

Some of the Best Literary Sports Books

Baseball

- Bechard, Gorman. *Balls* (1995)
Beckham, Barry. *Runner Mack* (1972)
Benjamin, Paul (pseudonym for Paul Auster). *Squeeze Play* (1978)
Bishop, Michael. *Brittle Innings* (1994)
Brashler, William. *The Bingo Long Travelling All Stars and Motor Kings* (1973)
Brock, Darryl. *If I Never Get Back* (1990)
Carkeet, David. *The Greatest Slump of All Time* (1984)
Charyn, Jerome. *The Seventh Babe* (1979)
Coover, Robert. *The Universal Baseball Association, Inc. J. Henry Waugh, Prop.* (1968)
DeLillo, Don. *Underworld* (1997)
Duncan, David James. *The Brothers K* (1992)
Everett, Percival. *Suder* (1983)
Graham, John. *Babe Ruth Caught in a Snowstorm* (1973)
Greenberg, Eric Rolfe. *The Celebrant* (1983)
Harris, Mark. *The Southpaw* (1953)
_____. *Bang the Drum Slowly* (1956)
Herrin, Lamar. *Rio Loja Ringmaster* (1977)
Kinsella, W.P. *Shoeless Joe* (1982)
_____. *The Iowa Baseball Confederacy* (1986)
Klinkowitz, Jerry. *Short Season and Other Stories* (1988)
Koch, Kenneth. *Ko, or a Season on Earth* (1959)
Lefcourt, Peter. *The Dreyfus Affair* (1992)
Malamud, Bernard. *The Natural* (1952)
McManus, James. *Chin Music* (1985)
Metcalf, Paul. *Will West* (1956)
Roth, Philip. *The Great American Novel* (1973)
Sayles, John. *Pride of the Bimbos* (1975)
Shaara, Michael. *For Love of the Game* (1991)
Shaw, Irwin. *Voices of a Summer Day* (1965)
Vogan, Sara. *In Shelley's Leg* (1985)
Willard, Nancy. *Things Invisible to See* (1984)

Basketball

- Larner, Jeremy. *Drive, He Said* (1964)
LeClair, Tom. *Passing Off* (1996)
Neugeboren, Jay. *Big Man* (1966)
Rosen, Charley. *The House of Moses All-Stars* (1996)
Shainberg, Lawrence. *One on One* (1970)
Updike, John. *Rabbit, Run* (1960)
_____. *Rabbit at Rest* (1990)

Boxing

- Algren, Nelson. *Never Come Morning* (1942)
Crews, Harry. *The Knock Out Artist* (1988)
Gardner, Leonard. *Fat City* (1969)

- Heinz, W.C. *The Professional* (1958)
Hoagland, Edward. *The Circle Home* (1960)
Schulberg, Budd. *The Harder They Fall* (1947)
Shaara, Michael. *Broken Place* (1968)

Football

- Coover, Robert. *Whatever Happened to Gloomy Gus of the Chicago Bears?* (1987)
DeLillo, Don. *End Zone* (1972)
Exley, Frederick. *A Fan's Notes* (1968)
Gent, Peter. *North Dallas Forty* (1975)
Kincaid, Nanci. *Balls: A Novel* (1998)
Whitehead, James. *Joiner* (1971)

Golf

- Murphy, Michael. *Golf in the Kingdom* (1972)
Olson, Toby. *Seaview* (1982)

Hockey

- Birdwell, Cleo (pseudonym for Don DeLillo). *Amazons* (1980)
Quarrington, Paul. *King Leary* (1987)

Polo

- Kosinski, Jerzy. *Passion Play* (1979)

Tennis

- Brown, Rita Mae. *Sudden Death* (1983)
Hannah, Barry. *The Tennis Handsome* (1995)
Wallace, David Foster. *Infinite Jest* (1996)

Track and Field

- Glanville, Brian. *The Olympian* (1969)
Parker, John L. *Once a Runner* (1978)
Sillitoe, Alan. *The Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner* (1959)
Warren, Patricia Nell. *The Front-Runner* (1994)