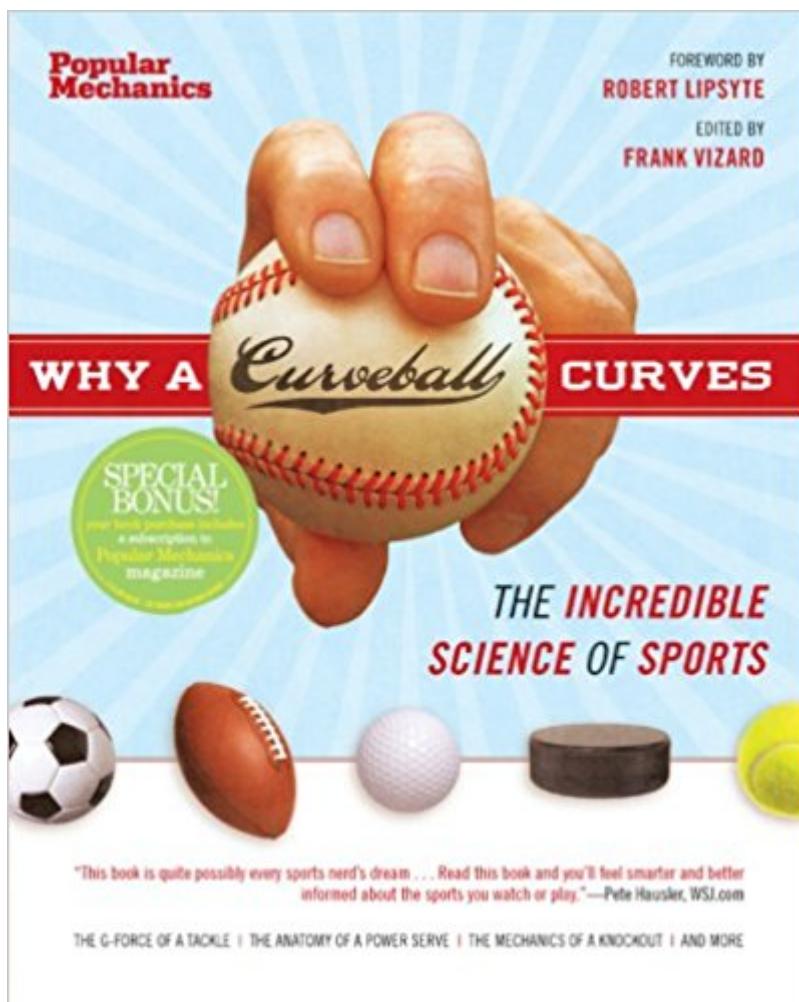


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Sports. They get our blood pumping and our hearts racing. Fans scream and cheer as their favorite athletes run, throw, pedal, dive, or swing their way to victory. But what makes an athlete successful? Why do some players excel when others fall behind? In *Why a Curveball Curves*, the experts at Popular Mechanics, along with top athletes, coaches, and sports journalists, explore the science behind sports. Fluid dynamics, biomechanics, and technology determine everything from speed in cycling to protection in football to performance measurement in all sports. This book is designed for both the player and the fan, helping athletes become better-prepared and giving enthusiasts a more complete understanding and appreciation of competition. The issues discussed range from Tiger Woods' swing to Lance Armstrong's legs, from gene doping to the physics of why a seemingly straight kick curves drastically just before its target; in other words, how to bend it like Beckham; plus so much more. A A A

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This book has entertained my curious child on many road trips. The pages are bent and the cover is well-loved. Every time that he reads this book, he learns something new. I would definitely recommend this for all sports enthusiasts as well as fact lovers. This is "Ripley's Believe it Or Not" for sports fans everywhere!!

This is an interesting book. A little bit less in detail than I was expecting,...but not much less. I've rated it 4 of 5 stars as I believe that when 5 equals the 'best you can get'...this book is NOT that. It's good. You'll like it. The price is fair. I bought three copies,...to give to our sons and son-in-law... all of whom are immersed in sports. I scanned through one of them before we wrapped them in advance of Christmas. The information regarding the physics of sports is fascinating and meant to be presented as reference material. If you've got a curious mind regarding the subject material, you'll like this book.DP

Very clarifying.

Very Good Book explaining the basic physics of a multitude of sports. Easy to understand explanations and easy to follow diagrams to match. Wish there were more in depth on Hockey, Basketball, and Golf. Overall, a good book for understanding the reasons "Whys" of the sports you watch and play.

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