KS3: Sporting Stories





<mark>KICK OFF</mark> Dan Freedman

After missing a penalty at the Trials, Jamie is disappointed that he only made Team B. But then his granddad saves the day by giving him a book written by top coach, Kenny Wilcox. Book #1.

AR: 4.9 172 pages



GOLDEN GIRL GRACE Narinder Dhami

Beautiful, fun and a star striker, Grace can do no wrong. But when her perfect life is torn apart, Grace has some tough choices to make.

AR: 5.0 205 pages



THE WEIGHT OF WATER Sarah Crossan

Twelve-year-old Kasienka and her mother have immigrated to England from Poland, searching for Kasienka's father, but everyone is unfriendly except for an African neighbour and a boy Kasienka meets at the swimming pool, which is her only refuge. **AR: 4.7 240 pages**



THE PENALTY

Mal Peet

Paul Faustino, known as the best football journalist in the business, reluctantly investigates the disappearance of 18-year -old Ricardo, a football prodigy known as El Brujito, while in alternate chapters a slave in old San Juan becomes a voodoo priest.

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THE FASTEST BOY IN THE WORLD

Elizabeth Laird

When Grandfather collapses following a long journey to Ethiopia's capital city, Solomon knows he has to run the twenty miles back home to get his father.

AR: 4.4 176 pages



THE FIX

Sophie McKenzie Colts' star striker, Blake, is offered money to fix his team's matches. He accepts so he can help his mum pay the rent but soon wishes he hadn't. AR: 3.4 72 pages



THE ONE DOLLAR HORSE Lauren St John Casey dreams of riding her newly purchased one dollar horse, Storm, in the Badminton Trials. AR: 7.7 146 pages



DIVIDED WE FALL Alan Gibbons

Kev is worried about his team mate Jamie, whose family problems are affecting his game. **AR: 4.4 319 pages**

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SLAM DUNK

Donna King

When basketball star Ashlee gets the chance to compete for a place in the national girls' team, she heads for Florida. Can she count on her deadbeat dad for support? And will her mother ever forgive her? AR: 4.5 156 pages



THE DEEP END **Robert Swindells**

When the council threatens to close the pool, swimming star Lisa and her friends and family organise a peaceful protest, but things go wrong. AR: 3.5 61 pages



EXTRA TIME

Morris Gleitzman

Highly-talented footballer, Matt, and his little sister/manager, Bridie, get the chance to go to England. From there they take on the premier league, and give it back something it has lost. AR: 4.3 224 pages



RUNNING SCARED

Emma Carlson Berne

Best friends Olivia and Jessica are good runners, but Olivia is uncomfortable with competition, so when her friend talks her into joining the track team and Olivia is assigned to a long distance race, she is suddenly overcome by a fear of failure. AR: QR 3.5 62 pages



PRIDE AND PENALTIES

Chris Higgins

No one takes Charlotte's dreams of playing rugby seriously because she's a girl. Dad's business is not doing well, Gran keeps forgetting things, Mum's taking an unhealthy interest in the PE teacher and her rugby playing brother wants to go on the stage.

AR: 4.6 282 pages



EXPOSURE Mal Peet

Paul Faustino, South America's best football journalist, reports on the events that hurl Otello from the heights of being a beloved football star, happily married to pop singer Desdemona, into a downward spiral. Loosely based on Shakespeare's Othello. AR: 5.0 440 pages



RESPECT!

Michaela Morgan

The story of Walter Tull, an orphan who, as well as being a great footballer, becomes the first black British army officer. Based on a true story AR: 3.5 58 pages



MATCH OF DEATH

James Riordan When the Nazis invade Kiev, Vova is primarily concerned with staying alive and struggling against the enemy. Then he gets a chance to play football and must decide which is more important - the honour of his country or his life. Based on a true story.

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