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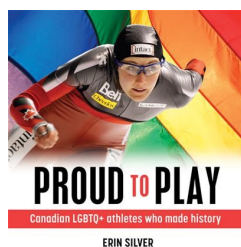
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Proud to Play

Canadian LGBTQ+ athletes who made history

By (author) Erin Silver 

Jan 19, 2021 | Paperback, Trade | \$24.95 |



- Rocky Mountain Book Awards 2022, Nominated
- Recommended Read - TD Summer Reading Club 2021, Commended
- OLA Best Bets 2021, Winner

Profiles of Canadian LGBTQ+ athletes who made the playing field more inclusive

***"This compilation of stories of suffering and success follow some of Canada's LGBTQ+ athletes as they strive to do their best and compete while also struggling with being true to themselves."* — Canadian Teacher Magazine**

The 2018 Winter Olympics marked a milestone for LGBTQ+ athletes. Thirteen athletes out of 3,000 competitors were out and proud — nearly double the number who felt comfortable sharing their sexuality four years earlier at the Sochi Games. Many athletes stay closeted for their entire sports careers, often unable to compete at their highest ability because of the shame and self-doubt they feel in not being true to their orientation or identity. But coming out still means facing harassment from fans, teammates, opponents, and the media, and a lack of sponsorship opportunities. While organizations like You Can Play, the Canadian Olympic Committee and Egale Canada have made progress in recent years in promoting inclusivity at the grassroots and elite sporting levels, there is still much work to be done to ensure all athletes feel safe being their authentic selves.

Athletes profiled include swimmer Mark Tewksbury, rhythmic gymnast Rose Cossar, professional hockey player Brock McGillis, speed skater Anastasia Bucsis, pairs figure skater Eric Radford, volleyball players Betty Baxter and Christopher Voth and hockey player Angela James.

Generously illustrated with photographs and given context by an overview of the history of LGBTQ+ athletes in Canada, this book will make all young sports enthusiasts and competitors proud to play.

Contributor Bio

ERIN SILVER has been writing professionally for almost 20 years. She has a degree in journalism and an MFA in Creative Nonfiction. Her work has appeared in *Good Housekeeping*, *The Washington Post*, *Today's Parent*, *The Globe and Mail* and many other national magazines and newspapers. She has also blogged for several media outlets including Huffington Post. Erin's picture book, *The Slap Shot*, was named a finalist in the 2017 CANSCAIP Writing for Children Competition. She also won the bronze medal in the Common Deer Press Uncommon Quest Contest. Erin lives in Toronto, Ontario.

Promotion Plans



Reviews

"A powerful reminder that change is possible and the world of sports can indeed move forward to become more accepting and supportive of LGBTQ+ people."

- **CM: Canadian Review of Materials**

"Readers are shown examples of success and acceptance, proving that change is possible, even in spaces where there is a long history of prejudice and intolerance."

- **CM: Canadian Review of Materials**

"Sure to be a hit with young readers interested in sports, LGBTQ+ history (and the present), and biographies."

- **CM: Canadian Review of Materials**

9781459415126

- English
- 216 x 229 x 13 mm | 340 gr
- 112 pages
- Lorimer

Subject

JUVENILE NONFICTION/Biography & Autobiography/LGBTQ+

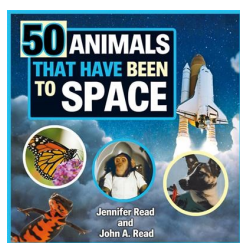
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Age (years) from 10 - 18

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- English
- 216 x 216 x 13 mm | 460 gr
- 88 pages
- Formac

Subject

JUVENILE NONFICTION/Science & Nature/Astronomy

Audience range

Age (years) from 9 - 10, Grade (US) exact 3, Reading age from 8 - 10

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: 1110L

Distributor

Formac Lorimer Book Distributing Ltd.

Carton Quantity: 34

Distributor

Lerner Publisher Services

Availability: Available

Carton Quantity: 34

The Beginner's Guide to Space

50 Animals That Have Been to Space

By (author) John A. Read 🍁, By (author) Jennifer Read 🍁

Mar 03, 2020 | Hardcover, Paper over boards | \$19.95 |



• Junior Library Guild Selection, Commended

An easy-to-read, highly-illustrated book about animals that have gone into space that will grab the attention of any curious young reader**"A generally triumphant tally of liftoffs, landings, and scientific insights." — Kirkus Reviews**

Since the early days of flight, animals have helped researchers learn how to survive in the sky, and their role continues as humanity voyages into outer space. In 1783, a rooster, a duck and a sheep were placed in a basket attached to the first hot-air balloon. In the age of rockets and space travel, many more animals have travelled into orbit, and most have returned safely to earth.

This book tells the stories of 50 trips into space, with details about the animals and the scientists involved. The experiments, often designed by students, originate from many countries. The book offers an appealing introduction to the purposes of space exploration and the possibilities of safe space travel. It encourages young readers to engage in real science like the young people they will read about in this book.

Contributor Bio

JENNIFER READ grew up in the hills outside San Francisco. A passion for animals led her to a prestigious internship with American Humane's Film and Television Unit in Los Angeles, California, where she worked on movie sets with wolves, horses and many other animals. Jennifer is now a member of the Halifax Lancers, an equestrian society located in Halifax. She lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with her husband and writing partner John A. Read.



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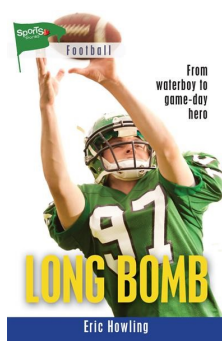
Reviews

"A generally triumphant tally of liftoffs, landings, and scientific insights."

- Kirkus Reviews

"A fascinating, compact look at how a variety of creatures informed scientists' knowledge of space travel's potential impact on human bodies—once started, it's difficult to put down. Some readers will be inspired to seek further reading or consider a career in space travel research."

- Starred Review, School Library Journal



9781459414846

- English
- 127 x 197 x 13 mm | 100 gr
- 128 pages
- Lorimer

Subject

JUVENILE FICTION/Sports & Recreation/Football

Audience range

Age (years) from 10 - 13, Grade (US) exact 3, Reading age from 8 - 9

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: HL600L

Distributor

Formac Lorimer Book Distributing Ltd.

Carton Quantity: 96

Distributor

Lerner Publisher Services

Availability: Available

Carton Quantity: 96

Lorimer Sports Stories

Long BombBy (author) Eric Howling 

Feb 04, 2020 | Paperback, Trade | \$12.95 |

Ed doesn't look like a football star. But can he play like one?

A shy Calgary teen who doubts his abilities steps onto the football field, finding courage as he stands up to bullying, overcomes self-doubt, and learns the value of teamwork and self-belief.

Contributor Bio

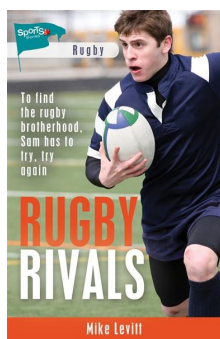
ERIC HOWLING is the author of ten books including *Head Hunter*, *Red Zone Rivals*, *Hoop Magic*, and *Run and Gun* in the Lorimer Sports Stories series. His books have been shortlisted for the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award, named *Resource Link's* Year's Best and picked as CCBC Best Books selections. Eric lives and plays sports in Calgary, Alberta.



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Reviews

"... the in-depth game play will attract sports fans." - ***School Library Journal***



9781459414921

- English
- 127 x 197 x 13 mm | 120 gr
- 128 pages
- Lorimer

Subject

JUVENILE FICTION/Sports & Recreation/General

Audience range

Age (years) from 10 - 13, Grade (US) exact 3, Reading age from 8 - 9

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: HL520L

Distributor

Formac Lorimer Book Distributing Ltd.

Carton Quantity: 90

Distributor

Lerner Publisher Services

Availability: Available

Carton Quantity: 90

Lorimer Sports Stories

Rugby Rivals

By (author) Mike Levitt 

Feb 04, 2020 | Paperback, Trade | \$12.95 |



- Junior Library Guild Selection, Commended
- Chocolate Lily Book Awards, Novel Category 2022, Nominated

When opponents become teammates, Sam needs to prove he knows what rugby is all about

A rugby player has trouble fitting in at his snobby new school, and with his new teammates. After lashing out and hurting a teammate in an unsporting way he struggles to learn valuable lessons about teamwork, and regains his sense of integrity and purpose on the rugby field.

Contributor Bio

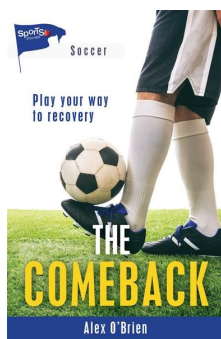
MIKE LEVITT has played, coached, and refereed high school rugby. He wrote the curriculum for his school district's grade 11 rugby course, had a newspaper column in the *Williams Lake Tribune*, and has had short stories published in *British Columbia Magazine*. This is his first sports novel. He lives in Kamloops, British Columbia.



Reviews

"... the in-depth game play will attract sports fans." - **School Library Journal**

"Rugby fans will most appreciate the in-depth descriptions of the hard physicality of the sport and its ideal muddy settings." - **Booklist Online**



9781459414808

- English
- 127 x 197 x 13 mm | 120 gr
- 120 pages
- Lorimer

Subject

JUVENILE FICTION/Sports & Recreation/Soccer

Audience range

Age (years) from 10 - 13, Grade (US) exact 3, Reading age from 8 - 9

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: HL540L

Distributor

Formac Lorimer Book Distributing Ltd.

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Distributor

Lerner Publisher Services

Availability: Available

Carton Quantity: 96

Lorimer Sports Stories

The Comeback

By (author) Alex O'Brien 

Feb 04, 2020 | Paperback, Trade | \$12.95 |

Soccer is the best medicine

A fourteen-year-old boy battling depression finds new motivation through soccer—but hiding his struggles from teammates risks derailing both his recovery and his sense of belonging.

Contributor Bio

ALEX O'BRIEN left a career in human resources to write novels, scripts and songs. He has been a finalist and winner of several writing competitions. He is the author of the Lorimer sports story *The Playmaker*. Alex lives in Parry Sound, Ontario.



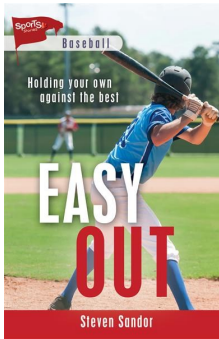
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Reviews

"... the in-depth game play will attract sports fans." - **School Library Journal**

"A beautiful story that should be read by kids and those adults who work with kids." - **CM: Canadian Review of Materials**

"An accessible, informative read that demystifies depression and mental health challenges for children and preteens." - **Emily Lynne, Goodreads Review**



9781459414884

- English
- 127 x 197 x 13 mm | 120 gr
- 120 pages
- Lorimer

Subject

JUVENILE FICTION/Sports & Recreation/Baseball & Softball

Audience range

Age (years) from 10 - 13, Grade (US) exact 3, Reading age from 8 - 9

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: HL620L

Distributor

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Distributor

Lerner Publisher Services

Availability: Available

Carton Quantity: 108

Lorimer Sports Stories

Easy Out

By (author) Steven Sandor 

Feb 04, 2020 | Paperback, Trade | \$12.95 |

When playing out of your league, do your best to be the best

A young ballplayer in a small prairie town struggles to compete in a high-level league while stepping out of his legendary father's shadow and building stronger bonds with his teammates.

Contributor Bio

STEVEN SANDOR is an award-winning magazine editor, author and sports broadcaster. He edits *Avenue Magazine* in Edmonton. He has written the five Lorimer Sports Stories novels *Called Up*, *Stick Pick*, *Trolled*, *Replay*, and *Playing for Keeps*, and the teen novels *Crack Coach* and *Spin Out*. He lives in Edmonton, Alberta.



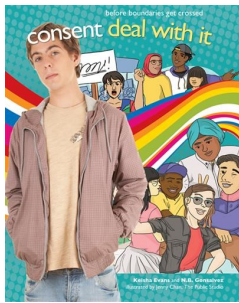
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Reviews

"... the in-depth game play will attract sports fans." - **School Library Journal**

"Accessible for most readers." - **CM: Canadian Review of Materials**

"Reflects the diverse characters and personalities who would live in rural Alberta." - **CM: Canadian Review of Materials**



9781459415065

- English
- 216 x 280 x 13 mm | 380 gr
- 32 pages
- Lorimer

Subject

JUVENILE NONFICTION/Comics & Graphic Novels/Social Topics

Audience range

Age (years) from 9 - 14, Grade (US) exact 5, Reading age from 10 - 11

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: 770L

ATOS for Books: 6.1

Distributor

Formac Lorimer Book Distributing Ltd.

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Distributor

Lerner Publisher Services

Availability: Available

Carton Quantity: 40

Lorimer Deal With It

Consent Deal With It

Deal with it before boundaries get crossed

By (author) Keisha Evans  By (author) N.B. Gonsalvez ,
Illustrated by Jenny Chan 

Mar 20, 2020 | Hardcover, Paper over boards | \$24.95 |



- Honourable Mention - OLA Best Bets 2020, Commended

A timely new resource to help kids understand and resolve conflicts stemming from issues of consent

"A valuable addition to collections for young adolescents." — School Library Journal
Honourable Mention - OLA Best Bets

Consent isn't just about sex. From an early age, kids are taught to respect personal space. They learn to express themselves about how they feel. As much as they need to be taught that kissing, hugging and touching are sometimes appropriate and sometimes not, it is important that they consider that consent is needed for commonplace interactions like borrowing things, sharing possessions, or giving away someone's secrets. And that consent cannot be assumed, even if it has been given at a different time.

This illustrated book offers information, quizzes, comics and real-life situations to help kids think critically about what consent is, and what it looks like and sounds like when it is given or not given. Considered from the viewpoints of those who are in a position to give consent, those who are in a position to be given consent, and witnesses to conflict around consent, this issue is identified, examined and put into a context that kids can understand and use to navigate issues of personal rights and emotional safety.

Contributor Bio

KEISHA EVANS has been supporting and advocating for children, youth and their families for more than twenty years. She is a child youth counsellor and works to teach children about body safety and respecting boundaries. Keisha lives in Oshawa, Ontario.

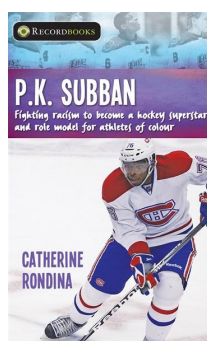
N.B. GONSALVEZ is the author of *My Parts Are My Parts, Your Parts Are Your Parts*, a picture book about consent. She lives with her family in Whitby, Ontario.



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Reviews

"A valuable addition to collections for young adolescents." - Kelly Jahng,
School Library Journal



9781459415089

- English
- 108 x 178 x 13 mm | 100 gr
- 144 pages
- Lorimer

Subject

JUVENILE NONFICTION/Biography & Autobiography/Sports & Recreation

Audience range

Age (years) from 12 - 18, Grade (US) exact 3, Reading age from 9 - 10

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: 800L

Distributor

Formac Lorimer Book Distributing Ltd.

Carton Quantity: 160

Distributor

Lerner Publisher Services

Availability: Available

Carton Quantity: 160

Lorimer Recordbooks

P.K. Subban

Fighting racism to become a hockey superstar and role model for athletes of colour

By (author) Catherine Rondina 🇨🇦

Feb 04, 2020 | Paperback, Trade | \$12.95 |

A biography of Canadian defenceman P.K. Subban, which focuses on his determination, his experience with racism and his support for charities for children

"Hockey fans, or anyone inspired by how perseverance leads to success, will be inspired by Subban's story." — Booklist

Born in Canada to parents who emigrated from the Caribbean, P.K. Subban is a remarkable athlete and role model. A talent on the ice, playing for some of the best teams in the NHL, P.K. has set records and won the Norris Trophy, the highest honour in hockey for a defenceman. Often the centre of controversy, at one time named one of the most hated hockey players in the NHL for his outspoken attitude, he is the pride of many fans across Canada and a hero to young athletes of colour. His stand against racism relies more on actions to support others than on relating his own experiences. He is known to have made the largest donation to charity by a Canadian athlete in history, and works to build an understanding between at-risk youth and law enforcement across North America. P.K.'s story has evolved into an incredible family story of three first-generation-born-in-Canada brothers who, starting with P.K., all were drafted into the NHL. P.K. and his siblings were brought up to work hard to make their dreams come true by a father who taught in one of the toughest neighbourhoods in Toronto. A philanthropic thinker, a media favourite and force to be reckoned with on the ice — this is P.K. Subban.

Contributor Bio

CATHERINE RONDINA is a writer, educator, library assistant and sports fan. She writes award-winning nonfiction for children, and her previous Lorimer Recordbook on hockey star goalie Carey Price won the 2019 Silver Birch Non-Fiction Award. Catherine lives in Richmond Hill, Ontario.

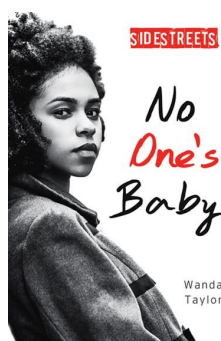


Reviews

"Readers will definitely come away with a sense that they have met and know both P. K. the superstar hockey player and P. K. the man." - **Dave Jenkinson, CM: Canadian Review of Materials**

"Hockey fans, or anyone inspired by how perseverance leads to success, will be inspired by Subban's story." - **Sharon Rawlins, Booklist**

"An easy read even for those who are not hockey fans." - **Kirkus Reviews**



9781459414969

- English
- 134 x 191 x 13 mm | 180 gr
- 192 pages
- Lorimer

Subject

YOUNG ADULT FICTION/Social Themes/Pregnancy

Audience range

Age (years) from 13 - 18, Grade (US) exact 3, Reading age from 7 - 8

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: 620L

Distributor

Formac Lorimer Book Distributing Ltd.

Carton Quantity: 72

Distributor

Lerner Publisher Services

Availability: Available

Carton Quantity: 72

Lorimer SideStreets

No One's Baby

By (author) Wanda Taylor 

Feb 04, 2020 | Paperback, Trade | \$12.95 |

To make decisions for the future, you have to find out the truth about your past

"With gritty themes like teen pregnancy, abuse, and discrimination, this title deals with important issues head-on." — School Library Journal

Adopted by Caucasian parents, biracial teen Lizzie feels like she never belonged. After the death of her father, Lizzie starts acting out — dating, staying away from home for days and giving up her plans to continue her education. When Lizzie discovers she is pregnant, she is faced with the difficult choice of having a child or getting an abortion. This leads Lizzie to want to find her own birth mother. After running away from home, Lizzie ends up in Kingston, where she tracks down an older woman named Ruth who sheds light on the circumstances surrounding Lizzie's birth.

Contributor Bio

WANDA LAUREN TAYLOR is an author, filmmaker, editor and educator. With a background in social work and advocacy, Wanda lectures on social justice and human rights issues, and has worked for organizations helping marginalized populations. She is a former CBC TV producer and author of books that include *Birchtown and the Black Loyalists*, which has been listed as one of the top Black history books for young readers by *Today's Parent Magazine* and by the Canadian Children's Book Centre, and the SideStreets novel *Ride or Die*. Wanda lives in Toronto, Ontario.



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Reviews

"The text, written at a second grade reading level, combined with edgier, relatable content for high schoolers, will appeal to striving readers."

- Kathryn Ferrante, *School Library Journal*

"Tackles difficult issues head on, matter of factly and with sensitivity." - Cate Carlyle, *CM: Canadian Review of Materials*

"A fast-moving plot, written at a second grade reading level, will keep hi-lo readers engaged."

- *School Library Journal*

"With gritty themes like teen pregnancy, abuse, and discrimination, this title deals with important issues head-on."



9781459415003

- English
- 134 x 191 x 13 mm | 160 gr
- 160 pages
- Lorimer

SubjectYOUNG ADULT
FICTION/Romance/LGBTQ+**Audience range**Age (years) from 13 - 18, Grade (US)
exact 3, Reading age from 8 - 9**Reading Levels**

Lexile measure: 800L

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Carton Quantity: 66

Distributor

Lerner Publisher Services

Availability: Available

Carton Quantity: 66

Lorimer Real Love

Ace of HeartsBy (author) Myriad Augustine 

Feb 04, 2020 | Paperback, Trade | \$14.95 |

Alvin is ready for romance, but he may never be ready for more***"A valuable and gentle introduction to the world of homoromantic asexuality and its place in queer culture and community." — Booklist Online***

Everyone around Alvin seems to be obsessed with one thing — sex. Alvin finds it uncomfortable to think and talk about it and he knows he isn't ready and may never be. His friends, however, think that all Alvin needs is to hook up with the right guy, so they identify three of the most eligible guys in school and start a plan to set Alvin up with each one. First there's Allistair, a boy with strong ambitions to become a gay leader in politics. Second is Rowan, a trans boy who mysteriously misses classes. Third is Jesse, the popular rich kid known for wild parties and breaking hearts. But the closer Alvin gets to being physical with someone, the more he's uncertain that this is for him and he begins to wonder if he's asexual. Can Alvin find the love that's right for him?

Contributor Bio

MYRIAD AUGUSTINE is a queer, non-binary, intersectional feminist. They founded and co-run the Wheelhouse, a nonprofit designed to be a supporting resource for people facing barriers of accessibility. This is their first teen novel. Myriad lives in Toronto, Ontario.

**Reviews**

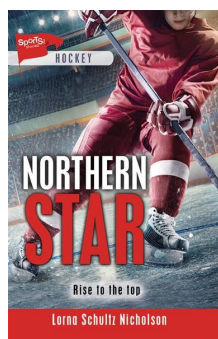
"The fast-moving YA romantic plots will keep readers engaged." - ***School Library Journal***

Starred Review - ***School Library Journal***

"[The Real Love books] stand out for their authentic depictions of LGBTQ+ teens; recommended for high school collections." - ***School Library Journal***

"A valuable and gentle introduction to the world of homoromantic asexuality and its place in queer culture and community." - ***Booklist Online***

"Seamlessly includes helpful real-life resources." - ***Booklist Online***



9781459414754

- English
- 127 x 197 x 13 mm | 140 gr
- 160 pages
- Lorimer

Subject

JUVENILE FICTION/Sports & Recreation/Hockey

Audience range

Age (years) from 10 - 13, Grade (US) exact 2, Reading age from 8 - 9

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: HL610L

Other formats

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Distributor

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Distributor

Lerner Publisher Services

Availability: Available

Carton Quantity: 68

Lorimer Sports Stories

Northern Star

Second Edition

By (author) Lorna Schultz Nicholson

Feb 04, 2020 | Paperback, Trade | \$12.95 |

Rise to the top

It seems Peter Kuiksak's star just keeps rising. The young hockey hero from the Northwest Territories is the top player in his league, being pursued by agents, and becoming something of a celebrity in his adopted city, Edmonton. But being the centre of attention isn't all it's cracked up to be. It seems no one sees Peter as just Peter anymore — least of all the star himself. Inspired by the career of NHL star Jordin Tootoo, is about one exceptional player's journey toward hockey greatness.

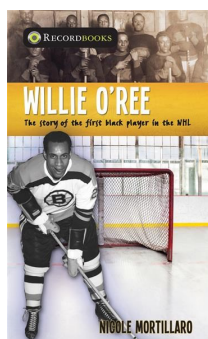
Contributor Bio

LORNA SCHULTZ NICHOLSON has written picture books, middle grade and YA fiction, and non-fiction. She has also written, produced, and hosted programs for television and radio, and is well known for her sports writing. Lorna regularly visits schools to share her passion for literacy with students. She lives in Edmonton.

Previous ISBN

9781550289107 Northern Star by Lorna Schultz Nicholson 🇨🇦, Paperback / softback, May 08, 2006, \$9.95





9781459415164

- English
- 108 x 178 x 13 mm | 100 gr
- 120 pages
- Lorimer

Subject

JUVENILE NONFICTION/Biography
& Autobiography/Sports &
Recreation

Audience range

Age (years) from 12 - 18, Grade (US)
from 7 - 12, Reading age from 12 - 18

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: 870L

Other formats

9781459415171

Distributor

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Lorimer Recordbooks

Willie O'Ree

The story of the first black player in the NHL

Second Edition

By (author) Nicole Mortillaro 🇨🇦

Feb 04, 2020 | Paperback, Trade | \$12.95 |



- Resource Links - The Year's Best 2013, Commended
- Canadian Children's Book Centre Best Books for Kids & Teens 2013, Commended
- Red Cedar Award 2014, Short-listed

This book traces the early life of the NHL's first black hockey player, Willie O'Ree, from his home in Fredericton, New Brunswick, to the Hockey Hall of Fame

Willie O'Ree quietly made NHL history at the Montreal Forum on January 18, 1958, when he became the first black player to take to the ice. In the dressing room before the game, his Boston Bruins teammates told him not to worry. If any one of the Montreal players said anything to him, they'd have his back.

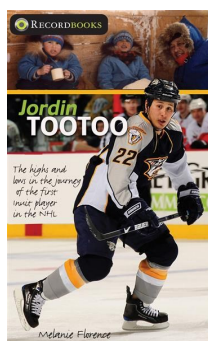
There was a round of applause when O'Ree stepped onto the ice, and newspapers ran the story. The colour barrier in the NHL had been broken, yet it would be sixteen years before the next black player, Mike Marson, was drafted. Four decades later, the NHL pulled O'Ree out of retirement to honour his achievement and make him an ambassador for the NHL's "Hockey is for Everyone" program to encourage kids from all backgrounds to play hockey.

This book traces the early life of O'Ree in Fredericton, New Brunswick, his journey to the NHL, highlights from his hockey career, and his work encouraging diversity in the NHL.

Contributor Bio

NICOLE MORTILLARO is the author of several hockey books for children, including the Recordbooks *Something to Prove* and *Jarome Iginla*. She lives in Toronto, Ontario.





9781459415188

- English
- 108 x 178 x 13 mm | 80 gr
- 104 pages
- Lorimer

Subject

JUVENILE NONFICTION/Biography & Autobiography/Sports & Recreation

Audience range

Age (years) from 12 - 18, Grade (US) from 7 - 12, Reading age from 12 - 18

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: 850L

Other formats

9781552775301 Digital download, EPUB, \$12.99

Distributor

Formac Lorimer Book Distributing Ltd.

Carton Quantity: 176

Lorimer Recordbooks

Jordin Tootoo

The highs and lows in the journey of the first Inuit player in the NHL
Second Edition

By (author) Melanie Florence 🇨🇦

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Hockey is a relatively new sport in Canada's North. It wasn't until 2003 that Jordin Kudluk "Thunder" Tootoo became the first Inuk to play in an NHL game. Although hockey is a rough sport to begin with, Jordin Tootoo is known for having to "fight his way through." Jordin has had more than his fair share of fights both on and off the ice. He's had to overcome the social problems that are associated with the North, fight his way through the discrimination and culture shock he encountered after leaving Rankin Inlet and moving to Alberta to play in the Juniors, and see his way through the grief of losing his NHL-bound older brother and hero, Terence Tootoo, to suicide in 2002.

This new biography explores the struggles and accomplishments of the most recognized role model for young Aboriginal and Inuit people today. [Fry Reading Level - 4.6]

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Reviews

"Though the primary focus of this book is hockey, the book covers a wide range of topics and issues that a young reader can take away with them, such as the rights of Inuit people on their land, the federal governments description and recognition of Indigenous peoples, racism" - **Christine MacFarlane, Windspeaker**

Though the primary focus of this book is hockey...also covers a wide range of topics and issues that will likely lead to further discussion, including rights of Inuit people on their land, the federal government's description and recognition of indigenous peoples, racism and the higher incidence of Aboriginal youth suicide. - **Nicole Dalmer, CM Magazine**

...Tootoo's story is as much a tale about two brothers as it is about the love of hockey...With text boxes and photographs that complement the story and contribute to the reader's experience, each page of this fast paced read details Tootoo's ambition and fighting spirit. - **Ana Malespin, Resource Links**