

American Baseball Foundation Inc. BASIC Booklist

Books for BASIC 2017

Reading Grades 1 & 2

Girl Wonder semi-pro player in first decade
20th century
Players in Pigtails female pro baseball during
WWII
Catching the Moon Young years of Toni Drake,
2nd base Indianapolis Clowns, Negro League

Baseball Ballerina finding identity
Mudball Re early 1900's minor league game
Brothers at Bat Family fields team 30's, 40's,
50's
Becoming Bath Ruth Young years of Babe
Here Comes the Strikeouts Overcoming
obstacles
Just Like Gosh Gibson Role model
We Love Baseball
Ballpark Mysteries #1: The Fenway Foul-Up
David A. Kelley 978-0-375-86703-3 chapter reader

Pete the Cat Plays Ball first level reader
Emmanuel's Dream Ghana disabled boy
becomes country hero
Baseball Blackout reader re baseball
My First Soccer Game first level reader
Curious George Plays Baseball first level
reader
Curious George at the Baseball Game first
level reader
Quickest Kid in Clarksville Two girls learn to
cooperate, Wilma Rudolph
Happy Like Soccer family and sports
Cat at Bat first level reader
Roberto Clemente biography
Throw It to Mo football

Reading Grades 3 & 4

Baseball's Greatest Hitters biographies
The Girl Who Struck Out Babe Ruth courage
Teammates doing what is right
A Picture Book of Jackie Robinson biography
Jackie Robinson Strong Inside & Out detailed
biography
Young Pele Soccer's First Star
You've Never Heard of Willie Mays biography
Bat Boy & His Violin Negro League story
Henry Aaron's Dream biography
Wilma Unlimited biography
She Loved Baseball, Effa Manley biography
Satchel Paige biography
A Strong Arm: The Story of Mamie "Peanut"
Johnson, first female to pitch in Negro Leagues
biography

Reading Grades 5 & 6 Sites may select

A Strong Arm: The Story of Mamie "Peanut"
Johnson, first female to pitch in Negro Leagues
We Are the Ship Kadir Nelson History of
Negro Leagues
The Journal of Bidly Owens 1948 Birmingham
Black Barons season
Keeping Score Friendship of girl and soldier
during Korean War set in Dodgers' Brooklyn
NY

Reading Grades 7 & 8 Site may select

Million Dollar Throw Coming of age of 13 year
old boy
Bad Boy Autobiography of author Walter Dean
Myers, who grew up in Harlem in 1930's.

Possible additions

Million Dollar Kick 5&6 Perseverance
The Wednesday Wars 7&8 Coming of age 13
year old boy, set in 1960's

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Bat 6 7&8 Rural tradition of annual softball game seen through eyes of 20 players

Notes related to ABF BASIC Curriculum

Reading Levels 1&2, 3&4

Sites have the flexibility to juxtapose weeks so that books can be shared between two sites. Example: In Week 1 Site A would execute the reading curriculum Week 1, while Site B executes Week 2. Sites exchange books to begin week two.

Level 1&2 has several extra lessons for chapter books that can be used in five-to-six week programs.

Reading Levels 5&6

Sites have options to choose which books student will read.

A Strong Arm: The Story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson, first female to pitch in the Negro Leagues approximately 2 weeks of curriculum with several lessons that were created for BASIC reading Level 3&4

The Journal of Bidley Owens 1948 Birmingham Black Barons Fictional biography with approximately two weeks of lessons.

We Are the Ship History of Negro Leagues Two weeks of curriculum. This book has been used for more than two weeks in previous BASIC programs.

Keeping Score Friendship of girl and soldier during Korean War set in Dodgers' Brooklyn NY four weeks of curriculum

Reading Levels 5&6, 7&8

Bad Boy Autobiography of author Walter Dean Myers, who grew up in Harlem in 1930's Two weeks curriculum

Million Dollar Throw American football setting for young boy facing obstacles related to family and friends Four weeks curriculum

Book Reading Curriculum: BASIC small group reading/sharing in which students select books from ABF library:

Bat 6 Rural American softball team members depict US recovery after World War II

Jackie & Me Youth time travels to 1947 & experiences Jackie Robinson's breaking the color line in MLB baseball

Million Dollar Kick Sports-hating adolescent girl must decide to pursue an unexpected goal in sports

The Year of the Boar & Jackie Robinson Female Chinese immigrant finds her place in Brooklyn in 1947

The Girl Who Threw Butterflies Adolescent girl honors her dead father through use of his legacy

My Brother's Keeper Family unity overcoming obstacles in US society

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Roy Morelli Steps Up to the Plate Importance of academics
as related to sports

Wednesday Wars Coming of age of adolescent boy with
guidance from his loving teacher