

## Legends The Best Players Games And Teams In Basketball

"A kid-friendly exploration of how math and statistics are used in baseball"--

Offers highlights and entertaining facts from twenty of the greatest Super Bowls in the history of professional football.

Unlock the mysteries and magic within League of Legends, one of the world's most popular video games, in this encyclopedic and collectible companion book that explores the game's epic lore. Embark on a journey through the realms of Runeterra in this first-ever collectible companion book, published to celebrate the game's tenth anniversary. Spanning the farthest reaches of this universe and venturing into uncharted territory, this encyclopedic compendium connects players to the rich storytelling that inspires all the action. Inside, you'll find: An expedition through eleven regions, chronicling conflicts, entrenched rivalries, and covert alliances Hundreds of illustrations, including never-before-seen maps and artwork Insights into the heroes, flora, fauna, architecture, politics, and technologies from all corners of this world Original narratives that bring the cultures of Runeterra to life League of Legends is an online game played by millions of people around the world, offering endless engagement with an expanding roster of champions, frequent updates, and a thriving esports scene. This volume is an essential reference for fans everywhere.

Grand slam! Inspiring baseball biographies for young fans It's the bottom of the ninth, bases are loaded, and your team is down by three--who do you want coming up to bat? Baseball Biographies for Kids answers this question and more! Bursting with statistics and impressive feats from the greatest players of the last 60 years, this lineup of inspirational baseball biographies shows you what it takes to be a real MVP. Discover the ultimate dream team as you explore the best pros for each position. You'll also get quick looks into some truly legendary baseball players and lots of fun facts! Baseball Biographies for Kids includes: Modern stars, real stories--From Cal Ripken Jr. to David Ortiz, you'll discover the players who truly defined the game. Tons of stats--Each biography includes critical info, including games played, ERA, hits, and more. Draft your own all-star team--Fill out the included starting lineup sheet with your picks for each position. These baseball biographies really knock it out of the park for big fans and aspiring players!

It's time to cheer for the inspiring athletes of the Paralympic Games! As the Opening Ceremony for the 1948 Summer Olympic Games commenced in London, a similar sporting competition was taking place a few miles away. But the men at Stoke Mandeville weren't your typical athletes. They were paralyzed World War II veterans. The games at Stoke Mandeville were so successful that they would eventually lead evolve into the Paralympics. Participants from all around the world vie for the gold medal in a variety of sports, including archery, basketball, swimming, speed skating, and ice hockey. Author Gail Herman highlights their achievements, describes how these athletes train--both mentally and physically--for the games, and gives the reader a better understanding of what makes the Paralympic Games one of the world's most viewed sporting events.

A brief biography of the popular basketball player, Michael Jordan.

The #1 Bestseller! Twelve-year-old Danny Walker may be the smallest kid on the basketball court -- but don't tell him that. Because no one plays with more heart or court sense. But none of that matters when he is cut from his local travel team, the very same team his father led to national prominence as a boy. Danny's father, still smarting from his own troubles, knows Danny isn't the only kid who was cut for the wrong reason, and together, this washed-up former player and a bunch of never-say-die kids prove that the heart simply cannot be measured. For fans of The Bad News Bears, Hoosiers, the Mighty Ducks, and Mike Lupica's other New York Times bestselling novels Heat, The Underdogs, and Million-Dollar Throw, here is a book that proves that when the game knocks you down, champions stand tall.

The word legend is thrown around all too easily these days, but there can be no doubt that the NBA players featured in this book are the very best to have ever graced a basketball court. They are true legends of the game. Spanning the decades and covering all the league's most iconic eras, this book uncovers the fascinating stories and incredible accomplishments of the greatest basketball players. From the game's first superstars, Wilt Chamberlain, Bill Russell, and Jerry West, to the modern-day greats of the late Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, and Kevin Garnett. There are also in-depth features on Lakers legends Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, and Shaquille O'Neal, as well as Celtics great Larry Bird, while it also explores 23 reasons why Michael Jordan is the greatest of all time. It's not just about great players, though. Without great coaches there would be no great players, legendary teams, or memorable matchups. That's why this book also runs down the 10 most successful and influential coaches from NBA history, looks back at the 10 greatest championship-winning teams, and relives 10 of the best ever games. It also includes a review of the 50 most iconic NBA players of all time.

From one of the leading Fortnite gamers in the world comes your game plan for outclassing the rest at playing video games. "Get the right gear, practice the right way, and get into the right headspace and you too can Get Good."—Time Packed with illustrations, photographs, anecdotes, and insider tips, this complete compendium includes everything Tyler "Ninja" Blevins wishes he knew before he got serious about gaming. Here's how to: • Build a gaming PC • Practice with purpose • Develop strategy • Improve your game sense • Pull together the right team • Stream with skill • Form a community online • And much more Video games come and go, but Ninja's lessons are timeless. Pay attention to them and you'll find that you're never really starting over when the next big game launches. Who knows—you may even beat him one day. As he says, that's up to you. Praise for Ninja: Get Good "If you're a casual gamer looking to refine your gaming skills or equipment, or someone considering getting into esports, then livestreamer and gaming guru Tyler 'Ninja' Blevins' book could be the perfect guide."—Los Angeles Times "It's perfect for young kids just getting into gaming after watching streamers, like Ninja, and their parents who may not know much about gaming and streaming . . . It's an all-in-one checklist of everything you need to start up on a streaming life. This book breaks down complex and sometimes obscure concepts in gaming that many non-gamer parents may not know about or the kids know about instinctually but can't put into words."—GameCrate

An introduction to the life and career of hockey player Wayne Gretzky.

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.

'Essential reading for players, fans and coaches' - Steven Gerrard 'A cracking read' - Chris Evans 'I couldn't put it down' - Joey Barton What are the greatest games ever played? From Jurgen Klopp to Gary

Neville, Xavi to David Beckham, Jamie Carragher speaks with teammates, rivals, managers and legends of the sport to identify and analyse football's greatest encounters. As Carra and his contributors take you into the dressing rooms and out onto the pitches of the world's most celebrated stadiums, they relive some of the defining moments of their playing careers as well as many more from the greatest football matches ever played - from title deciders and cup finals to against-all-odds comebacks, tactical masterclasses and old school classics. Packed full of hilarious stories, exclusive anecdotes and refreshing appraisals, in *The Greatest Games* Jamie Carragher takes you into the heart of these matches, revealing new insights into the teams, players and coaches that have shaped football.

"Fast-paced and adrenaline-filled, basketball has won the hearts of fans all across America. Giants of the game like LeBron James, Kobe Bryant, and Michael Jordan have become cultural icons and role models, bringing the game to new levels every year. From Bill Russell to Steph Curry, all the greatest take flight toward the hoop in this perfect book for young fans"--Page [4] cover.

This accessible, informative, and beautifully illustrated book celebrates the 100th anniversary of the NFL and is the perfect keepsake for football fans of all ages. The National Football League is the most popular sports league in the United States. Its championship game, the Super Bowl, is watched by millions of people every year. But it wasn't always like this. In the last one hundred years, football has changed from a poorly organized, often overlooked sport to America's favorite pastime. Here are the stories of that remarkable transformation. The stories of the greatest players, the most successful coaches, the most memorable games—and the amazing plays that made us gasp as we watched them in stadiums and on televisions all over America. Discover the league's scrappy beginnings in an automobile showroom, and early players like Red Grange, the Galloping Ghost. Relive the very first championship game, played indoors after a circus had visited, and famous games like the Ice Bowl. See the NFL at war, and meet some of the remarkable athletes who helped desegregate the league. Learn how the draft came into existence, and about the teams that strove for that almost impossible goal—a perfect season. Veteran sportswriter Fred Bowen brings his in-depth knowledge and lively prose to these fascinating stories, and award-winning artist James E. Ransome has created stunning full-page illustrations that bring the sport of football to life like never before.

The biography of Oscar Charleston, a Negro Leagues legend and one of baseball's greatest and most unjustifiably overlooked players.

Take me out to the NOUN with Mad Libs! MLB Mad Libs includes 21 original stories based on the superstars, teams, superstitions, and history of the MLB. It's the perfect between-innings activity for fans of all ages.

"Gary Pluff has put together a great manual for basketball players 12-to-18 who want to get better. The A-Z Basketball Book is a great read for those interested in learning more about the game and becoming improved players." Jim Boeheim, Head Coach Syracuse Men's Basketball The A-Z Basketball Book is for all players, from age 12 to 18, that want to know what it takes to excel at the great game of basketball. Developed from a lifetime of coaching, playing, and studying, this comprehensive book condenses all the wisdom of the game down into an easy-to-read A to Z format. Meant to be read over and over again, the book will help young players elevate their game by increasing their knowledge and insight of the sport.

The greatest players in the NBA... NOW! Like *Hockey Now!* and *Football Now!*, *Basketball Now!* has earned its place as an anticipated release, giving fans the inside stories about their favorite superstars. This third edition is packed with 130 action images and 50 profiles, including a fresh crop of young players whose swagger and skills launched them to league-wide stardom. Bona fide superstars, rim-rocking rookies and future Hall of Famers, plus the all stars of tomorrow, the best international imports and the underrated players that can change a game -- they're all here. Look out for elite names like Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant, Giannis Antetokounmpo, James Harden, LeBron James, Kawhi Leonard and many, many more! Author Adam Elliott Segal gives readers an inside tour of all things NBA, including essays on the Draft, the Dunk Contest and the best clutch and playoff performances in the history of the league, as well as a summary of MVPs (regular season, All-Star Game and Finals) up to the end of the 2018-19 season. Mind-boggling athleticism, career-changing plays and pure magic -- *Basketball Now!* has it all, straight from the hardwood.

Two books from the Chess Secrets series brought together in one volume. Chess Secrets is a series of books which uncover the mysteries of the most important aspects of chess: strategy, attack, classical play, opening play, endgames and preparation. In each book the author chooses and deeply studies a number of great players from chess history who have excelled in a particular field of the game and undeniably influenced those who have followed. *Chess Secrets: The Giants of Power Play: Learn from Topalov, Geller, Bronstein, Alekhine and Morphy* by Neil McDonald. In *The Giants of Power Play*, Neil McDonald selects five players who have excelled in the field of 'power play' - the art of putting opponents under constant pressure. McDonald examines the contributions made by each player, their differences in approach and style, and from Morphy to Topalov, how they followed in each other's footsteps. *Chess Secrets: Great Attackers: Learn from Kasparov, Tal and Stein* by Colin Crouch. The chess world has witnessed a great number of wonderfully gifted attacking players, geniuses who have dazzled the chess public with their brilliant masterpieces. Everyone has their own favourites, and in *Chess Secrets: Great Attackers*, Colin Crouch chooses three of his own: Garry Kasparov, Mikhail Tal and Leonid Stein. World Champions Kasparov and Tal need no introduction, while Stein was a highly creative and intuitive player with the ability to destroy the world's best players with his vicious attacks.

The "enormously entertaining and wide-ranging" (Seattle Times) authorized, definitive, New York Times bestselling biography of Willie Mays, the most complete baseball player of all time. Willie Mays is arguably the greatest player in baseball history, still revered for the passion he brought to the game. He began as a teenager in the Negro Leagues, became a cult hero in New York, and was the headliner in Major League Baseball's bold expansion to California. He was a blend of power, speed, and stylistic bravado that enraptured fans for more than two decades. Now James Hirsch reveals the man behind the player. Mays was a transcendent figure who received standing ovations in enemy stadiums and who, during the turbulent civil rights era, urged understanding and reconciliation. More than his records, his legacy is defined by the pure joy that he brought to fans and the loving memories that have been passed to future generations so they might know the magic and beauty of the game. With meticulous research and drawing on interviews with Mays himself as well as with close friends, family, and teammates, Hirsch presents a brilliant portrait of one of America's most significant cultural icons.

"Experience baseball's most exciting moments, World Series heroics, greatest players, and more! Baseball, America's pastime, is a sport of moments that stand the test of time. It is equally a sport of a new generation of heroes, whose exploits inspire today's young fans. ... 'Legends: The Best Players, Games, and Teams in Baseball' ... [is not a] traditional almanac of mundane statistics, but rather a storyteller's journey through baseball's storied game. Told in fun, accessible chapters and accompanied by iconic photos, a slew of Top Ten lists for kids to chew on and

debate, and a Timeline of the 40 Most Important Moments in Baseball History, this collection covers some of the greatest players from Babe Ruth to Hank Aaron; the greatest teams to take the field and swing the bats; the greatest social triggers, such as Jackie Robinson's breaking of the color barrier; the greatest playoff rivalries, including the 2004 showdown between the Red Sox and Yankees that turned into an instant classic; and, of course, the edge-of-your-seat World Series moments that left some cheering while others wept. This is the perfect book for young fans eager to learn more about the sport that will stay with them for a lifetime."--Publisher website.

Chronicles the baseball star's on-field achievements and explains how the dignity and determination with which Aaron stood against racism helped transform the role and significance of the professional black athlete and turn Aaron into a national icon.

From the #1 bestselling author of *Heat*, *Travel Team* and *Million-Dollar Throw* comes a story of every football kid's dream come true. 12-year-old Charlie is a fantasy football guru. He may be just a bench warmer for his school's football team, but when it comes to knowing and loving the game, he's first-string. He even becomes a celebrity when his podcast gets noticed by a sports radio host, who plays Charlie's fantasy picks for all of Los Angeles to hear. Soon Charlie befriends the elderly owner of the L.A. Bulldogs -- a fictional NFL team -- and convinces him to take a chance on an aging quarterback. After that, watch out . . . it's press conferences and national fame as Charlie becomes a media curiosity and source of conflict for the Bulldogs general manager, whose job Charlie seems to have taken. It's all a bit much for a kid just trying to stay on top of his grades and maintain his friendship with his verbal sparring partner, Anna. Like the best Disney film in book form, like *Moneyball* for kids, *Fantasy League* is every football kid's dream scenario. Praise for *FANTASY LEAGUE*: \* "This *Moneyball* story with kids is on the money."--Booklist, starred review "The feel good book of the year."--VOYA "Readers will be alternately cheering and reaching for a tissue during the final playoff-deciding game for the Bulldogs. This will be devoured by young football fans."--School Library Journal

"Ludicrous—and a whole lot of fun...an enjoyable sports fantasy." —Kirkus Reviews "Infused with silliness and sugar, but the banter is fast and sassy...Funny and believable." —BCCB A basketball-loving girl makes a wish to never miss a basket in this charming middle grade novel that pushes girl power to the max! Lizzy Trudeau loves basketball. She doesn't have much by way of money, but she has access to the community court and a worn ball named Ginger, and she practices constantly. After fighting to join the boys' team at her school, Lizzy is finally given the opportunity to show off her hard-earned skills. When she answers what she believes is another bill-collecting phone call, Lizzy receives a magical wish: the ability to sink every shot. Pure Swish. Now eviscerating the competition in the boys' league is small potatoes—she has the skills to dominate in the NBA. With the help of her BFF Toby and some viral video action, Lizzy goes all the way to the Philadelphia Bells's starting lineup, making history and taking names. Then, just as she's about to go face-to-face with her hero, the best player on the planet, things begin to fall apart. But Lizzy isn't a quitter and she'll play her hardest for the love of the game.

Whose hands were so big he held the basketball like a grapefruit? Which center singlehandedly changed the way defense was played? From Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Russell to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Larry Bird and Michael Jordan, young hoops fans can read about eleven legendary players in this exciting look at basketball's greatest slam-dunking, hoop-hanging superstars.

From the author of *The Last Hero: A Life of Henry Aaron* comes the definitive biography of Hall of Famer Rickey Henderson, baseball's epic leadoff hitter and base-stealer who also stole America's heart over nearly five electric decades in the game. Few names in the history of baseball evoke the excellence and dynamism that Rickey Henderson's does. He holds the record for the most stolen bases in a single game, and he's scored more runs than any player ever. "If you cut Rickey Henderson in half, you'd have two Hall of Famers," the baseball historian Bill James once said. But perhaps even more than his prowess on the field, Rickey Henderson's is a story of Oakland, California, the town that gave rise to so many legendary athletes like him. And it's a story of a sea change in sports, when athletes gained celebrity status and Black players finally earned equitable salaries. Henderson embraced this shift with his trademark style, playing for nine different teams throughout his decades-long career and sculpting a brash, larger-than-life persona that stole the nation's heart. Now, in the hands of critically acclaimed sportswriter and culture critic Howard Bryant, one of baseball's greatest and most original stars finally gets his due.

This title will introduce you to Wayne Gretzky, Sidney Crosby, Bobby Orr, and more of the all-time greatest players in hockey. Complete with action-packed stories of their most memorable moments, spotlight stats, information boxes, a glossary, additional resources and more. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. SportsZone is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

*Apex Legends: Ultimate Champion's Guide* contains everything players need to dominate in *Apex Legends*. *Apex Legends* is the hottest new battle royale video game, and the *Ultimate Champion's Guide* contains everything that players need to dominate. With sections ranging from mastering the game's basics to tips for more advanced players, this is the perfect book for any *Apex* competitor. It includes detailed profiles of the legends and their unique abilities, advanced combat tips, and survival strategies that will give players the edge in a close-fought battle. This fully illustrated, comprehensive guide is essential for all players who want to lead their squad to victory.

Told in a new Who HQ NOW format for trending topics, this Who Was? biography details NBA superstar Kobe Bryant's legendary career and the impact of his legacy on the sports world and beyond. Kobe Bryant was just an eighteen-year-old high-school basketball player when he decided to enter the National Basketball Association's draft. Though he was the thirteenth overall pick by the Charlotte Hornets, he would never play a single game for them. Instead, Kobe was traded to the Los Angeles Lakers, where he would spend his entire twenty-season career, winning five championships and numerous awards. Author Ellen Labreque takes readers through each exciting moment, from his iconic dunks to his 81-point game--all the milestones that span Kobe Bryant's legendary career and legacy.

Lionel Messi plays for Barcelona and is considered to be one of the best soccer players in the world. With carefully leveled text, critical-thinking questions, and eye-catching photos, this title will be a hit with young soccer fans!

So, you're interested in learning about the best strikers of all-time! Who wouldn't? Soccer strikers are the most recognized names in the game itself. They are the ones that we always remember the number 9 who scored all the goals. The guy who turns up in the big game, and the guy who you love to watch on the TV and at the stadium! It's true, and nobody can say otherwise, that strikers are the most valuable part of a soccer team. They are the ones who are relied upon to be the best, to get the goals, to win the trophies. Goals win games and while other soccer players like a midfield player or a defending player can get away with not scoring so many goals, with strikers they need to be involved in the scoring all the time! After reading this fun, interesting, and easy to read book, you will know exactly who are the best strikers of the history to look into that can be the right role model for you to learn from. You will know exactly why there are quotes such as below: "There are some things Ronaldo can do with a football that make me touch my head and wonder how on earth he did it." -Portuguese star Luis Figo Malcolm Allison: "How do you spell Pele?" Pat Crerand: "Easy: G-O-D." -British television commentators during Mexico 1970 "Leo simply goes one way with his body and another with the ball. You have to either guess right or foul him." -Teammate Gerard Pique ..and so much more.. Get this book and enjoy!"

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "An instant sports classic." —New York Post \* "Stellar." —The Wall Street Journal \* "A true masterwork...880 pages of sheer baseball bliss." —BookPage (starred review) \* "This is a remarkable achievement." —Publishers Weekly (starred review) A magnum opus from acclaimed baseball writer Joe Posnanski, *The Baseball 100* is an audacious, singular, and masterly book that took a lifetime to write. The entire story of baseball rings through a countdown of the 100 greatest players in history, with a foreword by George Will. Longer than *Moby-Dick* and nearly as ambitious, *The Baseball 100* is a one-of-a-kind work by award-winning sportswriter and lifelong student of the game Joe Posnanski that tells the story of the sport through the remarkable lives of its 100 greatest players. In the book's introduction, Pulitzer Prize-winning commentator George F. Will marvels, "Posnanski must already have lived more than 200 years. How else could he have acquired such a stock of illuminating facts and entertaining stories about the rich history of this endlessly fascinating sport?" Baseball's legends come alive in these pages, which are not merely rankings but vibrant profiles of the game's all-time greats. Posnanski dives into the biographies of iconic Hall of Famers, unfairly forgotten All-Stars, talents of today, and more. He doesn't rely just on records and statistics—he lovingly retraces players' origins, illuminates their characters, and places their accomplishments in the context of baseball's past and present. Just how good a pitcher is Clayton Kershaw in the twenty-first-century game compared to Greg Maddux dueling with the juiced hitters of the nineties? How do the career and influence of Hank Aaron compare to Babe Ruth's? Which player in the top ten most deserves to be resurrected from history? No compendium of baseball's legendary geniuses could be complete without the players of the segregated Negro Leagues, men whose extraordinary careers were largely overlooked by sportswriters at the time and unjustly lost to history. Posnanski writes about the efforts of former Negro Leaguers to restore sidelined Black athletes to their due honor, and draws upon the deep troves of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and extensive interviews with the likes of Buck O'Neil to illuminate the accomplishments of players such as pitchers Satchel Paige and Smokey Joe Williams; outfielders Oscar Charleston, Monte Irvin, and Cool Papa Bell; first baseman Buck Leonard; shortstop Pop Lloyd; catcher Josh Gibson; and many, many more. *The Baseball 100* treats readers to the whole rich pageant of baseball history in a single volume. Chapter by chapter, Posnanski invites readers to examine common lore with brand-new eyes and learn stories that have long gone unheard. The epic and often emotional reading experience mirrors Posnanski's personal odyssey to capture the history and glory of baseball like no one else, fueled by his boundless love for the sport. Engrossing, surprising, and heartfelt, *The Baseball 100* is a magisterial tribute to the game of baseball and the stars who have played it.

*Shut Out* is the compelling story of Boston's racial divide viewed through the lens of one of the city's greatest institutions - its baseball team, and told from the perspective of Boston native and noted sports writer Howard Bryant. This well written and poignant work contains striking interviews in which blacks who played for the Red Sox speak for the first time about their experiences in Boston, as well as groundbreaking chapter that details Jackie Robinson's ill-fated tryout with the Boston Red Sox and the humiliation that followed.

Introduces male and female professional soccer players from around the world.

Fifteen-year-old Drew "True" Robinson loves being the best point-guard prospect on his high-school basketball team, but learns the consequences of fame through a former player, as well as through the man who expects to be his manager when True reaches the NBA.

Are you looking to get better at Apex Legends? Are you a beginner and want to improve your game? Do you want to become the best Apex Legends player? Then this book is for you! This book provides a great introduction to the battle royale game Apex Legends and it will teach you how to learn and play the game to get better at it. This book is perfect for beginners who have never played the game, or for gamers who are familiar with the game but want to improve. You will learn about different strategies and tips for all characters, weapons and attachments, the map, pinging, and more, including Easter Eggs! I am Ray McNulty, a professional gamer, game tester and writer and I have written the best Apex Legends guide! This book includes: An extensive introduction to the game and how to play Apex Legends characters - Octane, Bloodhound, Gibraltar, Lifeline, Pathfinder, Wraith, Bangalore, Caustic, Mirage Apex Legends game settings for performance Loot guide Apex Legends map (King's Canyon) - loot locations, places to land, the ring Apex Legends guns and attachments - Assault Rifles, SMGs, Light Machine Guns, Sniper Rifles, Shotguns, Pistols Loadout guide - best weapon combinations, tips and tricks Apex Legends movement tips Ping guide and how to communicate with your teammates Healing and reviving allies Apex Legends heirlooms Apex Legends Easter Eggs And so much more! Are you ready to become the best player in Apex Legends? Scroll up, hit that buy button!

Discover inspirational real-life stories of superstar athletes in this collection of sports biographies featuring LeBron James, Stephen Curry, Tim Howard, and more! Team USA goalkeeper Tim Howard was

diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome in 6th grade. He went on to become a national treasure after single-handedly keeping America competitive in the 2014 World Cup. Stephen Curry was told he was too small, too weak, and too slow to even receive a scholarship to play college basketball. He outworked everyone and went on to become MVP of the National Basketball Association. Jim Abbott was born without his right hand, yet he refused to be defined by what he lacked. He went on to pitch a no-hitter in the Major Leagues. Athlete after athlete in this book found discipline, hope, and inspiration on the playing field, rising above their circumstances. Filled with first-hand accounts from stars who exemplify the idea of enduring at all costs, this collection of sports biographies will serve as a must-read source of inspiration for kids and sports fans of all ages. Praise for *Rising Above* A Scholastic Teacher magazine Summer Reading List selection A Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Summer Reading List selection "An easy pitch for middle school sports lovers."--School Library Journal "This collection of mini-bios about athletes who overcame major obstacles packs a powerful message—perseverance and passion pay off. Even non-sports fans will cheer for superstars like LeBron James and Stephen Curry."--Scholastic Teacher "So many of the obstacles that these athletes share are retold using personal interviews and primary source material that young readers will find very relatable. [T]heir stories have morals that are easily transferred to life off the court or the field. The highly relevant message is that no situation is too dire or insurmountable with the right attitude and that young people shouldn't allow setbacks to define them."--Booklist "[O]ften inspiring . . . The underdog stories reveal that dedication and perseverance pay off, as well as that sports can serve as needed outlets and refuges."--Publishers Weekly "I would rate this a 9 1/2 . . . it touch[es] your heart very often with the ways these athletes turn[ed] their lives around."--Colorado Kids

The top 100 stars in modern soccer. The book offers facts and stats of players operating in Europe's top leagues, with records presented concisely and with the use of infographics. The chapters are divided into player positions, namely defenders, midfielders, strikers, goalkeepers, plus there's a final chapter that profiles today's top 10 coaches. The profile-per-page is visually arresting, packed with incisive data, which the reader can use to compare and contrast the achievements and technical merits of the current icons of the beautiful game.

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