



Basketball Fiction for Young Adults

Airball: My Life in Briefs

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YP Fic Harkrade

A losing seventh grade basketball team must start winning for the opportunity to meet a famous basketball player. The coach has them practice in their underwear to gain confidence and now they can only win when they are playing in their underwear.

Ball Don't Lie

Matt de la Pena

YP Fic Pena

Sticky, having grown up on the streets, has a natural talent for basketball. Can the game be his way out and provide him with a chance to go to college?

Basketball (or Something Like It)

Nora Raleigh

YP Fic Raleigh

Four teenagers on a suburban basketball team each tell their story in alternating chapters and finally become friends while in detention.

Black and White

Paul Volponi

YP Fic Volponi

Best friends and high school basketball stars Marcus and Eddie are known as Black and White because of their race. Once the friends commit a crime they are treated differently because of their race.

Deadly Drive

David Patneaud

YP Fic Patneaud

Fifteen year old Casey Wilde plays basketball while searching for the motorist who killed her mother in a hit and run accident.

How I Fell in Love & Learned to Shoot Free Throws

John Ripslinger

YP Fic Ripslinger

Danny begins to fall for Angel who is showing him her secrets for good free throws. However, more secrets are revealed regarding their families as they continue to practice.

Jump Ball: A Basketball Season in Poems

Mel Glenn

YP Fic Glenn

Written in free verse poems various characters including players, fans, teachers, and parents throughout the school share their innermost thoughts as the high school basketball team progresses through the basketball season.

Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery

John Feinstein

YP Fic Feinstein

Two eighth grade aspiring sports writers win a trip to the Final Four in New Orleans where they overhear a plan of blackmailing in the game.

Learning the Game

Kevin Waltman

YP Fic Kevin Waltman

Nate is involved in a crime with members of his basketball team. Should he do the right thing and confess? However, that would get him and his friends kicked off the basketball team.

Life, Love, and the Pursuit of Free Throws

Janette Rallison

YP Fic Janette Rallison

Longtime friends Cami and Rebecca end up competing against each other for their basketball team's MVP title and the same guy.

On the Devil's Court

Carl Deuker

YP Fic Deuker

Senior Joe Faust becomes a basketball star at his high school after he makes a deal with the devil to make him a winning player. This book includes family conflict, superstition, and lots of basketball action.

The Perfect Shot

Elaine Marie Alphin

YP Fic Alphin

Told in flashbacks, this thriller weaves civil rights issues, racial prejudice, and the judicial system when the family of a high school star basketball player's girlfriend is murdered.

Players

Joyce Sweeney

YP Fic Sweeney

Who is sabotaging the basketball team? This is a mystery for basketball fans.

Rebound Caper

Thomas J. Dygard

YP Fic Dygard

Gary Whipple high school basketball player and prankster decides to play for the girls' basketball team.

The Rebounder

Thomas J. Dygard

YP Fic Dygard

Told from the coach's point of view a six-foot-six inch transfer student is persuaded to play basketball again after causing a serious eye injury on the court at his former school. Can he help the team get to the championships without causing another accident?

The Rhyming Season

Edward Averett

YP Fic Averett

A new coach for the girl's high school basketball team assigns each player the name of a poet they are to study and recite poetry lines as they make their shots. Will this strange method bring their team to victory?

Tournament Upstart

Thomas J. Dygard

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Small underdog Cedar Grove High School is facing a big favored high school in the statewide tournament. Can they remain united as a team to win?

Zanbanger

R.R. Knudson

YP Fic Knudson

A teenage girl faces obstacles in order to play on the boys' high school basketball team.