Sports Fiction has many faces. It ranges from the mysticism of Bernard Malamud’s *The Natural* to the action adventure of the latest Dick Francis racing mystery, from Mark Harris’ classic *Bang the Drum Slowly* to Dan Jenkins’ outrageous *Semi-Tough*. There is something for everyone, and it is an easy sell if you know your merchandise. A friend’s son was converted to the joys of reading when he discovered that there were stories about his passion, skiing. The library periodical literature offers many guides to new sports publications (*Booklist*’s September 1 issue annually highlights new adult’s and children’s sports titles, *Library Journal* features a “Spring Baseball Lineup” each February, and Bill Ott often includes sports books in his *American Libraries* “Quick Bites” column), but they are primarily devoted to non-fiction.

The resources below will help readers’ advisors identify and promote sports fiction. The bonus is that readers enjoy a baseball novel from the 1950s just as much as one published last month, and the older fiction in the collection circulates.


