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Newbery Award-winning and New York Times bestselling author Matt de la Peña's *Ball Don't Lie* "is a must-read." [The Bulletin] Sticky is a beat-around-the-head foster kid with nowhere to call home but the street, and an outer shell so tough that no one will take him in. He started out life so far behind the pack that the finish line seems nearly unreachable. He's a white boy living and playing in a world where he doesn't seem to belong. But Sticky can ball. And basketball might just be his ticket out . . . if he can only realize that he doesn't have to be the person everyone else expects him to be. Matt de la Peña's breakout urban masterpiece, *Ball Don't Lie* takes place where the street and the court meet and where a boy can be anything if he puts his mind to it. ★ "[An] inspiring story. Sticky is a true original, and de la Peña has skillfully brought him to life." -School Library Journal, Starred "Riveting... Teens will be strongly affected by the unforgettable... basketball action; and the questions about race, love, self-worth, and what it means to build a life without advantages." -Booklist "Stunningly realistic." -VOYA "Gritty and mesmerizing." -Kirkus Reviews "I have never before seen blacktop ball depicted so well. In this novel, you will find its flash, its power, and its elegance without chains. This is powerful stuff." -Antawn Jamison, forward for the Los Angeles Clippers "Truly authentic in its examination of both the game I love and the invariable missteps toward manhood. You cannot fail to be moved by the eloquence and truth of this story." -Rick Fox, former forward for the Los Angeles Lakers An ALA Best Book for Young Adults An ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers

Heart Over Height tells the motivational story of how three-time NBA Slam Dunk Champion Nate Robinson combined an unstoppable will with dogged determination to achieve his goals, and how those traits can apply to anyone facing their own seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

While trying to prove that he is good enough to on his high school's varsity basketball team, Nick must also deal with his parents' divorce and erratic behavior of a troubled classmate who lives across the street.

After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.

Originally collected in *Sex, Drugs, and Cocoa Puffs* and now available both as a stand-alone essay and in the ebook collection *Chuck Klosterman on Media and Culture*, this essay is about the media.

A brilliant, entertaining deconstruction of basketball, drawing on the expertise of board-game creators, magicians, therapists, and more Basketball is the second-most popular sport in the world—an insanely complicated game built on a combination of athleticism, craftiness, rules, intangibles, and superstardom. However, while it's enjoyable to watch, the real reason it works is because it's a game of culture, art, and all the things that make us human. *How to Watch Basketball Like a Genius* deconstructs the sport from top to bottom and then puts it back together again, detailing its intricacies through reporting and dozens of interviews with experts. These experts, however, are a diverse group: wine critics weighing in on LeBron's ability to delegate on the fly, magicians analyzing Chris Paul's mystifying dribbling techniques, cartographers breaking down Steph Curry's deadeye three-point shooting. Every chapter treats basketball to a multi-disciplined study that adventures far beyond the lines of the court, examining key elements of the sport from some surprising and revealing angles. There's a reason it has conquered the world, and every game is a chance to learn about pop culture, fashion, history, science, art, and anything else that bounces our way.

Colleges and universities place great emphasis on essays written as part of the process for admission and scholarships. This guide to constructing essays includes essays that have worked for real people, plus dozens of other actual samples.

"The inspirational story of the most talented high-school basketball team ever and the dedicated coach who gave his players a lifetime opportunity by insisting on success"--

Journey "inside the numbers" for an exceptional set of statistical tools and rules that can help explain the winning, or losing, ways of a basketball team. *Basketball on Paper* doesn't diagram plays or explain how players get in shape, but instead demonstrates how to interpret player and team performance. Dean Oliver highlights general strategies for teams when they're winning or losing and what aspects should be the focus in either situation. He describes and quantifies the jobs of team leaders and role players, then discusses the interactions between players and how to

achieve the best fit. Oliver conceptualizes the meaning of teamwork and how to quantify the value of different types of players working together. He examines historically successful NBA teams and identifies what made them so successful: individual talent, a system of putting players together, or good coaching. Oliver then uses these statistical tools and case studies to evaluate the best players in history, such as Magic Johnson, Wilt Chamberlain, Bill Russell, and Charles Barkley and how they contributed to their teams' success. He does the same for some of the NBA's "oddball" players—Manute Bol, Muggsy Bogues, and Dennis Rodman and for the WNBA's top players. *Basketball on Paper* is unique in its incorporation of business and analytical concepts within the context of basketball to measure the value of players in a cooperative setting. Whether you're looking for strategies or new ideas to throw out while watching the ballgame at a sports bar, Dean Oliver's *Basketball on Paper* will give you amazing new insights into teamwork, coaching, and success.

Be Holding is a love song to legendary basketball player Julius Erving—known as Dr. J—who dominated courts in the 1970s and '80s as a small forward for the Philadelphia '76ers. But this book-length poem is more than just an ode to a magnificent athlete. Through a kind of lyric research, or lyric meditation, Ross Gay connects Dr. J's famously impossible move from the 1980 NBA Finals against the Los Angeles Lakers to pick-up basketball and the flying Igbo and the Middle Passage, to photography and surveillance and state violence, to music and personal histories of flight and familial love. *Be Holding* wonders how the imagination, or how our looking, might make us, or bring us, closer to each other. How our looking might make us reach for each other. And might make us be reaching for each other. And how that reaching might be something like joy.

'A part of all those people who helped me along the way can be found in everything I have done and continue to do. I had some great teachers - and I listened to what they had to say.' - Michael Jordan A global icon in sports, style and business, Michael Jordan is famous for his unrivalled athletic ability, his fierce determination, and his grace under pressure. In *DRIVEN FROM WITHIN*, he makes it clear that his phenomenal success is thanks in large part to the teachers, mentors and friends who have guided him throughout his life. Here is a book about the power of collaboration and teamwork, the energy that is released when people share their gifts and hard-won knowledge. With almost two million copies of his three previous books in print, Michael Jordan has proven himself to be as strong a performer in bookstores as he is on the court. Lavishly illustrated and beautifully designed, this is Michael Jordan's most intimate book to date. Organized around the qualities that Jordan demonstrates in his own life and that he looks for in others - qualities like authenticity, integrity, passion and commitment - *DRIVEN FROM WITHIN* is an inspiring record of an extraordinary life.

Now available together as a set for a discounted price: *Writing A Successful Research Paper: A Simple Approach*, by Stanley Chodorow, with *Writing with Sources*, (Second Edition): A Guide for Students, by Gordon Harvey. *Writing a Successful Research Paper* is a brief, practical guide that offers a clear and comprehensive strategy for conceptualizing, approaching, and executing the task of writing a research paper in the humanities and social sciences. In addition, it provides: a critical and process-oriented approach to the tasks of topic selection, formulation of the research question, thesis development, and argumentation, judiciously selected examples drawn from a broad range of disciplines, concise treatment of the aims, methods, and conventions of scholarly research, including the opportunities and pitfalls of Internet use, a wealth of conceptual and organizational tools, and more. *Writing with Sources* was developed for Harvard University's Expository Writing Program, *Writing with Sources* describes the main principles and methods of integrating and citing sources in scholarly work, and provides cogent guidance on avoiding the misuse of sources. The second edition of *Writing with Sources* is updated throughout, and includes new material on the roles sources play in argument, on assessing the reliability of sources, and on attitudes about writing that can lead to plagiarism.

If you love to read, or write, or both, you'll appreciate Brain Doyle—passionate observer of and commentator on all things written. In this ultimate collection of his thoughts on writers and writing and readers and reading, he covered everything from what the books people keep stashed in the cars or sitting on their bookshelves tell you about them, to the pleasures of reading box scores or what's hung on refrigerator doors, to the scent that books and newspapers give off as they age, to literary genres of books about nature or travel or Portland or almost any subject

you can name, to (in his humble opinion) the great and not-so-great-but-still-essential writers, to why the essay is the coolest wildest literary form of all. But don't believe us, listen to him: "Think how many times in your own work you were typing along happily, cursing and humming, and suddenly you wrote something you didn't know you felt so powerfully, and maybe you cried right there by the old typewriter, and marveled, not always happily, at what dark thread your typing had pulled from the mysterious fabric of your heart. Maybe that happens the most with essays. This could be."

Kiester provides teachers with the tools they need to teach students how to respond to any fiction or nonfiction prompt with superior and creative writing that incorporates solid writing-craft principles. The CD contains reproducibles along with graphic organizers, practice prompts, and more.

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A portrait of the mid-twentieth-century NBA star profiles him as the originator of "showtime basketball," tracing his early achievements with the Boston Celtics in 1950, record-breaking career, and creation of key playing techniques.

This brief, practical guide offers a clear and comprehensive strategy for conceptualizing, approaching, and executing the task of writing a research paper in the humanities and social sciences. In addition, it provides: a critical and process-oriented approach to the tasks of topic selection, formulation of the research question, thesis development, and argumentation. judiciously selected examples drawn from a broad range of disciplines. concise treatment of the aims, methods, and conventions of scholarly research, including the opportunities and pitfalls of Internet use. a wealth of conceptual and organizational tools, and more.

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The Largest Collection of Successful College Application Essays Available in One Volume These are the essays that helped their authors gain admission to Harvard, Yale, Brown, Columbia, Wellesley, Pomona, and other outstanding schools—followed by invaluable comments by experts in admissions, placement, and college counseling at some of the best learning institutions around the country. This helpful guide includes: • 100 complete essays with

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The first year of college can be challenging for many reasons. The classes are harder, the schedule is more demanding, and you will be expected to manage everything on your own, perhaps for the first time in your life. And the papers! You have to write so many papers! But there is help available for the papers, at least. The Freshman Five Boxed Set contains the five Alison Plus Guides to Writing for the five types of papers most college freshmen will have to write: five-paragraph essays, short answer essays, compare and contrast essays, persuasive essays, and narrative essays. Each assignment type has different challenges and goals, but now one collection makes all five writing guides available in one boxed set. Here are each of the five writing guides contained in this boxed set. Book One: A+ Guide to Five-Paragraph Essays Book Two: Short Answer Essays Book Three: Compare and Contrast Essays Book Four: Persuasive Essays Book Five: Narrative Essays

"The last thing I remember is the girls playing with my hair. It is curled on my forehead and they stroke it gently while I fall asleep. I wake up suddenly, my body wracked with hot piercing pain. I'm in a car that's hurtling through the night, and all around me is darkness. I'm lying across someone's knees. The pain intensifies and shoots hot, raking talons down my body as I hear hideous screaming. It takes a moment before I realize I'm the one screaming, then I drop back into the deep depths of blackness." Dave Hammer is only five years old when tragedy strikes in the middle

of the night on a long weekend. Horribly burned in a fire, Dave struggles to survive. This is the autobiography of a family's love, and one little boy's determination to live, setting the stage for an epic battle for life. Journey with Dave through the story of his life filled with inspiration and hope.

Sport and statistics collide in this collection of articles (from American Statistical Association publications) on using statistics to analyze sport. Most of the articles will be accessible to readers with a general knowledge of statistics. New material from the editors and other notable contributors introduces each section of the book.

Rosa Parks is best known for the day she refused to give up her seat on a segregated bus, sparking the Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott. Yet there is much more to her story than this one act of defiance. In this straightforward, compelling autobiography, Rosa Parks talks candidly about the civil rights movement and her active role in it. Her dedication is inspiring; her story is unforgettable. "The simplicity and candor of this courageous woman's voice makes these compelling events even more moving and dramatic."--Publishers Weekly, starred review

Beam Me Up Scottie is based on the real life story of Patrick Pippen, nephew up basketball legend Scottie Pippen. From streetball to the lifestyles of the rich and famous to the roots of basketball, there's something for everyone.

Four players at the Final Four of the NCAA basketball tournament struggle with the pressures of tournament play and the expectations of society at large.

This practical booklet can help you write a compare and contrast essay by showing you the complete process of writing this type of paper. This systematic method will start with your assignment and end with a final proofreading. In between that first and last step, this writing method relies upon templates to help you build a well-organized compare-and-contrast paper. These templates show you exactly what to include in different places within the paper. You will no longer need to guess what to write and where to write it. By using the templates, the various pieces of the paper

will work together to create a coherent draft. Follow the steps in order, from the first to the last, and do not skip any along the way. Each step builds on the previous steps. Assignment analysis turns into a table of factors, the table of factors turns into a working outline and topic sentences, and so on. By completing each step before moving on to the next, the next step will be easier. And so will the one after that. This booklet not only helps you write a complete paper, but it shows you a method to apply in any similar paper that relies on the compare-and-contrast model. Working the steps carefully the first time will teach you the method. Then, when you must write another compare-and-contrast essay, use this booklet as a reference to refresh your memory on the steps and templates. The more you use the method, the easier it will be. Table of Contents How to Use This Booklet Step One: Choose Two Topics Step Two: The Table of Factors Step Three: The Working Outline - Checklist: Four Factors to Consider When Choosing an Organization Pattern Step Four: The Thesis Statement - Checklist: Ingredients in a Strong Comp-Con Thesis Statement - Checklist: Eight Things That Can Change Your Grade Step Five: The Introductory Paragraph Step Six: Body Paragraphs - Checklist: How to Test Paragraph Organization and Development Step Seven: The Conclusion Paragraph Step Eight: The Final Draft - First Layer: Revising Out Loud - Second Layer: Sentence Triage - Third Layer: "Find" Searches - Fourth Layer: The Fine Points

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