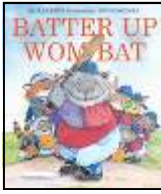


Or, try out these picture books. . .



Batter Up Wombat

E LESTE

An Australian wombat joins the Champs baseball team, and even though he is disastrously ignorant about the game, his talents save everyone when a tornado suddenly strikes.

Luke Goes to Bat

E ISADO

Luke is not very good at baseball, but his grandmother and sports star Jackie Robinson encourage him to keep trying.



Mudball

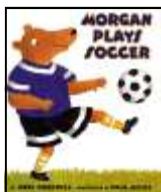
E TAVAR

During a rainy Minneapolis Millers baseball game in 1903, Little Andy Oylar has the chance to become a hero by hitting the shortest and muddiest home run in history.

The Greatest Game Ever Played: A Football Story

E BILDN

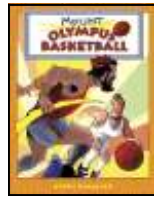
The author tells a heartwarming father-and-son story against the backdrop of the "Greatest Game Ever Played," the 1958 NFL championship.



Morgan Plays Soccer

E ROCKW

Morgan Brownbear has trouble playing soccer until his coach, Mr. Monkey, finds the perfect position for him.



Mount Olympus Basketball

E OMALL

Zeus, Hera, Athena, Poseidon, and Hades pull some dirty tricks as they face off against Hercules, Jason, Odysseus, Achilles, and Theseus in this gods-versus-mortals basketball game in ancient Greece.

Froggy Plays Soccer

E LONDO

Froggy is ready for the big soccer game-- his team is playing the Wild Things for the City Cup. All Froggy has to do is remember not to use his hands. But Froggy is busy doing cartwheels and picking daisies. . .



Brendan and Belinda and the Slam Dunk

E ROCKW

Brendan and Belinda and their dad, Mr. Porker, learn that being a good sport means playing the game well and having fun, too.

Soccer Mom From Outer Space

E SALTZ

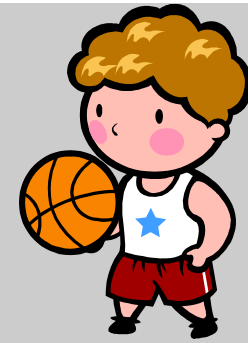
The night before Lena's first soccer game, her father tells her a story about how his mother used to act bizarre at his soccer games and embarrass him.



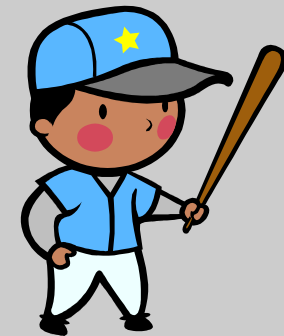
Wonder Goal!

E FOREM

A boy describes what it feels like to score a goal that makes his soccer teammates stop teasing him.

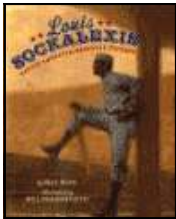


BOOKS ABOUT SPORTS



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Get inspired with these picture book biographies of sports greats from history!



Louis Sockalexis: Native American Baseball Pioneer EASY J 796.357 SOCKA

Louis Sockalexis pursued his childhood love of baseball, and eventually joined the Major Leagues.

As the first Native American to play professional baseball, he faced racism with courage and humility.

Hammerin' Hank: The Life of Hank Greenberg EASY J 796.357 GREEN

Meet one of America's earliest Jewish-American heroes. The 1930s were a time when "outsiders" were not welcome in major league baseball.

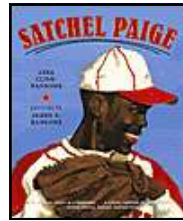
Henry Greenberg began as one of those outsiders, but went on to become one of baseball's greatest right-handed batters.



Stealing Home: Jackie Robinson: Against the Odds EASY J 796.357 ROBIN

This is the story of Jackie Robinson, a man who not only did the unbelievable-- steal home-- but also

what no one thought possible, which was cross the color line of major league baseball.



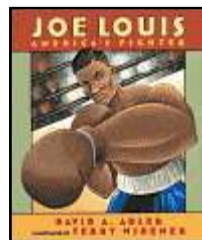
Satchel Paige J B PAIGE

Examines the life of the legendary baseball player, who was the first African-American to pitch in a Major League World Series.

Mighty Jackie: The Strike-Out Queen

EASY J 796.357 MITCH

In 1931, the New York Yankees stopped in Chattanooga, Tennessee, for an exhibition game against the city's minor league team, which had a 17-year-old girl named Jackie Mitchell as its pitcher. On that April day, Jackie made baseball history.



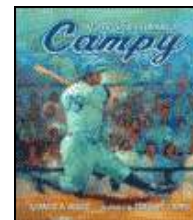
Joe Louis: America's Fighter J B LOUIS

An award-winning author-and-illustrator team bring to life the inspiring true story of a man who overcame racism and poverty to become America's hero.

Campy: The Story of Roy Campanella

EASY J 796.357 CAMPA

The first African-American catcher to integrate major league baseball, Roy Campanella's career ended in 1958 after a car accident. This picture book chronicles the life of a legend.



Jim Thorpe's Bright Path J B THORP

A biography of Native American athlete Jim Thorpe, focusing on how his boyhood education set the stage for his athletic achievements which

gained him international fame and Olympic gold medals.

Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman

EASY J 796.42 RUDOL

Before Wilma was five years old, polio had paralyzed her left leg and doctors said she would never walk. But Wilma refused to believe that, and eventually became the first American woman to earn three gold medals at the Olympics.



Jump!: From the Life of Michael Jordan

EASY J B JORDA

Michael Jordan was once just an ordinary little boy growing up in a North Carolina suburb, trying to keep up with his older brother Larry. Michael was always good at sports, but it seemed like Larry was always going to be bigger, quicker, and luckier. But Michael never gave up, and his practicing began to pay off.

By My Brother's Side EASY J B BARBE

Introduces twin brothers Tiki and Ronde Barber, who worked hard to overcome obstacles and became National Football League stars, one as running-back for the New York Giants, the other as cornerback for the Tampa Bay Bucs.

