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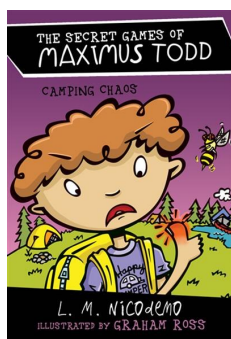
Diverse authors
and characters

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- English
- 127 x 197 x 13 mm | 100 gr
- 96 pages
- Formac

Subject

JUVENILE
FICTION/Readers/Beginner

Audience range

Age (years) from 6 - 10, Grade (US)
exact 1, Reading age from 5 - 7

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: 540L

Distributor

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Distributor


Lerner Publisher Services

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The Secret Games of Maximus Todd

Camping Chaos

By (author) L. M. Nicodemo , Illustrated by Graham Ross 

Feb 16, 2021 | Hardcover , Paper over boards | \$14.95 |

How will Max deal with his Super Fidgets after a wasp sting threatens to derail a camping trip?

Meet Maximus Todd! He's the kid who can't sit still. Max and his friends are on a camping trip at Camp Friendly Pines when he's stung by a wasp. Max gets a case of the Super Fidgets and devises a counting game to distract himself. If he loses, he will have to forfeit his campfire treats!

It's not easy being a kid. And Max discovers that his games don't always work out the way he wants them to. But no matter what, he has the love and understanding of his friends.

Contributor Bio

L. M. NICODEMO credits both motherhood and her 30-year career as a teacher for inspiring the creation of quirky and lovable Maximus Todd. She lives with her family in southwestern Ontario.

GRAHAM ROSS is an illustrator and designer who has illustrated many books for a wide range of Canadian children's book publishers. He lives in a log home in the woods with his family just outside of Merrickville, Ontario.



Reviews

"...it is a perfect book for emergent readers who will be equally drawn in by the briskly paced plot and engaging, relatable characters."

- Lisa Doucet, *Atlantic Books Today*

"Max's ability to recognize when he is having an episode and his strategy for coping provides a positive role model...but ultimately it is the camping adventure itself...that make this book a definite hit for its intended audience."

- Lisa Doucet, *Atlantic Books Today*

"Overall, *Camping Chaos* is a humorous, fun, and relatable book that would be a good addition to an inclusive teacher's classroom library."

- CM: *Canadian Review of Materials*



9781459505872

- English
- 127 x 197 x 13 mm | 100 gr
- 96 pages
- Formac

Subject

JUVENILE
FICTION/Readers/Beginner

Audience range

Age (years) from 6 - 10, Grade (US)
exact 1, Reading age from 5 - 7

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: 490L

Distributor

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Distributor

Lerner Publisher Services

Availability: Available

The Secret Games of Maximus Todd

School Trip Squirmies

By (author) L. M. Nicodemo 🇨🇦, Illustrated by Graham Ross 🇨🇦

Feb 16, 2021 | Hardcover, Paper over boards | \$14.95 |

Max gets the Super Fidgets in an art gallery, but invents a secret game involving the colour green

Meet Maximus Todd! He's the kid who can't sit still. Max gets a case of the Super Fidgets on a school trip to the art gallery. He decides to focus on the colour green to distract himself. It's not easy but he's determined to win the challenge he has set.

Max finds that while it's not always easy being a kid — especially if you're a bit different — inspiration sometimes strikes at the most unexpected times.

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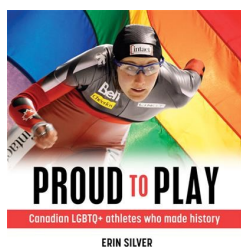
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Reviews


"A worthwhile purchase, particularly for the target audience."

- *School Library Journal*



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+

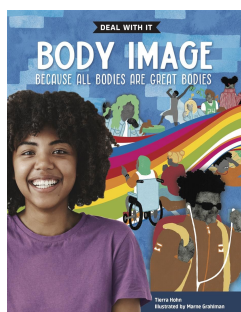
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Age (years) from 10 - 18

Distributor

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9781459414532

- English
- 216 x 280 x 9 mm | 400 gr
- 32 pages
- Lorimer

Subject

JUVENILE NONFICTION/Comics & Graphic Novels/Social Topics

Audience range

Age (years) from 9 - 14

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: 760L

Distributor

Formac Lorimer Book Distributing Ltd.

Carton Quantity: 40

Distributor

Lerner Publisher Services

Availability: Available

Carton Quantity: 40

Lorimer Deal With It

Body Image Deal With It*Deal with it because all bodies are great bodies*

By (author) Tierra Hohn 🍁, Illustrated by Marne Grahlman 🍁

Apr 06, 2021 | Hardcover, Paper over boards | \$24.95 |

A timely new resource to for helping kids understand and resolve conflicts stemming from body image

"A good choice for middle school libraries that would help support information literacy lessons and SEL activities."
—School Library Journal

Too fat, too thin. Muffin top, flat bum, thunder thighs, spaghetti arms. From an early age, kids learn they are judged for how they look. Both boys and girls are bombarded with messages of what they should look like and are shamed for not measuring up. When kids encounter conflict based on stereotypes of body image, they need the understanding and the tools to deal with the situation and not let it damage their self-esteem. This book provides information, relatable situations and opportunities for kids to explore cultural standards, their own assumptions and those of others.

This accessible illustrated book offers information, quizzes, comics and real-life situations to help kids think critically about body image, how it influences how others see them and how they see themselves. Considered from the viewpoints of the Internalizer, who suffers from body-image issues, the Influencer, who perpetuates negative stereotypes and standards of body image and the Witness, with conflicts around body image, this issue is identified, examined and put into a context kids can use to navigate issues of shaming and self-esteem.

Contributor Bio

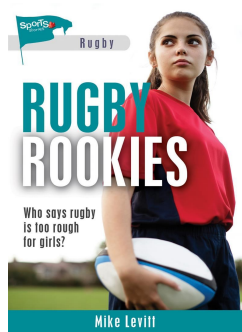
TIERRA HOHN is a public health professional with a Master of Public Health from Western University. Her lived experience has driven her passion for advocacy and building awareness around eating disorders and body image. For several years she has run workshops and facilitated discussions on such topics, with the purpose of educating and empowering others. She is also a yoga teacher. Tierra lives and works in Toronto.

MARNE GRAHLMAN is an illustrator with a Bachelor of Design in Illustration from OCAD University. Her work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *VICE*, *This Magazine* and others. Her work is conceptually-based and explores metaphors in surreal environments. Marne lives in Toronto.

**Reviews**

A good choice for middle school libraries that would help support information literacy lessons and SEL activities.

- *School Library Journal*



9781459415720

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

Subject

JUVENILE FICTION/Sports & Recreation/General

Audience range

Age (years) from 10 - 13, Grade (US) exact 2

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: 510L

Distributor

Formac Lorimer Book Distributing Ltd.

Distributor

Lerner Publisher Services

Availability: Available

Lorimer Sports Stories

Rugby RookiesBy (author) Mike Levitt 

Feb 16, 2021 | Paperback, Trade | \$12.95 |

Maddy has a lot to prove about girls playing rugby, even to herself***"Deftly deals with the topic of women in full-contact sports."* – School Library Journal**

Highlighting rugby, the fastest growing sport in America, this book tackles the issue of girls playing full-contact sports. Maddy and her friends are a small town group determined to form a girls' junior rugby team while they navigate learning both the rules of the game and the rules set out by the school board. The adults are concerned about the girls' safety and even Maddy worries that she is too small for the rough game. But the persistence of the diverse group of girls wins the day and the book becomes a celebration of the empowerment and self-esteem young girls get from participating in sports.

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, has had short stories published in British Columbia Magazine and is the author of the Lorimer Sports Stories novel Rugby Rivals. Mike works as a mental health clinician with the Lillooet Tribal Council. He lives in Kamloops, BC.

**Reviews**

"The diversity within the members of the rugby team reflects the makeup of most Canadian schools and gives readers a chance to identify with characters from many backgrounds."

- **CM: Canadian Review of Materials**

"Full of action and is a relatively short book with vocabulary within reach of most middle years reading levels."

- **CM: Canadian Review of Materials**

"Deftly deals with the topic of women in full-contact sports."

- **School Library Journal**

"Suited to reluctant readers because it is an exciting and well-told story with lots of action."



9781459415805

- English
- 127 x 197 mm | 100 gr
- 120 pages
- Lorimer

Subject

JUVENILE FICTION/Sports & Recreation/Basketball

Audience range

Age (years) from 10 - 13, Grade (US) exact 3

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: 630L

Distributor

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Distributor

Lerner Publisher Services

Availability: In stock

Lorimer Sports Stories

Last Pick

By (author) David Starr 🇨🇦

Feb 16, 2021 | Paperback, Trade | \$12.95 |

Can Jazz move past her clumsiness and being teased about it to follow her basketball dreams?

***"Current and delivering an important message, Last Pick is a must-read. Highly recommended."* — CM: Canadian Review of Materials**

Last Pick shows how determination can help overcome obstacles — even bullying. Growing up with a developmental condition that left her clumsy in both movement and speech, Jazz was teased and never had the chance to play team sports. Now rid of her symptoms, Jazz is ready to play basketball at her Vancouver junior high, but the reappearance of an old bully makes her question herself and tempts her to let down the team that is counting on her. With a focus on ability and team loyalty, *Last Pick* emphasizes teamwork and countering bullying with fairness and forgiveness.

Contributor Bio

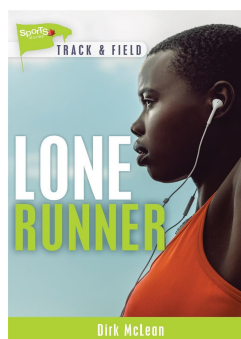
DAVID STARR is the principal of Terry Fox Secondary School in Port Coquitlam, BC. He is the author of ten books, including the Sports Stories novel *Empty Net* as well as *Golden Goal* and *Golden Game* in Lorimer's Soccer United: Team Refugee series of sports novels. David lives in Coquitlam, BC.



Reviews

"Current and delivering an important message, *Last Pick* is a must-read. Highly recommended."

- CM: Canadian Review of Materials



9781459415928

- English
- 127 x 197 x 7 mm | 140 gr
- 136 pages
- Lorimer

Subject

JUVENILE FICTION/Sports & Recreation/Track & Field

Audience range

Age (years) from 10 - 13, Grade (US) exact 3

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: 620L

Distributor

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Carton Quantity: 100

Distributor

Lerner Publisher Services

Availability: Available

Carton Quantity: 100

Lorimer Sports Stories

Lone RunnerBy (author) Dirk McLean 

Feb 16, 2021 | Paperback, Trade | \$12.95 |



- The 49th Shelf - Kids Summer Reading List 2021, Long-listed

Michaela promises herself to make the cross-country team, finish every race and never let her teammates down

A solitary runner from Scarborough, Michaela overcomes discouragement and rivalry to find confidence, connection, and belonging on her diverse school track team.

Contributor Bio

DIRK McLEAN is the author of children's picture books, the Sports Stories novel *Not Out*, and *Team Fugee* and *Tournament Fugee* in Lorimer's Soccer United: Team Refugee series. He has also written radio drama and stage plays that have toured southern Ontario elementary schools. Dirk was born in Trinidad & Tobago and now lives and works in Toronto.



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Reviews

"An excellent choice for reluctant readers. Highly Recommended."

- **CM: Canadian Review of Materials**

"An excellent read-aloud choice."

- **CM: Canadian Review of Materials**

"Middle schoolers at a second grade reading level will root for Michaela as she steps out of her shell."

- **School Library Journal**

"Actively celebrates Toronto's diversity."

- **School Library Journal**



9781459415348

- English
- 127 x 197 x 7 mm | 120 gr
- 128 pages
- Lorimer

Subject

JUVENILE FICTION/Sports & Recreation/Hockey

Audience range

Age (years) from 10 - 13, Grade (US) exact 3, Reading age from 7 - 8

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: 620L

Distributor

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Carton Quantity: 112

Distributor

Lerner Publisher Services

Availability: Available

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Lorimer Sports Stories

Open Ice

By (author) David Trifunov 🇨🇦

Feb 16, 2021 | Paperback, Trade | \$12.95 |

When boys and girls play on the same team, can Jillian hold her own?

A teen girl facing sexism in co-ed hockey must navigate team tensions and sports-based pressures, ultimately learning to stand her ground through teamwork and communication.

Contributor Bio

DAVID TRIFUNOV is an award-winning sportswriter whose previous titles for Lorimer Kids and Teens include *Ice Time*, *Snow Soccer* and *Free Runner*. He lives in Kelowna, B.C.



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Reviews

"An excellent addition to any school library and would certainly help with dialogue on fairness and equality in recreational sports."

- **CM: Canadian Review of Materials**

"Written as an excellent play-by-play in the world of competitive hockey for young players."

- **CM: Canadian Review of Materials**



9781459415881

- English
- 134 x 191 mm | 200 gr
- 192 pages
- Lorimer

Subject

YOUNG ADULT FICTION/Social Themes/Sexual Abuse

Audience range

Age (years) from 13 - 18, Grade (US) from 8 - 12, Reading age from 13 - 18

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: HL550L

Distributor

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Distributor

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Availability: In stock

Carton Quantity: 72

Lorimer SideStreets

Open Secrets

By (author) Jennifer Manuel 

Feb 16, 2021 | Paperback, Trade | \$12.95 |

Ana wants her band to make it big, but how far does she have to go to make it happen?

***"Highlighting the important and under-discussed issue of grooming against the backdrop of the #MeToo movement, this novel deftly deals with a difficult and timely topic."* — School Library Journal**

The #MeToo movement has revealed the prevalence of sexual assault in society, especially as committed by powerful men. But it is an issue that also affects the lives of teen girls. This book tells the story of seventeen-year-old Ana Santos, who has ambitions to make it big in music and signs a contract with the owner of a music café without knowing there are sexual strings attached. It looks at the darker side of the music industry, including sexual harassment, lyrics that degrade and demean women and social media trolling as backlash for speaking up, all while presenting a strong, realistic main character who overcomes her feelings of shame to find a voice for herself and her music.

Contributor Bio

JENNIFER MANUEL was the 2017 winner of the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize and was named A Writer to Watch by the CBC in 2016. Jennifer has been a college, elementary and high-school teacher, plays goalie on a men's hockey team and also plays drums and produces music. Jennifer is author of *Dressed to Play* and *Head to Head* in the Lorimer Sports Stories series. This is her first YA novel. Jennifer lives in Duncan, British Columbia.



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Reviews

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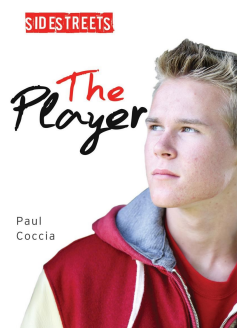
- **School Library Journal**

"The story is accessible and would be a useful introduction into understanding the #metoo movement and the importance of speaking out."

- **CM: Canadian Review of Materials**

"The heaviness of the #metoo theme is paired well with the lighter side of a teenage band that is working to find and create its own sound."

- **CM: Canadian Review of Materials**



9781459415768

- English
- 134 x 191 x 11 mm | 180 gr
- 184 pages
- Lorimer

Subject

YOUNG ADULT FICTION/Sports & Recreation/Hockey

Audience range

Age (years) from 13 - 18, Grade (US) exact 2, Reading age from 13 - 18

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: HL370L

Distributor

Formac Lorimer Book Distributing Ltd.

Carton Quantity: 80

Distributor

Lerner Publisher Services

Availability: In stock

Carton Quantity: 80

Lorimer SideStreets

The PlayerBy (author) Paul Coccia 

Feb 16, 2021 | Paperback, Trade | \$12.95 |



- Forest of Reading - Kid Committee List 2021, Long-listed

Cooper and Pesh see each other on the down-low, but are they ready to be openly out gay hockey players?

Set in the traditionally homophobic world of amateur hockey, this book follows gay goalie Cooper in his struggle with his feelings for a teammate and coming out to his team. Cooper has been hooking up with teammate Pesh in secret, and has to play along when Pesh dates a girl and even tolerate locker-room homophobic talk. When Pesh outs Cooper online, trying to better his own chances at playing pro, Cooper chooses self-esteem and honesty over sex. With a strong and relatable main character, this book is a realistic, positive look at teen relationships — gay or straight.

Contributor Bio

PAUL COCCIA has a specialist in English from the University of Toronto and a Masters in Creative Writing from the University of British Columbia. He is the author of the YA novel *Cub*. Paul lives in Toronto, Ontario.



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Reviews

"The realistic and engaging content, relatable characters and fast-moving plot will be of interest to reluctant readers, beginning readers, and strong readers looking for a quick, interesting read. Highly Recommended."

- **CM: Canadian Review of Materials**

"Fans of hockey are likely to pick up this book and will learn about healthy romantic relationships and the experience of LGBTQ+ players of the sport."

- **CM: Canadian Review of Materials**

"Will draw in and retain the interest of reluctant readers."

- **Kirkus Reviews**



9781459415843

- English
- 134 x 191 x 7 mm | 100 gr
- 184 pages
- Lorimer

Subject

YOUNG ADULT
FICTION/Romance/LGBTQ+

Audience range

Age (years) from 13 - 18, Grade (US)
exact 4

Reading Levels

Lexile measure: HL540L

Distributor

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Carton Quantity: 80

Distributor

Lerner Publisher Services

Availability: In stock

Carton Quantity: 80

Lorimer Real Love

The Love Code

By (author) Mette Bach 🍁

Feb 16, 2021 | Paperback, Trade | \$14.95 |

Can Astrid bury the past and find love in a room full of robot parts?

"A sweet and uplifting novel for reluctant readers." — Kirkus Reviews

Astrid is a teen living in Vancouver who has lost everything: her girlfriend to a guy and her social status when her parents lose their jobs. Determined to make her way into university, she joins a robotics club hoping to make contacts and win a scholarship but also finds the love of her life. *The Love Code* tells the story of a relatable teen navigating the contemporary world of women working in STEM careers within a changing economy.

Contributor Bio

METTE BACH is the author of the Lorimer SideStreets novels *Femme* and *Killer Drop* (named a Best Book for Kids and Teens by the Canadian Children's Book Centre) and the Real Love titles *Love Is Love*, *You're You*, *Cinders* and *Charming*. She has taught ESL to high-school students and currently works at a drop-in resource centre. Mette lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.



Reviews

"LGBTQ+ teens will easily be able to see themselves in the story."

- **CM: Canadian Review of Materials**

"Shows that LGBTQ+ teens experience many of the same issues when falling in love that non-LGBTQ+ do."

- **CM: Canadian Review of Materials**

"A sweet and uplifting novel for reluctant readers."

- **Kirkus Reviews**