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"Chronicles the life of heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey, discussing how Dempsey embodied the spirit of America in the 1920s"--OCLC "Mom, I think you may have Alzheimer's." These words were life changing for award winning novelist Raynetta Manees. Alzheimer's disease had already ravaged three generations of her family--her grandmother, mother, and brother. Now it was her turn to face the harrowing prospect of dementia for her own future. She shares her apprehensive journey of Alzheimer's diagnosis in this, her first non-fiction book. Manees focuses on the process of Alzheimer's diagnosis. This critical phase of the deadliest form of dementia is often inadequately addressed amid data on dementia warning signs and caregiver guidelines. Manees tackles this somber subject respectfully, but also with the light and often humorous touch that is her trademark. The book is a memoir, but additionally gives informational and technical insight, including the projected "Alzheimer's Tsunami." No parent is ever ready for a terminal diagnosis of their child. No mother should see the day where turning off your son's ventilator is the only option to end his pain. And no grandfather should see the day when your grandchild is scheduled to die in his mother's arms. But on September 10, 2005, this was the harsh reality facing our family, and this was the day we'd never forget. I am no pastor; nor a preacher. I am no miracle worker, nor a missionary. I am a struggling husband, a decent father, a survivor of brutal child abuse, and from the miraculous survival and extraordinary life of a Progeria child, I am a believer saved by the Grace of God through Jesus Christ. In *A Short Season: Faith, Family, and a Boy's Love for Baseball*, Dave Bohner, the story's narrator and Grandfather to Josiah, and Jake Gronsky, former professional baseball player with the St. Louis Cardinals organization, tell the powerful story of Josiah Viera's fight for life that not only sparked a family's journey towards healing but inspired a generation of baseball players from one of the most historic organizations in Major League Baseball. *A Short Season* is a story of hope; a story of acceptance; and a story of faith based on the idea that sometimes a person's only journey to peace is first trekked through pain. *A Short Season* is a family's journey through sorrow and joy, it is a baseball team's inspiration, and it is the story of one exceptional child's ray of hope that changed all of their lives forever. "A fine anthology." —PUBLISHERS WEEKLY In these essays, written between 1954 and 1990, bestselling author Roger Kahn touches on locker-room controversies and politics, while

inviting readers to share in the passion, grace, energy, and intense concentration involved in playing sports. Kahn pays warm tribute to his special heroes, Jackie Robinson, Roger Maris and Carl Furillo, along with those he particularly admired in the press box, John Lardner and Red Smith. Kahn also esteems football lineman Merlin Olsen, hockey goalie Glenn Hall, cager Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, outfielder Mickey Mantle, boxing promoter Don King, and last piece, "Story Without a Hero," about Pete Rose. Praise for Roger Kahn: "As a kid, I loved sports first and writing second, and loved everything Roger Kahn wrote. As an adult, I love writing first and sports second, and love Roger Kahn even more." —Pulitzer Prize winner, David Maraniss "He can epitomize a player with a single swing of the pen." —TIME magazine "Roger Kahn is the best baseball writer in the business." —Stephen Jay Gould, New York Review of Books "Kahn has the almost unfair gift of easy, graceful writing." —BOSTON HERALD A guide to the history of baseball that provides a decade-by-decade history of the sport from the 1870s through the 1990s and profiles of the top one hundred players at each position in major league baseball history. In ongoing appreciation of ... the best fights! The sneakiest tricks! The wildest pitches! America's favorite pastime at its wonderful worst! A satirical fable of small-town America centers on a builder's wife and the erotic power she exerts over her neighbors, transforming before their eyes and changing forever their notions of right and wrong. 25,000 first printing. Tour. Sam Stevens has grown since the days when his parents chained him up at night, and when he returns to the tower in the forest he meets three other teenagers with dragonblood. Following in the footsteps of Robeson, Ali, Robinson and others, today's Black athletes re-engage with social issues and the meaning of American patriotism Named a best book of 2018 by Library Journal It used to be that politics and sports were as separate from one another as church and state. The ballfield was an escape from the world's worst problems, top athletes were treated like heroes, and cheering for the home team was as easy and innocent as hot dogs and beer. "No news on the sports page" was a governing principle in newsrooms. That was then. Today, sports arenas have been transformed into staging grounds for American patriotism and the hero worship of law enforcement. Teams wear camouflage jerseys to honor those who serve; police officers throw out first pitches; soldiers surprise their families with homecomings at halftime. Sports and politics are decidedly entwined. But as journalist Howard Bryant reveals, this has always been more complicated for black athletes, who from the start, were committing a political act simply by being on the field. In fact, among all black employees in twentieth-century America, perhaps no other group had more outsized influence and power than ballplayers. The immense social responsibilities that came with the role is part of the black athletic heritage. It is a heritage built by the influence of the superstardom and radical politics of Paul Robeson, Jackie Robinson, Muhammad Ali, Tommie Smith, and John Carlos through the 1960s; undermined by apolitical, corporate-friendly "transcenders of race," O. J. Simpson, Michael Jordan, and Tiger Woods in the following decades; and reclaimed today by the likes of LeBron James, Colin Kaepernick, and Carmelo Anthony. The Heritage is the story of the rise, fall, and fervent return of the athlete-activist. Through deep research and interviews with some of sports' best-known stars—including Kaepernick, David Ortiz, Charles Barkley, and Chris Webber—as well as members of law enforcement and the military, Bryant details the collision of post-9/11 sports in America and the politically engaged post-Ferguson black athlete. "The thirty-six stories in this collection imaginatively take us far across the universe, into the very core of our beings, to the realm of the gods, and the moment just after now"--Page 4 of cover. Enjoy this angsty family saga series romance by bestselling romance author S.B. Alexander... Bad boy Kade Maxwell knows the pain of loss. His sister's death tore his family apart, and his life seemed destined to continue down a nightmarish path until he met Lacey Robinson. Her determination and dedication make him believe he can dream again. Lacey longs for three things: a baseball scholarship with ASU, a future with Kade, and to find the person who killed her mom and sister. When a trip to California opens a door that could expose the killer, Kade's and Lacey's paths begin to diverge. Kade will do anything to protect the woman he loves, even if it means trading his life for hers. Lacey vows to push through her demons and show Kade and her family that she has what it takes to rise above tragedy, even if she must run into the arms of a killer to save a

loved one. Dare to Dream is the second novel in the Maxwell Series, and the next three novels can be read as standalones, although for a better reading experience, it's recommended to read the books in order. Be prepared for all the feels, a family of brothers who put their hearts on the line, the women who snag their attention, steamy times, romantic stories, family drama, and a guaranteed happily ever after. ABOUT THE SERIES: 1. Dare to Kiss 2. Dare to Dream 3. Dare to Love 4. Dare to Dance 5. Dare to Live 6. Dare to Breathe 7. Dare to Embrace Praise for Dare to Dream: "I cannot gush enough about how much I love each of these characters. The storyline EXPLODED after Dare to Kiss and it was fast paced and heart wrenching all the way through." B.A.B.s Book Club "I have to say S.B. has done it once again, and possibly even better. I loved this book. I fell in love with Kade and Lacey in Dare to Kiss, and Dare to Dream just amped it by a thousand. If you're looking for a great series with an amazing guy, and an absolutely great female character look no further." The Tattered Book Blog. "IT IS A ROLLERCOASTER OF EMOTIONS. So hold on tight! My mind was completely blown by this book. Alexander has outdone herself with Dare to Dream." Smut Fanatics Blog. "I clung to the words like I needed them to breathe. S.B. knows how to make her words cut you like a knife and make you feel the characters, love, anguish, anger, and all the other emotions in between." Book It Blog. "Dare to Dream is suspenseful, witty, steamy, swoon worthy, funny, and passionate. Full of twists and turns I didn't see coming. I was sitting on the edge of my seat, gasping out loud, and nearly dropped my kindle near the end. It had me guessing and asking what and who and why?" -Summer's Book Blog "The bond between the entire Maxwell family is amazing, so very precious, and brings a sweetness to the story. Dare to Dream has dynamic characters, exciting drama, and a satisfying conclusion." -The Bibliophilic Book Blog "Brace yourself for every twist, turn, and loop that is thrown at you in the journey that is Dare to Dream. It won't be regretted." -Garden of REden Blog Topics: new adult romance, family saga, alpha male, family, triplets, romance series, contemporary romance, love story, full novel, romantic novels, romance books, romantic books, romance books full novel, steamy romance, heartwarming romance, love story, romance series, audiobook, no cliffhangers, hot heroes, long series, swoon, all the feels, sports romance. A collection of essays on the sport of baseball, its myths, superstars, pennant races, strategies, ballparks, and other facets of the national pastime One moment can change a lifetime... Keira Blake agrees to the blind date simply because she has a wedding coming up and no plus one. Tired of being the last single girl standing in her group of friends, she shows up at the bar with low expectations, but her ruggedly handsome date is far more attractive and interesting than she'd imagined. In fact, he seems too good to be true... Dante DeAngelis, the star pitcher for the Miami Mavericks, is in Whisper Lake for a month to rehab a shoulder injury away from the spotlight of his baseball career and his famous girlfriend. When the beautiful brunette assumes he's her date, he momentarily plays along, enjoying the rare instance of not being seen as a celebrity but as himself... When their true identities are revealed, Keira and Dante try to stay away from one another. Keira has family commitments that will keep her in Whisper Lake, and Dante is just passing through. He also has a girlfriend and a job miles away. But sometimes love gets in the way of the best laid plans... Compelling, heartwarming, and feel-good romance awaits in IF WE NEVER MET, the next book in the bestselling Whisper Lake Contemporary Romance Series! Have you missed any of the Whisper Lake novels? Always With Me (#1) My Wildest Dream (#2) Can't Fight The Moonlight (#3) Just One Kiss (#4) If We Never Met (#5) Tangled Up In You (#6) WHAT THE READERS ARE SAYING ABOUT IF WE NEVER MET: "The latest Whisper Lake novel by Barbara Freethy is refreshing, well-written and just plain fun to read! As with Barbara Freethy books, there is intrigue & mystery within this romance. I highly recommend this 5 star romance! Looking forward to returning to Whisper Lake soon." Geri - Goodreads "Barbara Freethy's latest novel on Whisper Lake series is an absolutely superb novel! I just read it in one go, from the moment Dante and keira meet to the last page it's simply wonderful. Ms. Freethy has written a well- developed story with likeable characters. This book is highly recommended if you're looking for a weekend or a beach read." Lishani - BookBub "This is such a good book! It's a charming, fun, intriguing and moving story. Captivated me from the first page to the last. 5 STARS!" Doni - Goodreads "Loved it. From the meet cute to the wedding

(not theirs) at the end it is an enjoyable and entertaining tale. Some nail-biting moments. Many personal growth issues. Family ties and losses. A delight to be back in Whisper Lake once again." Barbara - Goodreads on *If We Never Met* "This series just keeps getting better. A fantastic suspenseful romance." Debbie - Goodreads "My heart was fluttering with the feelings these two shared I felt like I was right there with them." Bridget - Goodreads

Bobby Moegle coached baseball at Lubbock Monterey High School from 1960 to 1999 and was the first high school baseball coach inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame. He finished his career with 1,115 wins, four state championships and 13 appearances in the state tournament (the final four). His first state tournament appearance was in 1961 and his final appearance came in 1997. While he had gone from coaching kids who might fight in Vietnam to kids raised with video games, much in his approach to teaching and coaching winning baseball remained consistent. Drawing on over 30 interviews, Moegle, his former players and coaches reveal their memories of building a program, teaching fundamentals and instilling toughness. From the practices, the preparation, the winning, and perhaps most importantly, the impact of his program, the stories are all here. UPDATED FOR 2020 WITH A NEW PREFACE BY NATE SILVER "One of the more momentous books of the decade." —The New York Times Book Review

Nate Silver built an innovative system for predicting baseball performance, predicted the 2008 election within a hair's breadth, and became a national sensation as a blogger—all by the time he was thirty. He solidified his standing as the nation's foremost political forecaster with his near perfect prediction of the 2012 election. Silver is the founder and editor in chief of the website FiveThirtyEight. Drawing on his own groundbreaking work, Silver examines the world of prediction, investigating how we can distinguish a true signal from a universe of noisy data. Most predictions fail, often at great cost to society, because most of us have a poor understanding of probability and uncertainty. Both experts and laypeople mistake more confident predictions for more accurate ones. But overconfidence is often the reason for failure. If our appreciation of uncertainty improves, our predictions can get better too. This is the "prediction paradox": The more humility we have about our ability to make predictions, the more successful we can be in planning for the future. In keeping with his own aim to seek truth from data, Silver visits the most successful forecasters in a range of areas, from hurricanes to baseball to global pandemics, from the poker table to the stock market, from Capitol Hill to the NBA. He explains and evaluates how these forecasters think and what bonds they share. What lies behind their success? Are they good—or just lucky? What patterns have they unraveled? And are their forecasts really right? He explores unanticipated commonalities and exposes unexpected juxtapositions. And sometimes, it is not so much how good a prediction is in an absolute sense that matters but how good it is relative to the competition. In other cases, prediction is still a very rudimentary—and dangerous—science. Silver observes that the most accurate forecasters tend to have a superior command of probability, and they tend to be both humble and hardworking. They distinguish the predictable from the unpredictable, and they notice a thousand little details that lead them closer to the truth. Because of their appreciation of probability, they can distinguish the signal from the noise. With everything from the health of the global economy to our ability to fight terrorism dependent on the quality of our predictions, Nate Silver's insights are an essential read. This collection of timeless baseball stories can be read again and again for its poignancy, humor, and celebration of the national pastime, whether it be John Roseboro forgiving Juan Marichal for clubbing him in the head with a bat, Elston Howard integrating the Yankees, or baseball played on snowshoes in a remote Wisconsin town. Ever wonder what minor league baseball is really like behind the scenes? Are you a baseball fan that wants to get closer than ever to the action? This book pulls back the curtain to share the true and (until now) untold tales of America's national pastime. Fans of all ages can read some of the most jaw-dropping, eye-opening stories from life in minor league baseball! Join more than 20 professional baseball broadcasters from across the country, as they recall nearly 100 unbelievable tales from their years in the bush leagues. The most hilarious, wacky, amazing and surprising stories you'll ever hear - all told by the announcers who watched it happen. *Untold Tales From The Bush Leagues* includes stories featuring notable baseball stars as well as names you've never heard. Some

of the names you'll know include Michael Jordan, Tommy Lasorda, Tony Gwynn, Gary Carter, Josh Hamilton and many more! You'll be amazed at what really happens behind the scenes in minor league baseball! I mean, really amazed. What do players do on the team bus? How do they occupy time in the clubhouse? What do they say to each other on the field? You'll hear stories about the most zany things that really happen in minor league baseball, such as.... How did one broadcaster call a no hitter when he never saw even one pitch? What did one player eat off of the infield dirt during a rain delay? What were some of the most hilarious practical jokes players have pulled? How do teams pass the time on long bus rides? Why was one bunch of hungry players walking on a lonely, dark street around midnight? Why was Tony Gwynn intently watching one particular minor league game? What happened when the broadcaster accidentally let the wrong words fly live on the air? What did Tommy Lasorda once do in a fast-food restaurant? How did these teams escape near disaster during late-night bus rides? What special pregame meal did Josh Hamilton enjoy? What was the umpire so angry when he stepped into the hotel elevator? How did Michael Jordan spend some off-time while playing minor league baseball? Why did one public address announcer almost get in a fist fight with a former major leaguer? What tool did one broadcaster use to find true love at the ballpark? Untold Tales From The Bush Leagues will pull back the curtain on these and many other true stories from baseball's minor leagues. Join Rick Schultz and 21 professional baseball broadcasters, as they share the most amazing, zany, funny stories from their career. Broadcasters featured in this book include: Dan Besbris Curt Bloom Ed Cohen Phil Elson Greg Giombarrese Jesse Goldberg-Strassler Doug Greenwald Tim Hagerty Morgan Hawk Bryan Holland Steve Klauke Mark Leinweaver Jeff Levering Dave Lezotte Connell McShane Robert Portnoy Brett Quintyne Danny Reed Mike Saeger Justin Sheinis Larry Ward Truly a must-read for baseball fans of all ages! "Jim Piersall, 22 year old outfielder For The Boston Red Sox, had a mental breakdown in 1952?one so complete that seven months virtually have vanished from his memory. . . . This account of his experiences is a frank and fascinating one."?Chicago Sunday Tribune. "The story of a man who became mentally 'sick,' and how, through competent medical care, The help of a sympathetic and most understanding wife, The patience and encouragement of manager, teammates and fans, and above all his own splendid courage, he made a complete recovery and resumed his baseball career. . . . How he overcame his fears is a dramatic, heart-warming story. it is most refreshing to read how the Boston Red Sox, from manager down, backed up Jim in his fight for rehabilitation, and helped him regain the confidence that brought him back."?Library Journal. Jim Piersall played baseball in the 1950s and 1960s For The Boston Red Sox, The Cleveland Indians, The Washington Senators, The New York Mets, And The California Angels. After brief forays into professional football and wrestling businesses, he has worked for many years in broadcasting and minor league player development For The Chicago Cubs. He lives in Arizona during the off-season and in Chicago during the season. It's summertime and the last place 19-year-old Dante Elton wants to be is at his grandmother's in rural upstate New York. But it's exactly where his parents dump him, as they jet off to Europe. Without a car, cell service, or even basic television, there is nothing to do but wander around the nearby woods just as he had as a small child... There he meets sexy-and slightly older-Angie Sewall while on a hike. On the surface, she's a devoted daughter content to be single while she manages her father's medical practice. Yet deep down, Angie is bored and heartbroken...and is harboring some special gifts that she keeps secret from her father and their backwoods community. When Dante's grandmother's health declines, he reaches out to Angie's father for help, only to uncover the good doctor's dark side. When Dante confides in Angie, it drives a spike into their budding relationship. He's left to wonder if he's all alone in his quest to save his grandmother from grave danger. But perhaps the better question is-who's going to save Dante? From beanballs to basebrawls, the most important rules governing the game of baseball have never been officially written down—until now. They have no sanction from the Commissioner, appear nowhere in any official publication, and are generally not posted on any clubhouse wall. They represent a set of time-honored customs, rituals, and good manners that show a respect for the game, one's teammates, and one's opponents. Sometimes they contradict the official rulebook. The fans generally only hear about them when one is

bent or broken, and it becomes news for a few days. Now, for the first time ever, Paul Dickson has put these unwritten rules down on paper, covering every situation, whether on the field or in the clubhouse, press box, or stands. Along with entertaining baseball axioms, quotations, and rules of thumb, this essential volume contains the collected wisdom of dozens of players, managers, and reporters on the secret rules that you break at your own risk, such as: 1.7.1. In a Fight, Everyone Must Leave the Bench and the Bullpen Has to Join In 1.13.3. In a Blowout Game, Never Swing as Hard as You Can at a 3-0 Pitch 5.1.0. In Areas That Have Two Baseball Teams, Any Given Fan Can Only Really Root For One of Them Ideal supplement for U.S. History Survey course as well as courses in 20th Century U.S. History, History of African Americans, American Sport History, American Biography, and Race and Ethnic Relations. This gripping profile of a pioneer illustrates how Jackie Robinson's life transcended his baseball career to illuminate the racial struggles of the nation. By breaking the color barrier in baseball, Jackie Robinson (1919-1973) brought the American public face-to-face with a dilemma that has plagued the nation throughout its history: the disjuncture between the American ideals of liberty and equality and the realities of racial prejudice, segregation, and discrimination. Paperback, brief, and inexpensive, each of the titles in the "Library of American Biography" series focuses on a figure whose actions and ideas significantly influenced the course of American history and national life. In addition, each biography relates the life of its subject to the broader themes and developments of the times. 'Fans who think the game is wild now will appreciate Hetrick's account of Von der Ahe...who throughout the 1880s was embroiled in legal battles and baseball disputes that culminated in his own kidnapping and his stadium being burned to the ground. Direct ancestor to today's Cardinals, the Browns won the pennant four years in a row under his wild leadership.' REFERENCE AND RESEARCH BOOK NEWS" A new arena awaits, only this time the crowd doesn't crave home runs. They want blood. With the last deadly quest behind him, Abraham Jenkins finally has time to focus on his own mission to uncover a portal home to 2018. He's closer than ever. He can smell the freshly mowed grass of the baseball diamond, and taste the ballpark hotdogs. But when mysterious new enemies emerge to attack the kingdom, Abraham must put his own agenda on hold to protect the King and his henchmen, lest he join them in a noose. The mission is simple. He and the Henchman must sail head-on toward creatures determined to annihilate him and his team, and vanquish them. But nothing in the past is ever as easy as it seems. Abraham discovers the King's daughter is kidnapped, and only he can save her. He must enter a Tournament of Swords and face an arena that reminds him of home more than anything before. Only, facing pitchers and pop flies is a far cry from axe-wielding barbarians and a bloodthirsty crowd. Can Abraham fight for his life and find his way back to Titanus before his past destroys his future? Grab the exciting third book in THE HENCHMEN CHRONICLES SERIES, perfect for fans of THE CHRONICLES OF THOMAS COVENANT, THE KING'S OF THE WYLD, THE MAGIC KINGDOM OF LANDOVER, AND THE BLACK COMPANY. Scroll up and Grab your Copy Today! Free on Kindle Unlimited! More about Craig and his books: Craig Halloran is a #1 Bestselling Amazon Author in the following genres and categories: Epic Fantasy, Sword & Sorcery, Coming of Age, Dragons & Mythical Creatures, Werewolves & Shifters, Dark Fantasy and Collections & Anthologies. He is a KDP All-Star and Top 100 Amazon author as well. The Darkslayer, Series 1 (6 books) The Darkslayer, Series 2: Bish and Bone (10 books) The Odyssey of Nath Dragon, The Chronicles of Dragon Prequel Series (5 Books) The Chronicles of Dragon, Series 1 (10 Books) The Chronicles of Dragon, Series 2, Tail of the Dragon (10 Books) The Supernatural Bounty Hunter Files (10 Books) The Clash of Heroes (3 Books) Zombie Impact (3 Books) The Gamma Earth Cycle (3 Books) The Red Citadel and the Sorcerer's Power (5 books in 1) Learn more about Craig and his works at: WWW.CRAIGHALLORAN.COM Sign up and get free books! Yay! FREE WITH KINDLE UNLIMITED Jana is a young single mother to a sick child. She works three jobs and is putting herself through nursing school. One of her jobs is working as a first aider at the stadium where she meets Jake. Jake Charlous is a baseball star. Cocky, arrogant, soon to be wealthy, good looking and pursued by several major league teams. Women swoon at his feet although he has never allowed anyone to get close. Hidden from the scrutiny of the media and the public are two carefully guarded reasons for his

ambition. Jana is a strong woman, and even though being near Jake takes her breath away, she doesn't fall for his normal charms. He thinks that they are worlds apart, but it turns out that Jana is closer to his heart than he realizes. A fight tears them apart, and she panics, leaving the city. She is forlorn however as she has never known a love like his. Will Jake find Jan in time to make amends? Will their entwined family responsibilities deter their love or bring them even closer together? First-rate scholarship combined with extremely readable and interesting prose, this title should still retain its crown as the very best one-volume history of Baseball available. "A remarkable book. The story of Hank Branson and his teammates captures what senior softball is all about." -Terry Hennessy, Chief Executive Officer Senior Softball USA

Hank Branson, 58, has no intention of giving in to middle age. Active, energetic, and youthful in his thinking, he does everything he can to avoid falling into the routines that signify the onset of the aging process and the inevitable winding down and settling in that occur for thousands of Americans each day. It is getting tougher for him to keep up the fight and he needs help. One day, a friend tells Hank about a senior softball organization where teams of players over 50 years of age play tournaments throughout the summer against others their age, with the best being invited to play in a world championship tournament in Las Vegas at the end of the season. Fascinated, he contacts the local team in Chicago where he lives and is invited to play. On a whim, he accepts. A Boys' Game is the story of a hastily assembled team of total strangers from all walks of life who share only the common love of playing baseball, which they did as boys, and the determination to give it one last shot, despite their ages. The team is called the Gray Sox. The book describes the summer experience of the Gray Sox playing other senior teams from Kansas City to Lansing, MI, and everywhere in between and the gradual improvement of the team, which leads to a coveted invitation to play in the world championship. It is the humorous but touching story of the lives of the men on the team, their hopes for the future, and how they deal with the issues of the present, bolstered by their rediscovery of playing the game of baseball, which had been such an important part of their past, and by being given the opportunity to play it again. It is an uplifting story of second chances. There is something in the book for everyone, no matter what their age. In 2011, the San Francisco 49ers hosted the Oakland Raiders in a preseason matchup that would become a seminal moment for fan violence. During the game, seventy fans were ejected from the stadium, one person was beaten unconscious in the men's room, and two men were shot in the parking lot after the game. This is hardly an isolated incident. At any given game, fans get kicked out and arrested for acting out. In the spring of 2014 alone, soccer headlines screamed of a fan killed in Brazil, a supporter who punched a police horse in England, and three fans shot in Italy. But why do fans resort to such violence? What drives them to abandon societal norms and act out in unimaginable ways? *Fanaticus: Mischief and Madness in the Modern Sports Fan* explores the roots of extreme fanaticism, from organized thuggery to digital hate speech. Justine Gubar divulges outrageous and often shocking incidents, including first-hand accounts from both the transgressors and victims. Gubar reaches back into ancient times, providing a history of fan violence throughout the ages before delving into events of misbehavior, violence, and hatred in the United States and around the world. She revisits several notorious riots and tragedies throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, and Latin America in order to understand mayhem on a global scale. In addition, Gubar investigates the sports leagues and the security and beverage industries so as to explain the roots of fan misbehavior and to dispel common myths that are often invoked to understand the madness. Featuring original interviews with European football hooligans, rioting college students, stadium security experts, and many others, *Fanaticus* provides a rare window into what drives human behavior. Together, these voices create the fullest picture of modern fan violence ever written. "Spectacular . . . Remarkable . . . Powerful . . . Compelling . . . Unique . . . Provocative." A BASEBALL BOOK UNLIKE ANY OTHER! In "Ghosts of October: Reflections on Life, Death and Baseball," Kevin Thomas Mulhearn, a leading New York attorney for survivors of childhood sexual abuse, showcases the remarkable healing and redemptive powers of baseball. Mulhearn's riveting family narrative focuses on the star-crossed life and untimely death of his beloved twin brother and the ensuing evolution of his relationship with his old school New York City police

officer father. He also provides a rare and candid inside look at several of his uphill battles to obtain justice for dozens of childhood sex abuse survivors who were betrayed by esteemed schools (such as Poly Prep and Yeshiva University) that were charged with their education and protection. Underlying all of these themes is the omnipresent game of baseball, which provides Mulhearn with a much-needed anchor to hold onto through both triumphs and tragedies. In this unflinching memoir, Kevin Mulhearn challenges the reader to rethink his or her basic assumptions about life and death, love and loss, law and justice, and various aspects of the game of baseball. Praise for "Ghosts of October" "An inspiring story of a family's tragedies, celebrations, compassion, and love for each other--through the reflective lens of baseball. Kevin Mulhearn's vivid descriptions of schoolyard fights and baseball games . . . call to mind the language and style of my late colleague, Red Smith." --Alex Yannis, New York Times Sportswriter "[Mulhearn's] story and his work is a testimony to the idea that that when we make the choice to fight for the truth and to fight for healing and justice for others, it can make a difference in ways that we often can't predict. His skill at blending his family narrative with his legal battles and overlaying it all with the metaphors and lessons of baseball is nothing short of spectacular." --Christopher M. Anderson, Executive Director, MaleSurvivor "As an attorney for sexual abuse survivors, Kevin Mulhearn has been an indefatigable warrior for justice. As an author, Kevin demonstrates the same level of honesty and courage. Kevin has never been afraid to ask tough questions or take on big institutions, and that's what makes his life and work--as well as this unique memoir--compelling." --Michael O'Keeffe, New York Daily News "The lessons Kevin Mulhearn learned on Brooklyn's sandlots playing for one of New York City's finest baseball clubs served him well in the years that followed. Somehow he managed to turn grief over his twin brother's death into a legal crusade that brought a measure of peace to victims of sexual abuse committed by a beloved coach at one of the city's top prep schools ... Mulhearn has turned in a powerful memoir of love, family, grief, recovery, and the enduring powers of baseball. --Thomas Zambito, The Journal News "[A]n inspiring story from a bold and unflinching man whose creative and relentless advocacy for those who've been deeply betrayed will leave you outraged yet hopeful." --David G. Clohessy, Director, Survivors Network of Those Abused By Priests "This is a remarkable book." --Paul Mones, Esq., Children's Rights Attorney "In this book, Kevin Mulhearn speaks eloquently about the terrible plight of those he describes as 'lost boys' and about the need to get justice for the terrible crimes against them." --Hon. Margaret A. Markey, New York State Assemblywoman You're Never Too Young to Fight Censorship! In Ban This Book by Alan Gratz, a fourth grader fights back when From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg is challenged by a well-meaning parent and taken off the shelves of her school library. Amy Anne is shy and soft-spoken, but don't mess with her when it comes to her favorite book in the whole world. Amy Anne and her lieutenants wage a battle for the books that will make you laugh and pump your fists as they start a secret banned books locker library, make up ridiculous reasons to ban every single book in the library to make a point, and take a stand against censorship. Ban This Book is a stirring defense against censorship that's perfect for middle grade readers. Let kids know that they can make a difference in their schools, communities, and lives! "Readers, librarians, and all those books that have drawn a challenge have a brand new hero.... Stand up and cheer, book lovers. This one's for you." —Kathi Appelt, author of the Newbery Honor-winning The Underneath "Ban This Book is absolutely brilliant and belongs on the shelves of every library in the multiverse."—Lauren Myracle, author of the bestselling Internet Girls series, the most challenged books of 2009 and 2011 "Quick paced and with clear, easy-to-read prose, this is a book poised for wide readership and classroom use."—Booklist "A stout defense of the right to read." —Kirkus Reviews "Gratz delivers a book lover's book that speaks volumes about kids' power to effect change at a grassroots level." —Publishers Weekly In 1946, a returning World War II veteran is determined to reclaim his place among professional baseball's upper echelon and win back the woman he once fell for. Two months into the new season, at the top of his game, he abandons his team, casting aside his fame and riches and vanishing forever from the public eye. What drives a man to walk away from everything he cherishes, never to be heard from again? THE BATTER'S BOX follows the

path of Will Jamison, a star player with the Washington Senators who enlists in the U.S. Army following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. When the war ends, Jamison returns to Washington, a decorated hero tormented by deep emotional scars. Burdened with a crushing guilt and harrowing memories he cannot escape, Jamison's life is consumed by an explosive temper, sleepless nights, and a gradual descent into alcoholism. Will he continue, alone with his anguish and misery? Or will he level with those around him, including the woman he loves, and seek the professional care he desperately needs, even at the risk of exposing his most closely guarded secrets? The book *Surviving the Mountain* is based on my life and how I survived through many near-death experiences. From my beginning to being separated from my biological father as a baby to short memories of living in East Los Angeles and moving to El Monte at the age of six. El Monte, a Spanish word translated in English means The Mountain. El Monte is located in the San Gabriel Valley which is fifteen minutes from downtown Los Angeles. The Mountain or El Monte is a flat city in between two rivers, The Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers. It is the end of the famed Santa Fe Trail that served as America's first commercial highway established in 1822. When you enter the city, there are signs that say, "Welcome to Friendly El Monte," but this was not my experience from the city. It has a south and a north part to it. The city was huge in an area of 9.65 square miles. Within the city's borders was where I spent a great portion of my life. I survived many trials and tribulations, and I have seen the fall of many of my brothers and sisters who did not survive this city. Street gangs, drugs, and violence corrupted my world. The casualties have devastated my people and my culture. God Brought me through this to share my story, believing that we as a people no longer have to surviving this life, but to live. We can build a new future filled with peace and prosperity as God's love and presence preserved me throughout my life. I know He can help us; all we have to do is ask Him and He will answer Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Vice-President Richard Nixon - the voraciously ambitious bad boy of the Eisenhower regime - is the dominant narrator in an enormous cast that includes Betty Crocker, Joe McCarthy, the Marx Brothers, Walter Winchell, Uncle Sam, his adversary The Phantom, and Time magazine incarnated as the National Poet Laureate. All of these and thousands more converge in Times Square for the carnivalesque auto-da-fe at which the Rosenbergs are put to death. "This is a baseball book, but whether Creamer intended it or not, it's much, much more."-Sports Illustrated. "[Creamer] recalls this momentous year in baseball and world history. He reprises Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak, Ted Williams's .406 batting average, Hank Greenberg and the draft, the furious Dodgers-Cardinals pennant fight, and the ensuing World Series. All this is portrayed against the looming U.S. entry into World War II."-Library Journal. Robert W. Creamer, one of the best and most perceptive writers on baseball, remembers the baseball-and other matters-of 1941 in a tribute to the game that is also part memoir. Creamer was a long-time writer and editor at Sports Illustrated. He is the author or coauthor of numerous books, including the following Bison Books: Stengel: His Life and Times, Rhubarb in the Catbird Seat, Jocko, and The Quality of Courage. Do stolen bases lead to stolen hearts? Tomboy Alex Prince is used to crushing her competitors, but crushing on one? That's another story. Grant King is everything she could want in a boy; popular, handsome, funny and captain of the baseball team. Best of all, he seems to be into her. At least that's what she thinks after their secret almost kiss on the first day of school. Too bad they're about to become rivals . . . Grant King is kicking himself for making his no-girlfriend pledge when he meets sassy transfer student, Alex Prince. Not only is she gorgeous, witty and full of confidence, she's into baseball! She's his dream girl. But she's also the competition! Their budding romance is thrown a curveball when Alex finds out her new high school doesn't have a softball team. If she wants to play, she must compete for a coveted spot on the boys' team, against her would-be crush, Grant King. Love is a battlefield . . . or in their case, a baseball field. Can these unlikely enemies fight their feelings while fighting for a spot on the team, or will they break all the rules for love? A sweet stand-alone high school sports romance. Check out all the books in The Trouble with Tomboy series for the full reading experience. *Playing the Enemy* - by Maggie Dallen (Book

1)Playing to Win - by Stephanie Street (Book 2)Playing the Field - by Christina Benjamin (Book 3) She's careful, but wants to be reckless. She's cute, but wants to be sexy. She's innocent, but wants to be bad. When ex-Olympic gymnast, Adaley Knight wakes on her eighteenth birthday she only has one wish, to leave the only town she's ever known and start fresh. Finding herself enrolled at a college across the globe, the once modest Adaley is almost unrecognizable. Her new persona dances on the wild side by sinking her teeth into the first bad boy she sees. The only problem is he's not the least bit interested. Ryle Benson, baseball extraordinaire and brooding campus bad boy keeps everyone at an arms length. Things have never come easy for him and the last thing he needs is getting involved with any female. The tables are reversed as she tries to be bad, tempting fate, and he tries to fight his. The push and pull is half the fun. But what happens when one pushes a little too hard? Before Barry Bonds, before Reggie Jackson, before Hank Aaron, baseball's stars had one undeniable trait in common: they were all white. In 1947, Jackie Robinson broke that barrier, striking a crucial blow for racial equality and changing the world of sports forever. I Never Had It Made is Robinson's own candid, hard-hitting account of what it took to become the first black man in history to play in the major leagues. I Never Had It Made recalls Robinson's early years and influences: his time at UCLA, where he became the school's first four-letter athlete; his army stint during World War II, when he challenged Jim Crow laws and narrowly escaped court martial; his years of frustration, on and off the field, with the Negro Leagues; and finally that fateful day when Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers proposed what became known as the "Noble Experiment" -- Robinson would step up to bat to integrate and revolutionize baseball. More than a baseball story, I Never Had It Made also reveals the highs and lows of Robinson's life after baseball. He recounts his political aspirations and civil rights activism; his friendships with Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, William Buckley, Jr., and Nelson Rockefeller; and his troubled relationship with his son, Jackie, Jr. Originally published the year Robinson died, I Never Had It Made endures as an inspiring story of a man whose heroism extended well beyond the playing field. Because he had been unable to fight off the gator which injured his father, fourteen-year-old Thrasher joins the Confederate Army hoping to prove his manhood. He can catch every pitch thrown to him, but can he catch her heart? Dax Stratton lives for baseball. But when he gets into a fight with the school jerk, the principal decides it's time for a different kind of punishment. He's assigned to the senior committee with Kate Adams, Student Body President, who also happens to be the girl he's been crushing on. Kate Adams has life mapped out, well, her mom does. Her schedule is filled with service activities and schoolwork. It's not until Dax joins the committee that she begins to see a world beyond high school--much to her mother's disapproval--and the kaleidoscope that it of opportunities it holds. Can they overcome prejudice and social class to create a teen relationship? "Absolutely Fantastic Definitely five stars. I'd give ten if that were an option. The characters were so real, I could see myself in each of them. The trains, the places, the philosophy, and the tree, were so poignant. I cried, laughed, and cried again. A truly excellent book. This is the kind of book that makes you better for having read it." -- Amazon Review "This sweeping novel follows the lives of several well-developed characters who have as common touch point a great beech tree on the shores of the Great Lake. The interwoven lives of generations of soldiers, baseball players, and activists tell tales of love lost and regained, and opportunities that go by to be recaptured... A timely book of redemption and a reminder that all is not ever lost." -- Amazon Review The Beech Tree introduces you to the lives of those who visited the tree and shared their lives, their loves, their hopes and dreams, beneath the tree's dark green canopy ... and their curious, inexplicable connection to one another. The readers are introduced to Johnny and Margo, the first characters to visit the tree, just before Johnny ships off to fight in The Great War in 1918. We follow Johnny and Margo, Johnny's lifelong, albeit socially taboo, friendship with his friend, "Bullet Joe" Rogan, a pitcher in the Negro Leagues. Johnny introduces his granddaughter, Debby, to the tree in 1957, an era of bobby socks, roller-skating carhops and Elvis music, and Debby meets Mason in 1967's Summer of Love, just before Mason is drafted to fight in Vietnam. For 30 years, Debby wonders whatever became of the boy who changed her life. Then she finds out.