

BASKETBALL



Eule, Brian. Basketball for fun!. Minneapolis, Minn. : Compass Point Books, c2003.

Summary: Describes the basic rules, skills, and important people and events in the sport of basketball.

Reading Level: 4.6

Call Number 796.323 EUL

Kennedy, Mike. Basketball. New York : Franklin Watts, c2003.

Summary: Reviews the history of basketball, how it is played, the rules of the game, and introduces readers to some of basketball's greatest players.

Reading Level: 7.1

Call Number 796.323 KEN

Kennedy, Mike. Basketball. New York : Children's Press, 2002.

Summary: An introduction to basketball including history, rules, and a list of some of the sport's outstanding players.

Reading Level: 5.3

Call Number 796.323 KEN

Nichols, John, The story of the Charlotte Bobcats. Mankato, Minn. : Creative Education, c2007.

Summary: An introduction to the origins, stars, and great moments in Bobcat history.

Call Number 796.323 NIC

Burleigh, Robert. Hoops. San Diego, Calif. : Silver Whistle, c1997.

Summary: Illustrations and poetic text describe the movement and feel of the game of basketball.

Reading Level: 2.5

Call Number 811 BUR

Greenfield, Eloise. For the love of the game : Michael Jordan and me. [New York] : HarperCollins, c1997.

Summary: Two children discover the importance of determination and find inspiration in the life of Michael Jordan.

Reading Level: 3.5

Call Number 811 GRE

Smith, Charles R., Short takes : fast-break basketball poetry. New York : Dutton Children's Books, 2001.

Summary: Contains short poems about the sport of basketball accompanied by snapshot-like photographs.

Reading Level: 3.9

Call Number 811 SMI

Smith, Charles R., Rimshots : basketball pix, rolls, and rhythms. New York : Puffin Books, 2000.

Summary: Stories and poems about playing basketball.

Reading Level: 4.2

Call Number 818 SMI

Savage, Jeff, Kobe Bryant : basketball big shot. Minneapolis, Minn. : LernerSports, c2001.

Summary: Profiles Kobe Bryant, who went straight from high school to the pros, becoming the youngest person ever to play in the NBA.

Reading Level: 5.7

Call Number B BRYANT

Torres, John Albert. Sports great Tim Duncan. Berkeley Heights, NJ : Enslow, c2002.
Summary: Describes the life of Tim Duncan from his childhood on the island of St. Croix to his NBA career.
Reading Level: 6.7
Call Number B DUNCAN

Raber, Thomas R. Michael Jordan : returning champion. Minneapolis, MN : Lerner Sports, c2002.
Summary: Examines the life and career of the high-scoring Chicago Bulls player, who made a brief attempt to play minor league baseball in 1994 and returned to basketball with the Washington Wizards in 2001.
Call Number B JORDAN

Stout, Glenn, On the court with-- Michael Jordan. Boston : Little, Brown and Co., c1996.
Summary: Examines the life and basketball career of the high-scoring player with the Chicago Bulls, who made a brief attempt to play minor league baseball in 1994.
Reading Level: 6.6
Call Number B JORDAN

Murdico, Suzanne J. Hakeem Olajuwon. Austin, Tex. : Raintree Steck-Vaughn, c1998.
Summary: Relates how Hakeem Olajuwon overcame many obstacles to become one of the best centers in the NBA.
Call Number B OLAJUWON

Stewart, Mark. Jackie Stiles : gym dandy. Brookfield, Conn. : Millbrook Press, c2002.
Summary: A biography of WNBA star Jackie Stiles, a guard for the Portland Fire who was named Rookie of the Year in 2001.
Call Number B STILES

Fiction

Barber, Barbara E., Allie's basketball dream. New York : Lee & Low Books, c1996.
Summary: Determined in her effort to play basketball, a young African American girl gives it one more shot with the support of a special friend.
Reading Level: 2.8
Call Number E BAR

Martin, Bill, Swish!. New York : H. Holt, 2000.
Summary: Two girls' teams, the Cardinals and the Blue Jays, play a close and intense game of basketball.
Reading Level:
Call Number E MAR

Mills, Claudia. Gus and Grandpa at basketball. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2001.
Summary: Gus enjoys basketball practice, but the noise and pace of real games bother him. That is, until his grandpa gives him some good advice.
Reading Level: 2.6 Points
Call Number E MIL

Noble, Trinkia Hakes. Jimmy's boa and the bungee jump slam dunk. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c2003.
Summary: Jimmy's boa constrictor creates havoc in his gym class and his antics leads to the formation of an unusual basketball team.
Reading Level: 2.8
Call Number E NOB

Bossley, Michele Martin. Queen of the court. Toronto, Ont. : James Lorimer ; 2000.

Summary: Kallana, the school fashion queen, feels out of place when she joins the basketball team just to fulfill her father's wishes.

Reading Level: 4.5

Call Number F BOS

Bowen, Fred. Full court fever. Atlanta : Peachtree, c1998.

Summary: With help from a new student and inspiration from an old magazine article, the players on Michael's seventh-grade basketball team hope to overcome their shortness and win their game against the eighth graders.

Reading Level: 4.3

Call Number F BOW

Bowen, Fred. On the line. Atlanta : Peachtree, c1999.

Summary: Worried that his inability to make free throws is making his junior high basketball team lose games, Marcus learns an unconventional underhand shooting method from a friendly custodian but is not sure he wants to use it. Includes a history chapter discussing great basketball players who have used the underhand toss.

Reading Level: 4.3

Call Number F BOW

Bowen, Fred. The final cut. Atlanta, GA : Peachtree, c1999.

Summary: After tryouts for the school basketball team, eighth graders Zeke, Eli, Ryan, and Miles find their friendship tested when two of them make the team and two of them do not.

Reading Level: 4.3

Call Number F BOW

Christopher, Matt. Johnny Long Legs. Boston : Little, Brown and Co., c1998.

Summary: Even though he is the tallest member of the basketball team, a young boy finds he is far from being the best player.

Reading Level: 4.0

Call Number F CHR

Christopher, Matt. The basket counts. Boston : Little, Brown, 1991.

Summary: After Mel Jensen joins the Titans' basketball team two players are unwilling to give him a place in the line-up, and Mel believes it is because he is black.

Reading Level: 4.3

Call Number F CHR

Christopher, Matt. Center court sting. Boston : Little, Brown, 1998.

Summary: Daren's tendency to blame everyone but himself when anything goes wrong causes problems with his best friend, with a young neighbor who idolizes him, and with one of his basketball teammates.

Reading Level: 3.9

Call Number F CHR

Coy, John, Strong to the hoop. New York : Lee & Low Books, c1999.

Summary: Ten-year-old James tries to hold his own and prove himself on the basketball court when the older boys finally ask him to join them in a game.

Reading Level: 2.5

Call Number F COY

Dadey, Debbie. Leprechauns don't play basketball. New York : Scholastic, 1992.

Summary: Could the very short basketball coach from Ireland really be a leprechaun?

Reading Level: 3.8

Call Number F DAD

Gutman, Dan. The million dollar shot. New York : Hyperion Paperbacks for Children, 2006.

Summary: Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals.
Call Number F GUT

O'Malley, Kevin. Mount Olympus basketball. New York : Walker & Company, 2003.
Summary: Zeus, Hera, Athene, 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.
Reading Level: 3.0
Call Number F OMA

Telander, Rick. String music. Chicago : Cricket Books, 2002.
Summary: An unlikely friendship develops between a lonely eleven-year-old boy and the professional basketball star whom he idolizes.
Reading Level: 4.8
Call Number F TEL

Jordan, Deloris. Salt in his shoes.
Call Number PBK E JOR

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