



Thomas J. Dygard

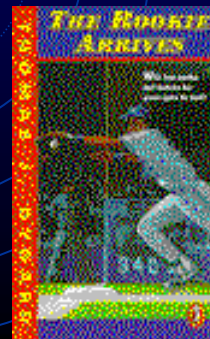
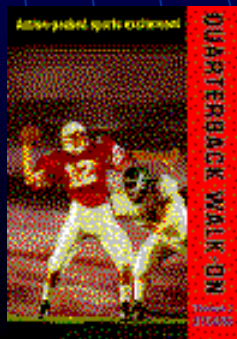
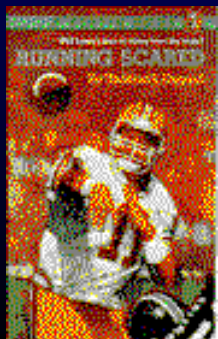
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# Thomas J. Dygard 1931-present

- Born in Little Rock Arkansas on August 10.
- Married Patricia Redditt November 23, 1951.
- Has two children: Thomas and Nancy.
- Now lives in Arlington Ht. Illinois.
- Has been a sports writer for newspapers in Arkansas, Michigan, Alabama, Louisiana, Indiana and Illinois.

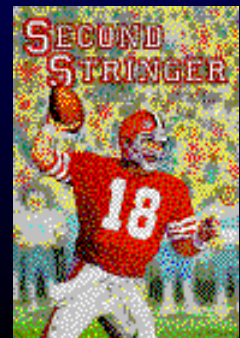
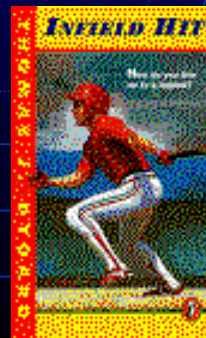
# Thomas J. Dygard's Works

- Running Scared (1977)
- Outside Shooter (1979)
- Quarterback Walk-on (1982)
- Tournament Upstart (1984)
- The Rookie Arrives (1988)
- Forward Pass (1989)



# More Works

- Halfback Tough (1989)
- Backfield Package (1989)
- Game Plan (1993)
- The Rebounder (1994)
- Infield Hit (1995)
- Running Wild (1996)
- Second Stringer (1998)



# Three Books I Chose

- Backfield Package
- Halfback Tough
- Running Wild

# Backfield Package (1992)

- Book about 4 teens who play football together all through high school.
- Go undefeated their senior year.
- All four get attention for great play their senior year.
- QB gets offer from first class college, while rest get offers from second rate schools.
- Loyalty to group is tested.





# Halfback Tough (1989)

- Joe Atkins was always in trouble at Worthington High.
- Moves to Graham High and plays football.
- Gains attention for his good play.
- Old friends from other school start showing up.
- His loyalty to his friends is tested when they want him to go back to the way he was.



# Running Wild (1998)

- Pete Holman is a bad kid from Cartersville High.
- Pete drives drunk and side swipes a car.
- Football coach gets him out of jail under condition he plays football.
- He finds he has natural talent.
- Friends try to sabotage his success.





# Similarities

- All Dygard's books have to do with sports.
- The 3 I read all have to do with football.
- All deal with teens making tough decisions.
- Halfback tough and Running Wild have a trouble maker in them.
- Both had hidden talent for football.
- All follow same story line.

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