

Tripp, Valerie. *Kit's home run.*

Middleton, WI. Pleasant Co., 2002. In 1933 Cincinnati, Kit is an enthusiastic baseball player whose home run slide has surprising consequences.

J AMERICAN GIRL

Auch, Mary Jane. *One-handed catch.*

NY, H. Holt and Co., c2006. After losing his hand in an accident in his father's butcher shop in 1946, sixth-grader Norman uses hard work and humor to learn to live with his disability and to succeed at baseball, art, and other activities.

J AUCH

Berk, Josh. *Strike three, you're dead.*

NY, Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. Lenny Norbck and his friends The Mikes set out to investigate the suspicious death of a young pitcher at a Phillies game

JM BERK

Bunting, Eve. *Pitcher to center field.*

Chicago : Childrens Press, [1974] Although he'd rather play center field, Steve's father pressures him to compete with the new boy next door for the position of All-Star pitcher in their league.

J BUNTING

Chabon, Michael. *Summerland.*

NY, Miramax Books, c2002. Ethan Feld, the worst baseball player in the history of the game, finds himself recruited by a 100-year-old scout to help a band of fairies triumph over an ancient enemy.

J SF CHABON

Cochrane, Mick.

The girl who threw butterflies.

NY, Alfred A. Knopf, c2009. Eighth-grader Molly's ability to throw a knuckleball earns her a spot on the baseball team, which not only helps her feel connected to her recently deceased father, who loved baseball, it helps in other aspects of her life, as well.

J COCHRANE

Corbett, Sue. *Free baseball.*

NY, Dutton Children's Books, 2006. Angry with his mother for having too little time for him, 11-year-old Felix takes advantage of an opportunity to become bat boy for a minor league baseball team, hoping to someday be like his father, a famous Cuban outfielder. Includes glossaries of baseball terms and Spanish words and phrases.

J CORBETT

Coy, John. *Top of the order.*

NY, Feiwel and Friends, 2009. 10-year-old Jackson lives for baseball, but becomes distracted by the approach of middle school, his mother's latest boyfriend, and the presence of a girl--his good friend's sister--on his team.

J COY

Day, Karen. *No cream puffs.*

NY, Wendy Lamb Books, 2008. In 1980, when 12-year-old Madison, who loves to play baseball, decides to play in her town's baseball league, she never envisions the uproar it causes when she becomes the first girl to join.

J DAY

Gantos, Jack. *Joey Pigza loses control.*

NY, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2000. Joey, who is still taking medication to keep him from getting too wired, goes to spend the summer with the father he has never known and tries to help the baseball team he coaches win the championship.

J GANTOS

Gratz, Alan.

The Brooklyn nine : a novel in nine innings.

NY, Dial Books, c2009. Follows the fortunes of a German immigrant family through nine generations, beginning in 1845, as they experience American life and play baseball.

J GRATZ

Green, Tim. *Baseball great.*

NY, HarperCollinsPublishers, 2009. All 12-year-old Josh wants to do is play baseball but when his father, a minor league pitcher, signs him up for a youth championship team, Josh finds himself embroiled in a situation with potentially illegal consequences.

J GREEN

Haynes, Mary. *The great pretenders.*

NY, Bradbury Press. c1990. 11-year-old Molly has gotten off on the wrong foot in her new town by insulting the mayor's daughter, but with the help of her baseball prowess and two friends she hopes to redeem herself during the Fourth of July parade.

J HAYNES

Hughes, Dean. *Missing in action.*

NY, Atheneum, c2010. While his father is missing in action in the Pacific during World War II, twelve-year-old Jay moves with his mother to small-town Utah, where he sees prejudice from both sides, as a part-Navajo himself and through an unlikely friendship with Japanese American Ken from the nearby internment camp.

J HUGHES

Kvasnosky, Laura McGee.

One lucky summer.

NY, Dutton Children's Books, c2002. Moving from Santa Cruz, California, to Sacramento, Steven, a ten-year-old baseball player, spends the summer trying to make friends with ballet-loving Lucinda.

J KVASNOSKY

Landon, Lucinda

Meg Mackintosh and the case of the missing Babe Ruth baseball : a solve-it-yourself mystery.

North Scituate, RI, Secret Passage Press, c1986. Meg follows a series of notes hidden in her grandfather's house to solve an old mystery of a missing baseball signed by Babe Ruth. The reader is challenged to interpret each clue before Meg solves it.

JM LANDON

Long, Loren. *Game 3: the windy city.*

NY, Simon & Schuster, c2008. (*Barnstormers/Sluggers* series) As the Travelin' Nine head to Chicago, the team is filled with hope. After a disappointing loss in Cincinnati at the start of their tour, the heroes of the Spanish-American War bounced back in Louisville.

J LONG

Lord, Bette.

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson.

NY, Harper & Row, c1984. In 1947, a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn where she becomes Americanized at school, in her apartment building, and by her love for baseball.

J LORD

Lupica, Mike. *The big field.*

NY, Philomel Books, c2008. When 14-year-old baseball player Hutch feels threatened by the arrival of a new teammate named Darryl, he tries to work through his insecurities about both Darryl and his remote and silent father, who was once a great ballplayer too.

J LUPICA

Lynch, Chris. *Gold dust.*

NY, HarperCollins, c2000. In 1975, 12-year-old Richard befriends Napoleon, a Caribbean newcomer to his Catholic school, hoping that Napoleon will learn to love baseball and the Red Sox, and will win acceptance in the racially polarized Boston school.

J LYNCH

Park, Linda Sue. *Keeping score.*

Boston, Sandpiper, [2010], c2008. In Brooklyn in 1951, a die-hard Giants fan teaches nine-year-old Maggie, who is a "Bums" (Dodgers) fan, how to use a technique to keep score of a baseball game which creates a special friendship between them.

J PARK

Preller, James. *Six innings: a game in the life*

NY, Feiwel and Friends, 2008. Earl Grubb's Pool Supplies plays NE Gas & Electric in the Little League championship, while Sam, who has cancer and is in a wheelchair, has to call the play-by-play instead of participating in the game.

J PRELLER

Ritter, John H.

The desperado who stole baseball.

NY, Philomel Books, c2009.

In 1881, the scrappy, rough-and-tumble baseball team in a California mining town enlists the help of a quick-witted twelve-year-old orphan and the notorious outlaw Billy the Kid to win a big game against the National League Champion Chicago White Stockings.

J RITTER

Schulz, Charles M.

It's baseball season, again!

NY, HarperHorizon, 1999.

It's almost baseball time again and Charlie Brown is trying to get everyone ready for the new season.

J SCHULZ

Slote, Alfred. *Matt Gargan's boy.*

Philadelphia, Lippincott, [1975]

A major leaguer's son feels threatened when a girl tries out for his baseball team and his divorced mother becomes interested in the girl's father.

J SLOTE

Soto, Gary.

Baseball in April : and other stories.

NY, Harcourt Brace, c1990.

A collection of eleven short stories focusing on the everyday adventures of Hispanic young people growing up in Fresno, California.

J SOTO

Stolz, Mary. *Coco Grimes.*

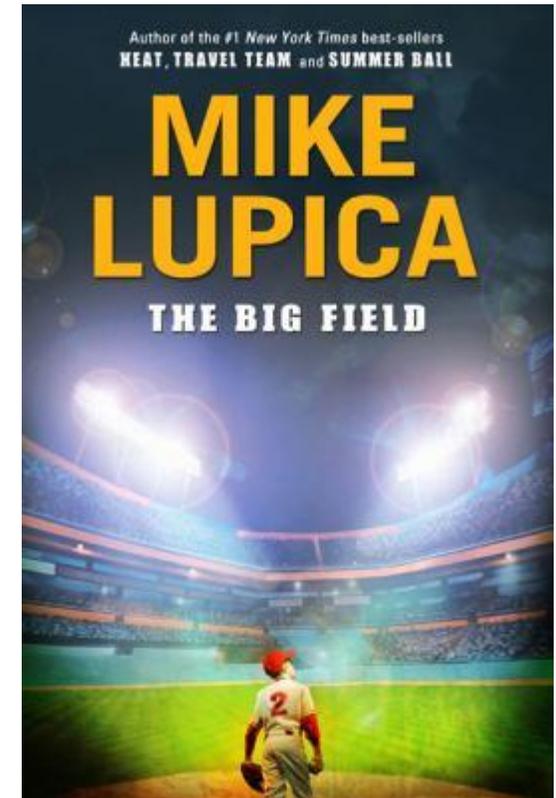
NY, HarperCollins, 1994.

Eleven-year-old Thomas talks his grandfather into driving all the way across Florida to meet Coco Grimes, an old man who remembers Negro League baseball, but the actual encounter proves to be bittersweet.

J STOLZ

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