Athletic Shorts: Six Short Stories Chris Crutcher

If you like a fast-paced, off-the-cuff style, Chris Crutcher's short stories will delight you. Whether built around a Reagan-era test, a Reagan-era summer camp, or the moment a girl's best friend comes out, Crutcher's stories will have no shortage of plot twists. Because Crutcher is so well-versed in the world of short stories, he's able to build each story around a strong premise. The result is a collection of six stories that will keep you on your toes and make you want to read more.
preferential treatment jocks receive at his high school, and the reverence paid to the varsity lettermen. When he sees a member of the wrestling team threatening an underclassman, T.J. decides he's had enough. He recruits some of the biggest misfits at Cutter High to form a swim team. They may not have very much talent, but the All-Night Mermen prove to be way more than T.J. anticipated. As the unlikely athletes move closer to their goal, these new friends might learn that the journey is worth more than the reward. For fans of Andrew Smith and Marieke Nijkamp, “Crutcher offers an unusual yet resonant mixture of black comedy and tragedy that lays bare the superficiality of the high-school scene. The book’s shocking climax will force readers to re-examine their own values and may cause them to alter their perception of individuals pegged as ‘losers.’”—Publishers Weekly

An American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults For Bobby Marks, summer does not equal fun. While most people are happy to take off their heavy jackets and long pants, Bobby can't even measure of a man, starring Donald Sutherland, Judy Greer, Luke Wilson, and Blake Cooper. A New York Times Outstanding Book and ALA Best of the Best Books for Young Adults

One Fat Summer
Becoming a Legend uses sports as a lens through which to understand family, community, catastrophe, and curse or break it once and for all? In the same vein as the wildly popular Friday Night Lights, Rules for a basketball great himself, but his dreams of stardom were traded in for a hasty marriage and parenthood. "Kamikaze" Kirkus is destined for the NBA. But before he can sail off into a golden future, Jimmy must endure, and what they sacrificed in order to live past Day Zero. . . .

He who hires him to manage an enormous lawn, is working him to death. And to top it off, a local bully won't stop torturing him. Bobby is about to find out just how terrifying and exhilarating one fat summer can be. Catching Jordan Miranda Kenneally 2011-12-01

Chris Crutcher

Bryan Gillis 2012 Examines the life and works of the young adult fiction author, discussing the themes and characters found in his work. The Deep End

Chris Crutcher 1994 A therapist treating abused children and families in crisis, Wilson Center faces his most horrifying experience yet when a seven-year-old Sabrina Parker is kidnapped and his own children's lives are threatened. Reprint.

The Last to Let Go Amber Smith 2018-02-06 “Heartwrenching.” —VOYA (starred review) “Beautiful, captivating prose.” —RT Book Reviews A twisted tragedy leaves Brooks and her siblings on their own. In a year of firsts—the first year without parents, first love, first heartbeat, and her first taste of freedom—Brooke must confront the shadow of her family’s violence and dysfunction, as she struggles to embrace her identity, finds her true place in the world, and learns how to let go.

Day Zero Kresley Cole 2016-08-01 Arcana means secrets, and these Arcana Chronicles short stories from #1 New York Times bestselling author Kresley Cole are filled with them. Experience firsthand the beginning of the end and behold the apocalypse through the eyes of characters you only thought you knew. Ashes to ashes . . . Eric Green's story of the Flash is just one of many. All over the world, those connected in some way to the lethal Arcana game—like Death, Jack, and Fortune—must first survive a horrifying night of blood and screams. We all fall down. Some will have to grapple with new powers; all will be damned to a hellish new existence of plague, brutality, desolation, and cannibalism. Find out who they are, why they endure, and what they sacrificed in order to live past Day Zero.

Read Between the Lines Jo Knowles 2015-10-10 Does anyone ever see us for who we really are? Jo Knowles’s revelatory novel of interlocking stories peers behind the scrim as it follows nine teens and one teacher through a seemingly ordinary day. Thanks to a bully in gym class, unpopular Nate suffers a broken finger—the middle one, splitted to flip off the world. It won’t be the last time a middle finger is raised on this day. Dreamer Claire envisions herself sitting in an artcy cafe, filling a journal, but fate has other plans. One cheerleader dates a closeted basketball star; another questions just how, as a “big girl,” she fits in. A group of boys scam drivers for beer money without remorse—or so it seems. Over the course of a single day, these voices and others speak loud and clear about the complex dance that is life in a small town. They resonate in a gritty and unflinching portrayal of a day like any other, with ordinary traumas, heartbreak, and revenge. But on any given day, the line where presentation and perception meet is a tenuous one, so hard to discern. Unless, of course, one looks a little closer—and reads between the lines.