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Lies, Brian. **Bats at the Ballgame.** Houghton, 2010. 978-0-547-24970-4

A whole new version of the baseball game. Bats engaged in a topsy-turvy baseball game. The game is played on the ground, though the bats swoop, glide and soar around the bases and the spectators hang upside down. Brilliant colors, eye-catching details. The flying vendors offer mothdogs and Cricket Jack. The ground crews mark the lines with powder sugar and rake the pitcher's mound with a fork.

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Winter, Jonah. **You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax.** Schwartz, 2009. ISBN978-0-375-93738-5

A picture book biography of a pitching ace. How do you go from a nobody on the mound to the greatest lefty who ever pitched? His early years he spent on the bench or walking batters. In 1961 he learned to control his pitch. How did this man go from the unpredictable to a worldly fame in such a short time, from 1961 to 1966 until his unexpected retirement? The graphite caricature style illustrations are done mostly in golds, grays, and Dodger blue.

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Savage, Jeff. **Muhammad Ali –the Greatest.** Capstone, 2008. ISBN 978-0-7368-6422-0

This volume describes highlights of Ali's boxing career., his decisions to join the Nations of Islam, and protest of the Vietnam War., which caused him to be barred from boxing during the peak of his career. Vibrant action photos and captions are good. the typeface is large. It has reading lists, timeline, glossary and index. Fact Finder Series.

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Wallace, Rich. **The Ball Hogs**. Random, 2010. (Junior Literary Guild Selection.) (First Book in the Series of Kickers) ISBN 978-0-375-95754-3

A struggle between Ben and Mark as to who is the best player. The two boys argue during a 4 square game and the problem escalates until the final soccer game and they both discover teamwork. There are three others in this series.

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Gutman, Dan. **Roberto and Me**. Haper, 2010. ISBN 978-0-06-123485

The tenth book of the Baseball Card Adventures. Stosh travels back into the past to meet Roberto Clemente. He needs to warn Roberto not to board the plane full of relief supplies that crashed killing him. Stosh meets Sunrise, a free spirit, and they travel across the country to a ball game that leaves them face to face with Roberto.

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Green, Tim. **The Big Time**. Harper, 2010. ISBN 978-0-06-168619-1. 12-year-old Troy White parlayed his remarkable play-predicting ability into a high-paying job with his beloved Atlanta Falcons and led his youth league team to a state championship. Troy's father, Drew, is involved in some illegal activities concerning sports and Troy is torn between his sensible mother and his father's activities. Troy decides to help the federal officials in return for a lesser sentencing for his father. There is a cliff hanging ending.

Fischer, David. **Babe Ruth, Legendary Slugger**. Sterling, 2010. Sterling Biographies. 978-1-4027-7147-7

A biography of Babe Ruth considered to be baseball's greatest player. Best known for his powerful swing and the number of homeruns he hit. He began his fame with the Boston Red Sox. Later being sold to the Yankees in

a infamous deal. He was one of the first five players elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame. It contains Timeline of events, websites, Table of Contents, Index, Glossary.

Lupica, Mike. **Batboy**. Philomel, 2010. 978-0-399-25000-2
Fourteen-year-old Brian, the son of a washed-up major-league pitcher, watches every home-game up-close: he's a batboy for the Detroit Tigers. Divorced parents, a disgruntled player, and Brian's own batting slump complicate his life.

There are new books of NFL and NBA teams.