

Further Reading List

Title IX and sports equity

“20 U.S. Code § 1681 – Sex”. *LII / Legal Information Institute*.

- Explore the primary source of Title IX itself!

Blumenthal, Karen. *Let Me Play*. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2005.

- Nonfiction history of Title IX and its influence.

Brake, Deborah L. *Getting in the Game: Title IX and the Women’s Sports Revolution*. New York University Press, 2010.

- Legal analysis and critique of Title IX.

Marc, David. *Leveling the Playing Field: The Story of the Syracuse 8*. Syracuse University Press, 2015.

- Nonfiction exploration of racial equity in sports at Syracuse University, paralleling Title IX’s gender equity.

Historic women in sports

Berkman, Seth. *A Team of Their Own: How an International Sisterhood Made Olympic History*. Hanover Square Press, 2019.

- True story of the 2018 women’s South Korean Olympic hockey team, and how a group of women from many countries and diverse backgrounds came together to form a team and a sisterhood.

Hooper, Elise. *Fast Girls: A Novel of the 1936 Women’s Olympic Team*. William Morrow Paperbacks, 2020.

- Novelization of the true story of a group of diverse women defying societal and personal expectations to become part of the 1936 US’ Olympic track and field team.

Ignotofsky, Rachel. *Women in Sports: 50 Fearless Athletes Who Played to Win*. Ten Speed Press, 2017.

- Anthology of women in sports from the 1800s to today, with a timeline of women’s participation, pay differences, and influential women’s teams.

Reeder, Lydia. *Dust Bowl Girls: The Inspiring Story of the Team That Barnstormed Its Way to Basketball Glory*. Algonquin Books, 2017.

- Biography of a group of women in the 1930s who joined a basketball team to get free college tuition, but eventually gained national notoriety, a sense of family, and a championship.

Schiot, Molly. *Game Changers: The Unsung Heroines of Sports History*. Simon & Schuster, 2018.

- Anthology of pre-Title IX female athletes who weren’t given a platform, but who paved the way for female athletes now.

Shattuck, Debra A. *Bloomer Girls: Women Baseball Pioneers*. University of Illinois Press, 2017.

- Nonfiction compilation and analysis of historical documents, reconstructing a forgotten era of baseball history where women took the field in the 1800s.

High school basketball

Leong, Sloane. *A Map to the Sun*. First Second, 2020.

- YA girls basketball graphic novel focusing on themes of identity and teamwork.

Ribay, Randy. *After the Shot Drops*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2018.

- YA boys basketball novel focusing on themes of friendship and family.

Sports memoirs

Joyner-Kersee, Jackie and Steptoe, Sonja. *A Kind of Grace: The Autobiography of the World's Greatest Female Athlete*. Grand Central Publishing, 1997.

- Autobiography written by one of Isaacson's basketball opponents, who went on to become an Olympic gold-winning athlete. Themes focus on loss, failure, and loss of a parent.

King, Billie Jean, Howard, Johnette, and Vollers, Maryanne. *All In: An Autobiography*. Knopf, 2021.

- Autobiography written by one of the trailblazers of women's tennis, Billie Jean King. Themes focus around civil rights in the 1960s and 1970s, self-acceptance, and spirit.

Pappas, Alexi, and Rudolph, Maya. *Bravey: Chasing Dreams, Befriending Pain, and Other Big Ideas*. The Dial Press, 2021.

- Memoir by an Olympic runner, actress, filmmaker, and writer, with themes centering around hard work, sport as therapy, and loss of a parent.

Summitt, Pat, and Jenkins, Sally. *Sum It Up: 1,098 Victories, a Couple of Irrelevant Losses, and a Life in Perspective*. Crown Publishing, 2014.

- Autobiography written by the all-time winningest coach in NCAA basketball history. Themes focus on women's success in sports, legacy, comradery, and the impact of Alzheimer's.

Wambach, Abby. *Wolfpack: How to Come Together, Unleash Our Power and Change the Game*. Celadon Books, 2019.

- Rally cry for women to "unleash their individual power, unite with their pack, and emerge victorious together," written by one of the most well-known female athletes in the last few decades.