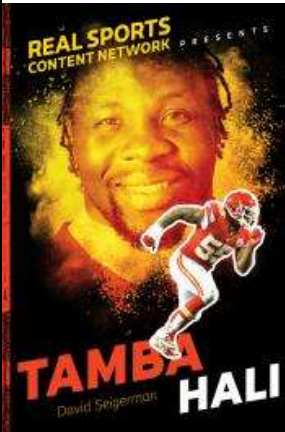
But as the football season kicks off, Clay begins to notice some odd behavior from his coach--lapses in his memory and strange mood swings. The conclusion is painful, but obvious: Coach Cooper is showing side effects of the many concussions he sustained during his playing days. As Clay's season wears on, it becomes clear that the real victory will be to help his coach walk onto that famous star logo in the middle of Cowboys Field one last time--during a Thanksgiving day ceremony honoring him and his former Super Bowl-winning teammates.

The Breadwinner: A Graphic Novel

by Deborah Ellis



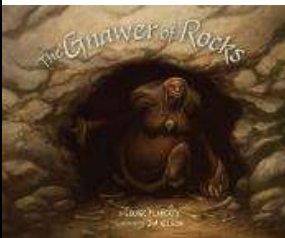
This beautiful graphic-novel adaptation of The Breadwinner animated film tells the story of eleven-year-old Parvana who must disguise herself as a boy to support her family during the Taliban's rule in Afghanistan. Based on the original book by Deborah Ellis. Adapted from the feature film by Nora Twomey.



Tamba Hali: Real Sports Content Network Presents

by David Seigerman

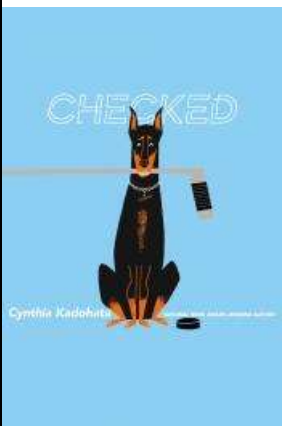
Tamba Hali is a linebacker on the Kansas City Chiefs. As a child, he and his seven siblings fled war-torn Liberia to the Ivory Coast, and later came to New Jersey.



The Gnawer of Rocks

by Louise Flaherty

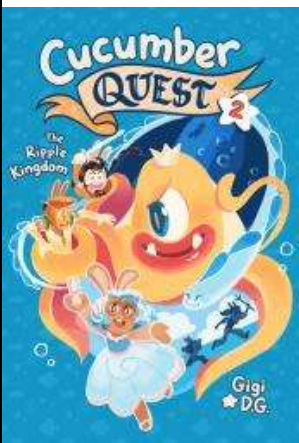
Based on a traditional Inuit legend, this graphic novel introduces readers to a dark and twisted creature that haunts the Northern landscape and preys on unsuspecting children.



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By: Cynthia Kadohata

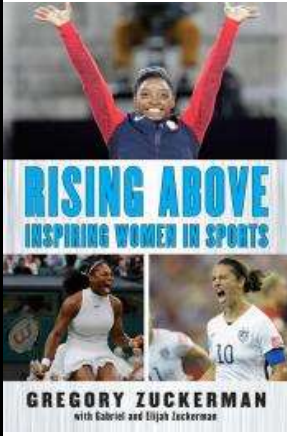
A hockey player must discover who he is without the sport that defines him.



The Ripple Kingdom: Cucumber Quest

by Gigi D. G.

The journey to retrieve the Dream Sword and save the world from destruction continues!



Rising Above: Inspiring Women in Sports

by Gregory Zuckerman

Here are the inspiring real-life stories of ten female superstar athletes, including Serena and Venus Williams, Simone Biles, Carli Lloyd, and Wilma Rudolph.

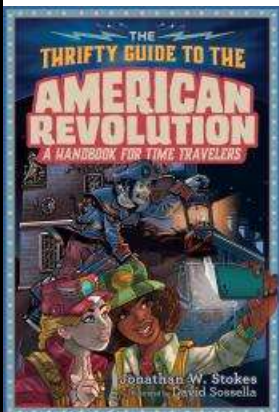


Sparks!

by Ian Boothby

August is a brilliant inventor who is afraid of the outside. Charlie is a crack pilot who isn't afraid of anything. Together these pals save lives every day. They also happen to be cats who pilot a powerful, mechanical dog suit!

The Thrifty Guide to the American Revolution: A Handbook for Time Travelers



by Jonathan W. Stokes

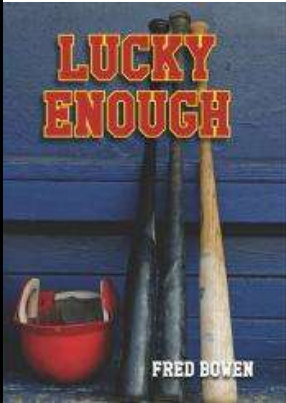
The Thrifty Guide to the American Revolution provides useful information for the practical time traveler, like:

- Where can I find a decent hotel room in colonial New England? Are major credit cards accepted?
- How do I join the Boston Tea Party without winding up in a British prison?
- How can I score a lunch with Alexander Hamilton?

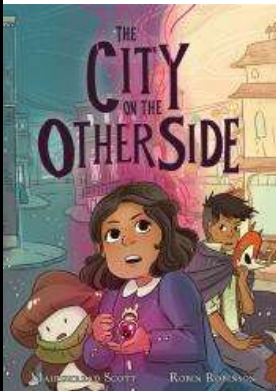
This guide answers these fiery, burning questions with the marshmallows of information. There is handy advice on how to join Paul Revere's spy ring at the Green Dragon Tavern, how to enlist in General Washington's rebel army, and how to summon the strength to storm a British gun battery when you haven't eaten for three days.

Lucky Enough

by Fred Bowen



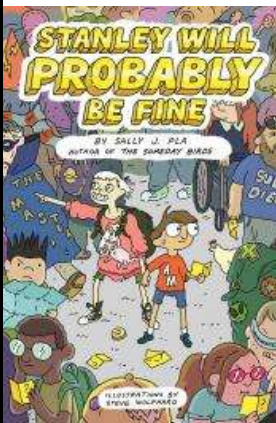
When Trey's treasured lucky charm—a piece of blue sea glass he found near his grandmother's beach house—"helps" him make it onto the Ravens travel team with his friend Cole, he is overjoyed. This stroke of good fortune reinforces his superstitious behavior, and the rituals become more and more important to him. In spite of some teasing and even some sarcasm from his teammates, Trey persists—he never steps on the foul line, he obsessively taps the corners of home plate when he's at bat, he always chooses the same lucky bat—and the list just keeps getting longer. Why stop? After all, his tactics are working; he's doing quite well on the field and in the batter's box. Then one day he can't find his lucky sea glass. He and Cole search everywhere—but it's no use. Trey's performance begins to slip, and he is convinced that his future with the Ravens is doomed. It is no comfort to him to learn that many pro baseball players also depended on lucky charms or rituals. Things don't start to improve for Trey until his uncle reminds him of his grandmother's favorite saying: "The harder you work, the luckier you get."



The City on the Other Side

by Mairghread Scott

Several years after the 1906 earthquake, a wealthy and sheltered young girl stumbles into a pitched war between two fairy kingdoms. The fate of San Francisco itself hangs in the balance!



Stanley Will Probably Be Fine

by Sally J. Pla

Stanley enters Trivia Quest—a giant comics-trivia treasure hunt in downtown San Diego to prove he can tackle his anxieties, score VIP passes to Comic Fest, and win back his ex-best friend.