

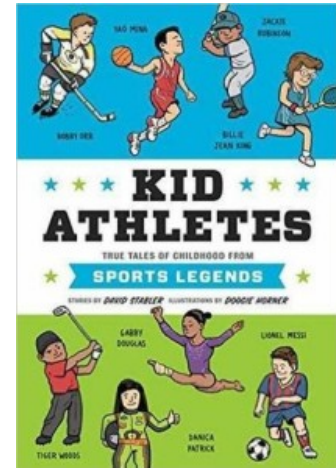


# Kids Book Club Kit | Darien Library

*Kid Athletes: True Tales of Childhood from Sports Legends* by David Stabler

Recommended for grades 4 to 6

**Summary:** Forget the gold medals, the championships, and the undefeated seasons. When all-star athletes were growing up, they had regular-kid problems just like you. Baseball legend Babe Ruth was such a troublemaker; his family sent him to reform school. Race car champion Danica Patrick fended off bullies who told her “girls can’t drive.” And football superstar Peyton Manning was forced to dance the tango in his school play. *Kid Athletes* tells all of their stories and more with full-color cartoon illustrations on every page. Other subjects include Billie Jean King, Jackie Robinson, Yao Ming, Gabby Douglas, Tiger Woods, Julie Krone, Bruce Lee, Muhammad Ali, Bobby Orr, Lionel Messi, and more!



## **Discussion Questions:**

1. What obstacle did \_\_\_\_\_ overcome?
2. What character traits did \_\_\_\_\_ show while overcoming \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Compare and contrast two of the kid athletes’ childhoods. How did each athletes’ upbringing contribute to his or her success?
4. Which athlete do you think overcame the most adversity to succeed in his or her sport? Why?
5. Which athletes’ story was your favorite? Why?

## **Further Resources:**

Kid Legends Website: <https://dar.to/2OxJVAV>

Athlete Biographies: <https://dar.to/37kKNI7>

## **Activities**

1. Pick your favorite athlete, in the book or not. Draw, paint, collage, or sculpt a portrait of them as a child or as an adult. If you have extra time, write a short poem that describes your athlete!
2. Make up a new sport or game. Think of where you can play, what kind of equipment you need, and what the rules are. Gather the things you need and some friends and try it out!