



**A New Theme Every Month**   
**A New Story Every Sunday by Noon**

This is just a list of some of the newer picture books about sports, primarily with boys as the main character. We will do girls in February of next year. The list of sports stories, especially once you get into chapter books, is huge! Sports stories are a great way to get non-reading boys into reading. In addition, sport stories, while telling about the sport itself, often touch on the disciplines of hard work, sportsmanship, team work, concentration, and so much more. And participating in sports not only builds a strong body, but new research has proven that active exercise also builds new brain cells. Researchers have found that we are not restricted to the number of brain cells we are born with—we can actually build new ones!

So get off the couch and find a sport for you; there are many, many to choose from. . . basketball, baseball, football, hockey, soccer, race car driver, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, ice dancing, figure skating, bowling, golf, rugby, weight lifting, martial arts, downhill skiing, crosscountry skiing, snowshoeing, wrestling, and lacrosse—just to name a few.

### Sports (boys)

1. *At Gleason's Gym\** by Ted Lewin
2. *Game Day\** by Tiki and Ronde Barber
3. *Baseball Saved Us\** by Ken Mochizuki
4. *Strong to the Hoop\** by John Coy
5. *Casey and Derek on the Ice* by Marty Sederman
6. *Mudball* by Matt Tavares
7. *In the Pocket: Johnny Unitas and Me* by Mike Leonetti
8. *Win One for the Gipper: America's Football Hero* by Kathy-Jo Wargin
9. *Mr. Putter & Tabby Run the Race* by Cynthia Rylant
10. *Sergio Makes a Splash* by Edel Rodriguez
11. *Froggy Plays Soccer* by Jonathan London
12. *Big Kicks* by Bob Kolar
13. *Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan—In Pursuit of a Dream<sup>^</sup>* by Deloris & Roslyn M. Jordan
14. *Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man* by David Adler
15. *How to Catch a Fish* by John Frank
16. *Timberwolf Hunt* (chapter book, hockey) by Sigmund Brouwer

\* also listed on the monthly flyer

<sup>^</sup> previously read on StoryLine

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