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MAPLE TREE PRESS SCORES WITH KIDS BOOKS ABOUT THE SCIENCE OF BASEBALL AND SOCCER

Chappaqua, NY - Keltie Thomas blends scientific curiosity with humor in *How Baseball Works* and *How Soccer Works*, the most recent titles in the award-winning "How Sports Work" series from Maple Tree Press. *How Baseball Works* delivers the inside scoop on America's favorite pastime, while *How Soccer Works* offers kids intriguing information that will help kick their soccer games into high gear.

These fast-paced reads for kids 8-12 delve into every aspect of each sport. Facts and figures, a "Rules and Regs" section, and a glossary of terms are complemented by colorful illustrations and action photos.

How Baseball Works explains scoring and statistics, gives pointers on injury prevention, and examines the tools of the game—bats, balls, mitts, and more. Exercises and drills are given for hitting, running, catching, throwing, and sliding. Anecdotes abound about stars like Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, Hank Aaron, Joe DiMaggio, Sammy Sosa, Greg Maddux, and Barry Bonds. Readers can learn how to throw a winning pitch or find the sweet spot on a bat. How Baseball Works includes explores the difference between grass and artificial turf, and other factors that make each ballpark unique.

With How Soccer Works, kids can sharpen their game, whether they're new to the soccer field or can already bend it like Beckham. The book takes kids from the science behind a stellar pass, curving kick, or perfect header to the stories of soccer legends like Mia Hamm and Pelé. How Soccer Works invites kids to become well-versed in the history, science, and fun of the world's most popular sport.

Keltie Thomas is an award-winning children's science writer and editor and an avid sports fan. A former editor of *OWL* magazine, her books include *How Basketball Works, Blades, Boards & Scooters*, and *Nature Shockers*.

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