Allen, Peter Our Don Bradman : the Diary of Victor McDonald : Sydney, 1932

Australia is in the grip of the Great Depression. Victor is crazy about cricket. His father owes money, loses his job and can’t find work. But while Victor’s family is struggling, he manages to meet his hero, Sir Don Bradman.

Arena, Felice Specky Magee & the Season of Champions

Aussie Rules is Specky's life, he's a star full forward in his school team and one day he wants to play in the AFL. But then a knee problem puts him off the field. Will his team reach the Grand Final without him? And how is he going to impress the talent scout in the crowd if he can't play footy?

Arksey, Neil Playing on the Edge

2064 : In Britain one of the two all-powerful soccer super leagues has bought Easy Linker, a brilliant young footballer. Now he'll be pumped full of performance enhancers to make him a star player. No-one questions what they are doing to young players. But Easy manages to escape and is on the run with evidence that will destroy them - all he has to do is stay free for long enough.

Beale, Fleur Playing to Win

Ever feel left out of the 'in' crowd? Denny Logan's feeling it for sure. It wouldn't be so bad at his new school if Alice didn't completely ignore him. Then there's Todd, full of testosterone and false bravado. The only thing worth focusing on is making the first fifteen. And Denny is determined to beat his rival, Eve.

Blythe, Sandy Blythe Spirit 796.3238092 BLY

The story of Sandy Blythe's journey from the depths of despair in his hospital bed, from a car accident, to the elation of co-captaining the Australia men's wheelchair basketball team, which won the gold medal at the Atlanta Paralympics and his aims to do the same in the Sydney Olympics.

Cattell, Bob Glory in the Cup

Hooker, Azzie, Erica and the rest all play cricket in their spare time, but they've never taken it very seriously. Kiddo, a schoolteacher, suggests they form an official team - and Glory Gardens C.C. is formed. Hooker, as captain, soon finds out that cricket teams weren't built in a day: some players squabble, some can't catch and some have tantrums and go home at half-time!

Chappell, Fiona Choose to Win 797.2092 ONE:C

A fascinating insight into one of Australia’s greatest swimmers and also essential reading for anyone who faces challenges.

Cattell, Bob Bound for Glory

Glory Gardens C.C. is now in the North County Under Thirteen League, and the pressure is really on. Hooker, as captain, worries that the team won't be able to hold it together: arrogant Clive is always picking fights, Ohbert is still as useless as ever and there are all the usual rows and injuries. But there's also Mack, the new player; the lucky mascot, 'Gatting'; plus the whole team's unwavering determination to win against all the odds.
Chase, Diana  Surf's Up  F CHA:D
Matt and Brad, two outsiders, team up in this Margaret River surfing classic. Grommets and legends, mateship and mishaps - as awesome as riding your first wave.

Cornwell, Bernard  Stormchild  F COR:B
Tim Blackburn's wife and son died, victims of terrorist attacks. His daughter Nicole disappeared in the North Pacific, swallowed up by an outlawed organisation called Genesis. Blackburn decided to risk everything on a sleek yacht called Stormchild to sail halfway around the world in search of his daughter.

Cottee, Kay  First Lady : a History-Making Solo Voyage Around the World  910.41 COT
Kay Cottee recounts with extract from her diaries the tale of her daring solo sea voyage around the world. Beginning with her early life, marriage and her charter boat business the preparations are detailed. The diary (containing some excellent coloured photographs) is easy to read.

Courtenay, Bruce  The Power of One  F COU:B
Set in South Africa in the 1940s, a young boy struggles to realise his individuality in a society divided by racial hatred and conflict. It is a great story of cruelty, sadness, love and faith, filled with unforgettable characters and told with great compassion and humour.

Crutcher, Chris  Chinese Handcuffs  F CRU:C
Super athlete Dillon Hemingway doesn't know what to do or feel. His brother just died and the two girls in his life aren't offering any assistance. Competing in the Triathlon is the only thing that gives sense to his life.

Crutcher, Chris  Stotan!  F CRU:C
A group of boys from different backgrounds but all close friends sign up for a brutally taxing physical program run by their school coach.

Ellis, Bob  The Season  F ELL:B
A rather grimy behind-the-scenes look at Rugby League - a novel that deals with the League the general public never see, and rarely hear about (thank goodness!)

Flynn, Pat  Alex Jackson : SWA  F FLY:A
In Year 9 the action rips. Alex lands himself a gig in a skating video, his mum is hellbent on getting out of Beeton and a new girl rolls into his life. The SWA gang skate hard, but when they lead Alex out of the park into the street, they could be leading him into trouble.

Flynn, Pat  Alex Jackson : Grommet  F FLY:P
Alex Jackson can pull moves on a skateboard other Year 8s can only dream about. But when it comes to being popular at high school, standing up to the school bully and falling in love, he has a lot to learn. He might be in for some spills, but he's going to ride the only way he knows how - on the edge.

Forrestall, Elaine  Graffiti on the Fence  F FOR:E
Hellz, Tan and Eddie are the local skateboarding trio. Every night after school they hang out together, terrorising the 'Witch'. That's what they call elderly Lallie. They make their own rules, and give cheek to anyone who gets in their way. But Lallie gives as good as she gets, and when Hellz unexpectedly finds himself in her garden one day, he soon learns that there's more to Lallie than he thought...
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In 1924 Mallory and his companion Andrew Irvine disappeared during a bid to reach Everest’s summit. With the discovery of Mallory’s body in 1999, their fate has been partly resolved, but the riddle of whether they succeeded in their attempt to reach the summit still remains a mystery…

When 13-year-old Matt is discovered impressing the livestock in an Aussie country town with his remarkable soccer skills, he's offered the chance of a lifetime - a try-out at one of Europe's biggest and most glamorous soccer clubs.

School's out, but Goog is about to learn three new Rs - relationships, responsibility and revenge - as he and Castro go barrelling across the country in Aldo's old Kingswood. Sharks the size of trucks, a sinister hitchhiker, campervan tourists, neo-nazis, wild-haired surf fiends - three guys can get into a lot of trouble covering 4,000 kms of coastline.

Rick Dockery was the third-string quarterback for the Cleveland Browns. In the deciding game at the climax of the season, to the surprise and dismay of virtually everyone, Rick actually got into the game but then put in what was arguably the worst single performance in the history of the NFL. Overnight, he became a national laughing stock and, of course, was immediately dropped by the Browns and shunned by all other teams. Unable to play in America, his agent finally finds him a place with the Panthers of Parma, Italy. So Rick reluctantly agrees to play for the Panthers - at least until a better offer comes along - and heads off to Italy. He knows nothing about Parma (not even where it is), has never been to Europe, and doesn't speak a word of Italian.

Rory Price is an ambitious striker determined to score goals and catch the eye of the selectors. When a talent scout offers Rory the chance to try for United, current League leaders, Rory thinks his dreams have come true. The excitement increases when County, the rival team, show equal interest. But there is an obstacle - Rory's parents...

Tall, gifted and the offspring of Olympians, superstar siblings Leni and Cristian Popescu are set to row Harley Grammar to victory in the Head of the River. With six months until the big day, the twins can't lose. Or can they? When Cristian is seduced by performance-enhancing drugs, and Leni is suffocated with self-doubt, their bright futures start to fade.

Raiko is a runner and he's come a long way since he arrived with his mother as a refugee from their war-torn homeland. The memory of his father spurs him on. He runs for his father and Jay, the aboriginal boy who is his best friend and personal trainer. He runs for his mother, and for the small town that has become his home.
Hopper, Nancy  
**Wake Me When the Band Starts Playing**  
F HOP:N  
16-year-old Mike Thatcher is watching life pass away and feeling useless just watching television and wasting away. His struggles tell a humorous tale which shows the underdog's feelings towards friendship, love and self esteem.

Hornby, Nick  
**Fever Pitch**  
F HOR:N  
Fever Pitch is both an autobiography and a footballing bible rolled into one. This is not a typical memoir, there are no chapters, just a series of match reports falling into three time frames (childhood, young adulthood, manhood). The author - an Arsenal fan - examines the absurdities and traumas of everyday life and football.

Hornby, Nick  
**The Picador Book of Sports Writing**  
796 PIC  
A collection of the best sports-writing from both traditional sportswriters and writers inspired by sports they love.

Jenkins, Wendy  
**Killer Boots**  
F JEN:W  
Greg is a young football-crazy kid whose idol is a big-time footballer, Matt Tognolini, last year's star ARL full-forward. When Matt accidentally leaves his football boots near the playing field and Greg finds them and starts to wear them, wonderful things start to happen - with Greg kicking every goal he attempts, and Matt (without his boots) missing every one.

Jones, V.M.  
**Buddy**  
F JON:V  
Josh Cranford loves running, soccer, cricket - anything, as long as it's sport. Most of all, he loves to win. Just one person stands in his way: super-jock Shane Hunter. They clash head to head in everything, and Shane always comes out best... especially where girls are concerned. Makes it feel that way, anyhow. Then along comes an off-the-wall new teacher, and a wicked new challenge: the Energex Iron Kid Triathlon. The perfect chance to take Shane on and come out on top. Except Josh can't swim... Never has, and vowed he never would. If he's going to enter the triathlon, he'll have to overcome his fear of water and take the first step to confronting a secret buried too deep in his past to think about. Josh's decision triggers the most important six weeks of his life.

Jones, V.M.  
**Juggling With Mandarins**  
F JON:V  
Pip dreads seeing him there. But he's at every soccer match - the big man on the sidelines. Yelling instructions, arguing every decision the ref makes, pushing the team - and Pip - to win, win, win. He could be a stranger... but he's not. He's Pip's dad. Trouble is, Pip's not like his big brother, Nick, the ace sportsman, the son Dad thought he'd have. The one with guts. Pip's his mother's son, skinny and blond, with a nose that turns pink and peels in summer: good at English, but not much else. Not much that matters to Dad, anyhow. Then Pip stumbles across a gift he never dreamed he had. He pursues his new passion in secret, determined it will remain one area of his life his dad can't touch. But it can't stay secret forever....

Martin, Jesse  
**Lionheart : a Journey of the Human Spirit**  
910.41 MAR  
On 31 October 1999, Jesse Martin, in his yacht "Lionheart", completed the last great adventure of the twentieth century becoming the youngest person to sail solo, non-stop and unassisted around the world. He was eighteen years old and didn't know the meaning of impossible. After 50,000 kms and 328 days at sea he returned home to Port Phillip Bay and a waiting crowd of twenty thousand onlookers, having lived his dream. "Lionheart" is Jesse's story.
When Tangles doesn't turn up to training for a couple of weeks, it looks as though the Wildcats will be facing more recruitment problems. Then Splinters spots Tangles up at the shops wearing a bandanna and a Camp quality T-shirt and he realises the truth: Tangles is seriously ill. Splinters wants the Wildcats to try for the Guinness Book of Records marathon soccer match in order to buy Tangles a special machine from the States that will save his life. But when the English FA decide to hold a competition for a couple of junior soccer teams to play a curtain raiser for the grand reopening of Wembley Stadium, Splinters is ready to abandon Tangles to his fate and put all his energy into that instead.

A collection of short stories that emphasise the beauty, freedom, fun and energy of surfing as well as the unique surfing lifestyle. Adds new dimensions to the eternal triangle of the surfer, the board and the wave.

Finn Deegan is a wishful thinker - wishes he could ride racehorses - wishes he was full of guts and bound for glory - but when violence threatens Lensky's Racing Stables, he finds that wishing is worthless.

"Aborigines get special treatment," some of the angry white people say when Dougy's sister Gracey is picked for the state athletics championships. The championships change everything for Gracey and trigger dramatic events in the town too: black and white relations reach explosion point.

For Xavier McLachlan, rugby is life. Winning a First XV jersey means everything... until he meets Nuala Magee. Has there ever been a girl like her? She's feisty, she's troubled, she's dangerous. What will his mates think? Does he even care? Everything looks different now. Xavier McLachlan is in love.

Matt is an up-and-coming league star. But despite being a popular team captain and a natural at the game, Matt really wants one thing in life - a dad. There is also another dilemma - a crush on blue-eyed Kelly Sinclair. Drop-dead gorgeous, she already has a boyfriend - who hates Matt's guts and will do anything to destroy his career.

A riveting portrayal of Ali's spirit and courage. It also exposes the hazards of boxing - the sport Ali lived, but which ultimately damaged him and many others beyond repair. This is the story of Ali's childhood, his rise as a champion, his politics, and his battle against Parkinson's disease.

The story of Cathy Freeman: from the sporting prowess, strength and courage she inherited from her family, to the dedication of her supporters. This book provides fascinating insight into the world of international athletics and elite sport, and the extraordinary sacrifices and passion required to become a world champion.
O'Brien, John  
**Impact Zone**  
F OBR:J
Knocked unconscious by a stray surfboard, Justin is saved by Brad, a young surfer who rides the waves with a terrifying recklessness and strength. The two boys become friends when Brad agrees to teach Justin how to improve his surfing. But there is a dark side to Brad's life that worries Justin - and he sets out to discover why he is so alone - where he disappears to at night - and what is the horrible secret that he is hiding from Justin?

Oswald, Debra  
**The Redback Leftovers**  
F OSW:D
Will Fisher's got a lot to handle this season. He's ended up in a soccer team full of rejects and weirdos. He's got a crush on the girl making a video about the team. He's got a difficult dad with a secret. Now, two crazy Italian coaches are about to blast into Will's life and change it forever…

Oxley, Mat  
**Mick Doohan: Thunder From Down Under**  
796.75092 DOO:O
Mick Doohan is the greatest motorcycle racer of modern times – some would say ever. He has more than 50 Grand Prix wins, and 5 consecutive 500cc World Championships. This is a fascinating chronicle of his life from wild boyhood to grand master.

Panckridge, Michael  
**Toby Jones and the Secret of the Missing Scorecard**  
F PAN:M
Toby and his friends return in the sequel to Toby Jones and the Magic Cricket Almanac -a series that combines fantasy and sport. In this book, Toby is now aware of the dangers associated with time travel, but is that enough to stop him from travelling back in time to famous cricket matches of the past? After all his mentor, Jim Oldfield, still wants to travel back to see the Bradman match he has always longed to see, and then there's Toby's natural curiosity?

Panckridge, Michael  
**Toby Jones and the Magic Cricket Almanac**  
F PAN:M
Toby Jones and his friends are obsessed with cricket. They all play in the Under-13 school team and hang out in their own online cricket chat room after school. While on a school excursion Toby visits the Melbourne Cricket Club Library where he meets fellow cricket buff Jim Oldfield and stumbles upon the secret of the Magic Cricket Almanac.

Panckridge, Michael  
**Toby Jones : Hat Trick**  
F PAN:M
Using a copy of Wisden, Toby drops in on the great cricket matches of the past, first in India and then in the West Indies. But at the 1930 Test at Leeds, where Don Bradman makes his legendary 334, Toby gets unexpectedly involved in the match. He and his friends live for cricket, but Toby's ability to travel through time makes him unique.

Paulsen, Gary  
**Voyage of the Frog**  
F PAU:G
A taut survival story of a 14 year-old boy - grieving over his uncle's recent death - caught at sea in a small sailboat and pushed by a storm 350 miles from home.

Peet, Mal  
**Keeper**  
F PEE:M
El Gato - the Cat - the world's greatest goalkeeper, tells his incredible life story - how he, a poor logger's son, learns to become a World Cup-winning goalkeeper so good he is almost unbeatable. And the most remarkable part of this story is the man who teaches him - the mysterious Keeper.

Perkins, Kieren  
**Kieren Perkins**  
797.21092 PER
Friends, admirers and follow champions from a wide spectrum of public and sporting life have their say on the legend, Kieren Perkins.
Preston, James  
The Sky Between the Trees  
Right from the time Peter first holds an axe, he knows that he wants to a woodchopper and become a world champion axeman. He is only nine when he sets out with his pioneering father to find land to farm. At first his father teaches him all he knows but, after the crops fail and a terrible fire, John McLaren turns against his son's ambitions so that Peter has to practice his wood-chopping in secret.

Ray, Mark  
Shane Warne: My Own Story  
Shane Warne reveals how he changed from a chubby, casual teenager with a larrikin streak who wanted a career playing Australian Rules Football, to a fit, committed, gifted and famous Test cricketer.

Riordan, James  
Match of Death  
Vova just wants to play football but when the Nazis invade, there are other things to worry about - staying alive, and fighting against the enemy. Then Vova gets a chance to play football again, but this time the stakes are very high. If Vova's team win, they will be shot…

Riordan, James  
The Young Oxford Book of Sports Stories  
Whatever your favourite sport, you'll know how it can take you to fever pitch - and you'll find all that glory and all that despair in this book, in stories about sports from football to ice hockey, from swimming to gymnastics, from cricket to horse racing.

Shuo, Wang  
Please Don’t Call Me Human  
China's most popular novelist applies his genius for satire and cultural irreverence to one of the world's sacred rituals, the Olympic games. He imagines an Olympics where nations compete not on the basis of athletic prowess, but on their citizens' capacity for humiliation - and China is determined to win at any cost. Banned in China for its rudeness and vulgarity, this novel is filled with the kind of word play and outlandish antics that have earned Wang Shuo his own genre, 'hooligan literature'.

Sillitoe, Alan  
The Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner  
The pop-eyed potbellied governor said to a pop-eyed potbellied Member of Parliament who sat next to his pop-eyed potbellied whore of a wife that I was his only hope for getting the Borstal Blue Ribbon Prize Cup For Long Distance Cross Country Running (All England), which I was, and it set me laughing to myself inside. This brilliant portrayal of the mind of an incorrigible rebel is a modern classic.

Spinelli, Jerry  
Maniac McGee  
This is a story about a boy, a very excitable boy. He can outrun dogs, hit a home run off the best pitcher in the neighborhood, tie a knot no one can undo. "Kid's gotta be a maniac," folks say. It's also the story of how this boy, "Maniac" Magee, confronts racism in a small town, tries to find a home where there is none and attempts to soothe tensions between rival factions on the tough side of town.

Starke, Ruth  
Nips XI  
If white boys can't jump, can Asian kids play cricket? Lan's fed up with being called a nip. He wants to be a true-blue Aussie. What better way than by playing the greatest Anglo game of all? Lan gathers a team together and defiantly gives it a name: NIPS XI. Now all they have to do is get some equipment, find a coach, get themselves a sponsor and learn the rules of the game. Then it's time to challenge the best cricket team in the district.
Starke, Ruth  Nips Go National  F STAR:
The Nips XI team, together with coach Spinner McGinty, are in Melbourne to complete for the Harmony Cup and Lan has a lot on his mind: a new star batsman with something to hide, a mystery from Spinner's past, conflict with his best mate, Izzy and his fast bowler laid low just before their biggest match ever. Will Lan resolve his problems? Will the Nips get it together in time? Is the Pope Catholic?

Voigt, Cynthia  Homecoming  F VOIG:
This is the story of four children, inexplicably abandoned by their mother in a car park. They need a home, so they decide to make their way across America in search of an aunt they have never met.

Wheeler, Paul  Bodyline: the Novel  F WHE:
Bodyline is the story of the 1932-33 fateful test series between Australia and England. It tells how cricket, once the sport of gentlemen and honourable fair play, was pitched into the realms of war.

Winton, Tim  Lockie Leonard, Legend  F WINT:
In the hands of another writer, this story of a mother's mental illness and hospitalisation, and its impact on her family could have been very grim. Yet this novel manages to be both light-hearted and emotionally authentic. Lockie is by turns realistically selfish and heroic.

Winton, Tim  Lockie Leonard, Scumbuster  F WINT:
Nothing's simple for Lockie Leonard. Dumped by his girlfriend, he's bfriends with the weirdest human being he's ever met. As if that isn't enough, Lockie decides to save the planet. In the middle of all this the inevitable happens - yes, he falls in love; he drops like a ton of bricks for a girl who's not even out of primary school yet, and to make it worse she surfs better than he ever will. Total life disaster. If it wasn't so ridiculous a kid'd get depressed. Can a thirteen year old surf rat have a headbanger for a best mate, stay in love with an eleven year old grommet and still save his town from industrial pollution? Sure. As if!

Wojciechowska, Maia  Shadow of a Bull  F WOJC:
Everyone expected Manolo to be the greatest bullfighter in Spain, like his father, only Manolo knew himself for a coward. As Manolo came of age his thoughts became more and more confused especially when he met a boy whose main aim in life was to become a great matador. Only then did Manolo see how far he was from the dreams others had for him.