

Game over: Jerry Sandusky, Penn State, and the culture of silence

by Bill Moushey **364.1530917 MOUSHEY**

In a place called Happy Valley, one of the worst scandals in U.S. sports history rocked the nation and Division I college sports. On November 6, 2011, Jerry Sandusky, a former coach under Penn State football legend Joe Paterno, was arrested following allegations of child sexual abuse. In this book, two journalists investigate claims of a cover-up within the Penn State hierarchy.

Illegal Procedure: a sports agent comes clean on the dirty business of college football

by Josh Luchs **338.47796 LUCHS**

After fifteen years as a sports agent making illegal deals with college athletes, exchanging no-interest loans with players for a spot on their pro contracts, Josh Luchs cleaned up his act and became a whistle-blower. Luchs tells his story and reveals how agents win players, the profit colleges make from their unpaid players, and the truth behind full-ride scholarships.

Texas high school football: more than the game

by Joe Nick Patoski **796.33262 PATOSKI**

This book explores how football connects individuals and creates communities throughout Texas — from small rural schools to large, 5A suburban campuses. The book includes a focus on all parts of the sport, from legendary players and coaches to marching bands and mascots, which helps to illustrate the history of the sport.

The kids got it right: how the Texas all-stars kicked down racial walls

by Jim Dent **796.33263 DENT**

Take a journey back to 1965 during a point in history where black and white players were segregated in Texas. Following a devastating defeat, Texas Coach Bobby Layne appealed to Texas Governor Connally to resolve a scheduling conflict to free up all-star players and to also allow for the recruitment of black players. This story follows the friendship of two of the players who led their team in a showdown at Hershey Stadium in Pennsylvania.

Breaking the line: the season in Black college football that transformed the sport and changed the course of civil rights

by Samuel G. Freedman **796.332 FREEDMAN**

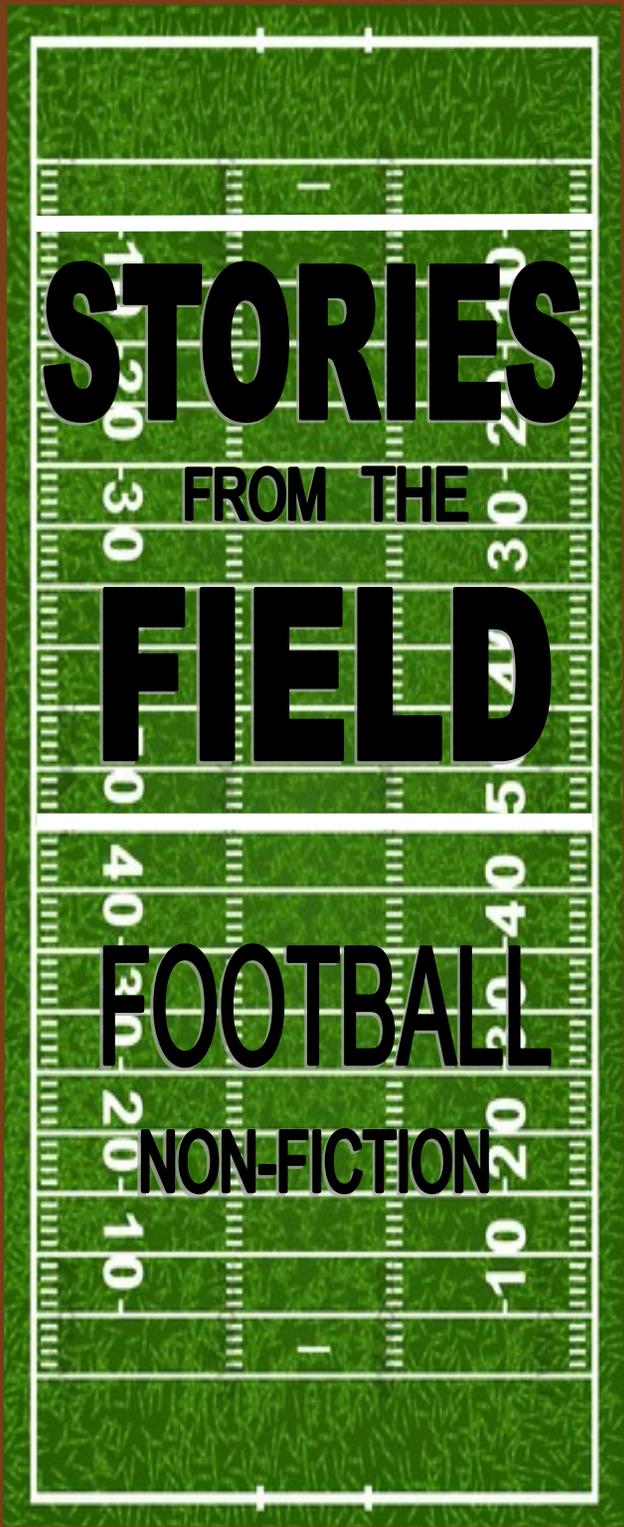
This is the story of four leaders and their teammates who stormed the 1967 football season in an effort to win the black college championship. Freedman also highlights how the efforts of these teams helped influence the segregated Southern colleges to integrate their teams.

Going deep: how wide receivers became the most compelling figures in pro sports

by Cris Carter **796.332 CARTER**

Former NFL player Cris Carter and ESPN journalist Jeffri Chadiha retrace the emergence of the wide receiver and illustrate how it became the most complex and compelling position in professional sports. The book covers every one from Michael Irvin to Keyshawn Johnson to Terrell Owens, and reveals stories readers have never heard.

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Paper Lion : confessions of a last-string quarter-back

by George Plimpton **796.332092 PLIMPTON**

Best known for his “participatory journalism”, Plimpton took an active role in the topics he covered. In *Paper Lion*, Plimpton trains with the Detroit Lions during their camp and practices with the team, recounting the shenanigans, pressures, and the rites of passage on and off the field.

No excuses: growing up deaf and achieving my Super Bowl dreams

by Derrick Coleman **796.332092 COLEMAN**

Coleman shares his journey as the first deaf athlete to play offense in the NFL. Never one to take “no” for an answer, Coleman, with the support of his family, pushed toward his NFL dreams. Every challenge he encountered along the way only helped to strengthen his character.

Slow getting up : a story of NFL survival from the bottom of the pile

by Nate Jackson **796.332092 JACKSON**

Jackson tells the story of his journey from a Division III school to alternating between the practice squad and the active roster on the Denver Broncos. His experience tells the story of the hundreds of players whose lives are very different from that of their superstar colleagues.

Concussion

by Jeanne Marie Laskas **617.51044 LASKAS**

In 2002, Dr. Bennet Omalu made a discovery that would shock the NFL. After dissecting the brain of retired center for the Pittsburgh Steelers, Mike Webster, Dr. Omalu discovered signs of what he later termed “chronic traumatic encephalopathy” (CTE). This discovery set in motion a heated debate between the NFL and Dr. Omalu’s research that would change the public’s view of American football and the health of its players.

The game before the money: voice of the men who built the NFL

by Jackson Michael **796.33264 MICHAEL**

This book features personal accounts from players from the 1930s through the 1970s that trace professional football’s journey from its earliest day through the first two decades of the Super Bowl. Discover the backstories to classic games before the era of multi-million dollar contracts.

Why football matters: my education in the game

by Mark Edmundson **796.332092 EDMUNSON**

Edmundson revisits the football-playing days of his youth. He started off a shy and unsure high school player before growing into a more inept and tougher athlete. Through the eyes of adulthood, Edmundson takes a look back at his youth and explores the affect playing football had on his life and development.

Rise: a soldier, a dream, and a promise kept

by Daniel Rodriguez **956.7044 RODRIGUE**

At nineteen, Daniel Rodriguez enlisted in the army and was deployed to Iraq and, later, Afghanistan. He was awarded a Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for his bravery, but suffered from PTSD after his return home. But he didn’t give up and made good on his promise to his friend that, once he made it out of the war, he’d play college football. This is his story.

The storm and the tide: tragedy, hope and triumph in Tuscaloosa

by Lars Anderson **551.55309761 ANDERSON**

Following a powerful tornado that devastated Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Nick Saban, the University of Alabama football coach, and his football team went out into the community to aide in the recovery. “Let’s play for Tuscaloosa” became the rallying cry and the Crimson Tide football team began to compete for a cause much greater than a national championship.

Muck City: winning and losing in football’s forgotten town

by Bryan Mealer **796.33262 MEALER**

The Florida town of Belle Glade is plagued by poverty, drugs, and violent crime. Follow the journey of three residents as they fight to achieve something positive. Mario Rowley, the quarterback for Glades Central High School, works to achieve his dream of a championship victory; Jessie Hester, the town’s first NFL star, returns home hopeful; and Jonteria Williams must prevail against great odds to achieve her dream of becoming a doctor.

The war on football: saving America’s game

by Daniel J. Flynn **796.332 FLYNN**

In this book, Flynn argues against the criticism that football has received: debilitating and untreated concussions that lead to elevated suicide rates and earlier death rates among players, as well as disproportionate rates of heart disease — the list goes on. Flynn argues these statistics are based on “lawyers clamoring for billion-dollar settlements in scam litigation” and that the sport is actually safer than skateboarding, bicycling, or skiing.

Fourth and long: the fight for the soul of college football

by John U. Bacon **796.33263 BACON**

In his book, Bacon ruminates on his experience embedded in four college football programs: Penn State, Ohio State, Michigan, and Northwestern. He sees everything from a team’s angry face-off with their athletic director to a defensive lineman acing his master’s exams in theoretical math. He also finds what was missed in the media following the aftermath of Penn State’s Jerry Sandusky scandal. Overall, Bacon works to honor the history and legacy of college football.