

# Subject: Sports Autobiographies

I am researching **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ (topic)

**(2) because** \_\_\_\_\_ (question)

**(3) in order to** \_\_\_\_\_ (significance)

Sports autobiographies	I want to find common patterns of expression	demonstrate the hidden literary thought in their works
Sports autobiographies	I want to understand what makes up the lives of sports celebrities	shed light about the structure of their lifestyle
Sports autobiographies	I want to understand the inner world of sports celebrities	be able to connect better with them
Sports autobiographies	I want to know how sports celebrities perceive themselves	identify how vastly different the same perception between fans and the sports celebrity can be
Sports autobiographies	I want to know what challenges sports celebrities faced	appreciate their dedication and success
Sports autobiographies	I want to know how sports celebrities grew up	understand that humble beginnings are a common story
Sports autobiographies	I want to understand if sports celebrities are super humans	correct any popular opinion about that
Sports autobiographies	I want to see how sensitive sports celebrities are	show that they are very emotion even when they seem steely

## Data Sources:

- Any autobiographies available in txt/JSON files that could be subjected to analytical research. I would search for autobiographies written primarily by the sports celebrity and not by an editor. Ideally by Women Tennis Association players where I have deep domain knowledge.
- For initial language / metaphor classification, I will use “Unstoppable”, the autobiography by Maria Sharapova published in 2017.
- Pipkin, James. Sporting Lives: Metaphor and Myth in American Sports Autobiographies. Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press, 2008.