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**YOU CAN'T  
RUN AWAY  
FROM WHO  
YOU ARE,  
BUT WHAT  
YOU CAN DO  
IS RUN  
TOWARD  
WHO YOU  
WANT TO BE.**

**JASON REYNOLDS,  
GHOST**



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*Kwame Alexander (YT ALEXANDER)*

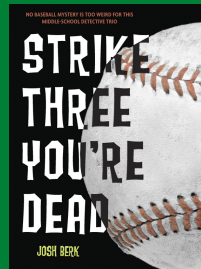
### **Booked**

Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

*Joan Bauer (YT BAUER)*

### **Soar**

Moving to Hillcrest, Ohio, when his adoptive father accepts a temporary job, twelve-year-old Jeremiah, a heart transplant recipient, has sixty days to find a baseball team to coach.



*Josh Berk (YT BERK)*

**Strike Three, You're Dead**  
Lenny Norbeck and his friend, The Mikes, set out to investigate the suspicious death of a young pitcher at a Phillies game.

*Edward Bloor (YT BLOOR)*

### **Tangerine**

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.

*Paula Chase (YT CHASE)*

### **Dough Boys**

Told in two voices, thirteen-year-old best friends Simp and Rollie play on a basketball team in their housing project, but Rollie dreams of being a drummer and Simp, to impress the gang leader, Coach Tez.

*John Feinstein (YT FEINSTEIN)*

### **The Walk On**

After moving to a new town his freshman year in high school, Alex Myers is happy to win a spot on the varsity team as a quarterback but must deal with idea of not playing for two years since the first-string quarterback is not only a local hero, he is also the son of the corrupt head coach.

*Tim Green (YT GREEN)*

### **The Lost Boy**

After a near-fatal car accident, twelve-year-old Ryder's mother needs an operation they cannot afford and while a new friend tries to raise funds, Ryder travels with a grouchy, disabled neighbor, from Yankee Stadium to Turner Field seeking the major league baseball player who might be Ryder's father.

*Tom Greenwald (YT GREENWALD)*

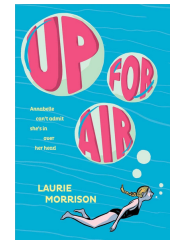
### **Game Changer**

While thirteen-year-old Teddy fights for his life after a football injury at training camp, his friends and family gather to support him and discuss events leading to his coma. Told through dialogue, text messages, newspaper articles, transcripts, an online forum, and Teddy's inner thoughts.

*Mike Lupica (YT LUPICA)*

### **Lone Stars**

When Coach Coop, a former star player for the Dallas Cowboys, starts exhibiting side effects from the many concussions he suffered while playing professionally, twelve-year-old wide receiver Clay Hollis becomes determined to help him get through the football season until Thanksgiving, when Coach plans to attend a ceremony honoring him and his former Super Bowl-winning teammates.



*Laurie Morrison (YT MORRISON)*

### **Up For Air**

Learning disabilities make school painful for Annabelle, thirteen, but a summer of swimming with the high school team is fantastic until a prank goes wrong, spoiling everything.

*Jason Reynolds (YT REYNOLDS)*

### **Ghost**

Aspiring to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school's track team, gifted runner Ghost finds his goal challenged by a tragic past with a violent father.

*Kurtis Scaletta (YT SCALETTA)*

### **Mudville**

For years, since a fateful baseball game against their rival town, it has rained in Moundville. When the rain finally stops, Roy and his friends dare to face the curse and form a team.

## YT GRAPHIC NOVELS



*Kwame Alexander (YT GN ALEXANDER)*

### **The Crossover**

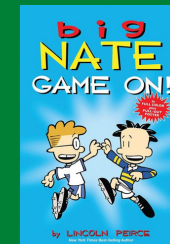
Thirteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.



*Various Authors (YT GN ARCHIE/SPORTS)*

### **Archie Comics Spectacular: Sports Time**

Archie and the gang from Riverdale High get involved in various sports and wind up playing for laughs.



*Lincoln Peirce (YT GN BIG NATE)*

### **Big Nate: Game On!**

To sixth-grader Nate Wright, life is one big game. So when he suits up for any sport, he does it with an unmistakable swagger. From fine-tuning his trash-talking skills on the basketball court to his cocky 'tude in the soccer goal, Nate can be a bigger challenge to his teammates than their opponents.



*Sam Bosma (YT GN FANTASY #1)*

### **Fantasy Sports, No. 1**

A young explorer and her musclebound friend go treasure hunting in a mummy's tomb - but if they want to get rich, they're going to have to best the mummy in a game of hoops! Can they trust their bandaged adversary to play by the rules? Or will they be stuck in the tomb forever?