

Babe Ruth Saves Baseball Step Into Reading 3

Seven-year-old George "Babe" Ruth (who would grow up to become a baseball legend) steals a dollar from his father's saloon to treat his friends to ice cream. Includes timeline.

Nine-year-old Maria Singh learns to play softball just like her heroes in the All-American Girls' League, while her parents and neighbors are struggling through World War II, working for India's independence, and trying to stay on their farmland.

Based on a true story, the Town of Indigo Valley is full of mystery. It's passionate about its sports and about keeping its secrets. When washed-out lawyer and Civil War buff David Thompson volunteers to serve as commissioner for the town's waning Babe Ruth recreational baseball league, he has no idea what he's getting into. He finds himself confronted by people leading double lives. They want David out of the way and they'll go after him and his family if that's what it takes. Rob Barkus is one of them. Backed by the high school baseball program, travel league promoter Barkus is crushing the Babe Ruth league by luring the town's best players to his high-priced summer teams with promises of scholarships. If this continues, there won't be enough players for the Babe Ruth league. David's own son, Christy, and his sandlot friends will have nowhere to play. Barkus doesn't stop at wanting the town's best players, he also wants access to the town's best baseball field the Babe Ruth field. When David refuses, a bitter conflict divides the town. It threatens his marriage with Annie, his wife, and that's just for openers. With the help of Johnny McFadden a newfound friend who's addicted to baseball David uses both his legal and survival skills to concoct a plan to defend the field and the league. The pair will have to navigate through an underworld of backroom politics, corruption, scandal, and crime that extends to the professional sports world. But in trying to save the league, will David sacrifice his family in the process? Saving Babe Ruth is a humor-laced thriller about a family trying to stay together as it navigates the nutty world of youth sports in a world where kids can easily slip through the cracks. It's also the inspiring tale of a baseball team full of outcasts struggling to believe in themselves. When the time is right, they'll face the prospect of having to fight crazy with crazy to save baseball for themselves, their town and beyond. "

David is a great baseball pitcher, but he always strikes out at bat until he learns about Babe Ruth and the importance of practice.

Beginning readers are introduced to the detective mystery genre in these chapter books. Perfect for the Common Core, kids can problem-solve with Nate, using logical thinking to solve mysteries! Rosamund's baseball team has a very unusual second base—Oliver's gloopy purple plastic octopus. But one morning . . . it's gone! Nate the Great must pick up clues so he can find the missing octopus and go up to bat!

Check out the Fun Activities section in the back of the book! Visit Nate the Great and Sludge! NatetheGreatBooks.com "Subtle humor sparkles through the young detective's narration and his interactions with his friends. Budding mystery fans will line up for this one."--School Library Journal

Tom Clavin and Danny Peary chronicle the life and career of baseball's "natural home run king" in the first definitive biography of Roger Maris—including a brand-new chapter to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of his record breaking season. Roger Maris may be the greatest ballplayer no one really knows. In 1961, the soft-spoken man from the frozen plains of North Dakota enjoyed one of the most amazing seasons in baseball history, when he outslugged his teammate Mickey Mantle to become the game's natural home-run king. It was Mantle himself who said, "Roger was as good a man and as good a ballplayer as there ever was." Yet Maris was vilified by fans and the

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press and has never received his due from biographers—until now. Tom Clavin and Danny Peary trace the dramatic arc of Maris's life, from his boyhood in Fargo through his early pro career in the Cleveland Indians farm program, to his World Series championship years in New York and beyond. At the center is the exciting story of the 1961 season and the ordeal Maris endured as an outsider in Yankee pinstripes, unloved by fans who compared him unfavorably to their heroes Ruth and Mantle, relentlessly attacked by an aggressive press corps who found him cold and inaccessible, and treated miserably by the organization. After the tremendous challenge of breaking Ruth's record was behind him, Maris ultimately regained his love of baseball as a member of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals. And over time, he gained redemption in the eyes of the Yankee faithful. With research drawn from more than 130 interviews with Maris's teammates, opponents, family, and friends, as well as 16 pages of photos, some of which have never before been seen, this timely and poignant biography sheds light on an iconic figure from baseball's golden era—and establishes the importance of his role in the game's history.

It's a fun twist on the classic baseball story in this laugh-out-loud adventure from Matt Christopher. A Level 3 Passport to Reading title perfect for readers just about ready to read independently. Features: Read Aloud functionality [where available] Sight Words Book Description: Mike has a special relationship with his dog, Harry. They can read each other's minds! Harry is able to help Mike out with tips about the opposing players on the baseball field, but Mike's having trouble with his pitches--and the buddies need to work together to save the game!

Before 1918, the Boston Red Sox were unstoppable. They won World Series after World Series, thanks in part to their charismatic pitcher-sluggers Babe Ruth. But some people on the Red Sox felt the Babe was more trouble than he was worth, and he was traded away to one of the worst teams in baseball, the New York Yankees. From then on, the Yankees became a golden team. And the Red Sox? For over 80 years, they just couldn't win another World Series. Then, in 2004, along came a scruffy, scrappy Red Sox team. Could they break Babe Ruth's curse and win it all?

Illus. in full color. "Milton understands what kids like about whales, and packs a considerable amount of information into the book. This easy-reader leaps with appeal."--Bulletin, Center for Children's Books.

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Alexander Graham Bell invents a talking machine he calls the telephone and demonstrates it at the World's Fair in Philadelphia in 1876.

Illus. in full color. Difficult dinosaur names are simplified with phonics.

A book containing surprising facts about gorillas.

Babe Ruth Saves Baseball! Random House Books for Young Readers

A narrative portrait of the iconic Baseball Hall of Fame inductee's childhood imagines his years spent in an orphanage and reformatory, his introduction to baseball by monks and the influences that shaped his subsequent athletic achievements. Simultaneous.

Mariano Rivera never dreamed of becoming a professional athlete. He didn't grow up collecting baseball cards, playing Little League, or cheering on his home team at the World Series. He had never heard of Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, or Mickey Mantle. One day, that all changed. From a childhood playing pickup games in Panama to an epic career with the New York Yankees, Mariano's rise to greatness has been anything but ordinary. He's the guy on the mound who doesn't hear the crowd, just the sound of the ump calling, Strike! The teammate you can rely on, even when the bases are loaded in the bottom of the ninth. Whether you know him as Mo or as the Sandman, Mariano is The Closer, and this is his story. Full of tips for young athletes and tales from the Yankee clubhouse, The Closer: Young Readers Edition is an inspiring story of perseverance, sportsmanship, and dedication that have defined the life of a baseball legend.

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"Looking over the legends and stars of both sports, explaining the rules, complete with glossary, *Right Off the Bat* is a fine assortment of knowledge, very much recommended for any curious sports fan."—Midwest Book Review It's been said that baseball and cricket are two sports divided by a common language. Both employ bats, balls, innings, and umpires. Fans of both steep themselves in statistics, revel in nostalgia, and toss around baffling jargon. In *Right Off the Bat*, baseball nut Evander Lomke and cricket buff Martin Rowe explain "their" sport—and their love of it—to the other sport's fans. You'll come away finding yourself as fascinated by legbreaks and inswingers as you are by knuckleballs and sliders (or vice versa). Are you a dyed-in-the-wool baseball fan who nevertheless harbors a nagging doubt as to whether Babe Ruth was, in fact, the greatest athlete ever to swing a bat? When you think of cricket, is what comes to mind stuffy Victorians standing around in a field, twirling their mustaches and saying silly things like "Howzat" or "googly"? Or are you a staunch cricket fan who sometimes wonders whether a screwball is really as difficult to execute as a doosra? Do you ask yourself where the thrill is in watching a ball sail 400 feet over a wall and just past the outstretched fingers of a fielder wearing a glove (and all for a paltry one run)? Well, step right up and take a seat—you've got a lot to learn (for example, the very first international cricket match was played in the United States). And *Right Off the Bat* is just the book for you.

Whether they're preparing for President's Day or whether they just like to eat, children will find much to devour in this leveled reader about Thomas Jefferson's role in America's culinary history! Did you know that every time you munch on a french fry or snack on ice cream, you have Thomas Jefferson to thank? It's true! This founding father was one of America's first foodies. After a visit to France, he introduced all sorts of yummy treats to America—including one that upset more than just tummies and created a culinary controversy! Get the scoop in this deliciously funny, true story—guaranteed to tempt even the most reluctant readers! The lost memoir from Lou Gehrig—"a compelling rumination by a baseball icon and a tragic hero" (*Sports Illustrated*) and "a fitting tribute to an inspiring baseball legend" (*Publishers Weekly*). At the tender age of twenty-four, Lou Gehrig decided to tell the remarkable story of his life and career. He was one of the most famous athletes in the country, in the midst of a record-breaking season with the legendary 1927 World Series-winning Yankees. In an effort to grow Lou's star, pioneering sports agent Christy Walsh arranged for Lou's tale of baseball greatness to syndicate in newspapers across the country. Those columns were largely forgotten and lost to history—until now. Lou comes alive in this "must-read" (Tyler Kepner, *The New York Times*) memoir. It is an inspiring, heartfelt rags-to-riches tale about a poor kid from New York who became one of the most revered baseball players of all time. Fourteen years after his account, Lou would tragically die from ALS, a neuromuscular disorder now known as Lou Gherig's Disease. His poignant autobiography is followed by an insightful biographical essay by historian Alan D. Gaff. Here is Lou—Hall of Famer, All Star, MVP, an "athlete who epitomized the American dream" (*Christian Science Monitor*)—back at bat.

A poetic account of the legendary Babe Ruth as he prepares to make a home run.

This fifth Gotcha! book, aimed at public and school librarians and teachers, discusses well-reviewed and kid-tested nonfiction titles for third through eighth grade readers published in 2005-2007 with a few extra oldies but goodies added in. Chapters are built

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In this book filled with playful illustrations and sports-action fun, Timmy wants to be a great ballplayer like his brother, Ben. But when he's out in right field, it's just so hard to ignore the ducks in a nearby pond and the passing trains.

Just in time for baseball season! Babe Ruth came from a poor Baltimore family and, as a kid, he was a handful. It was at a reform school that Babe discovered his talent for baseball, and by the age of nineteen, he was on his way to becoming a sports legend. Babe was often out of shape and even more often out on the town, but he had a big heart and an even bigger swing! Kids will learn all about the Home Run King in this rags-to-riches sports biography. With black-and-white illustrations throughout, a true sports legend is brought to life.

On his way to baseball camp, a young boy is zapped to the Planet of the Eyeballs, where he teaches the inhabitants to play ball. During the biggest game of her life . . . a girl pitches to the world's best slugger. Chattanooga, Tennessee, 1931. Jackie Mitchell is a girl pitcher on a minor-league baseball team, the Chattanooga Lookouts. In her day, few women played sports. But Roger's friend Kenneth uses an unusual sea vehicle of his own design to take them to an underwater cave, where a cache of old loot gathered by the mermaids turns out to contain a lot of very valuable old baseball cards.

How do you remember things? President Abraham Lincoln used a special trick -- he placed reminders under his top hat! Read all about it and more in this leveled reader perfect for President's Day and for anyone looking to discover fun facts about one of our nation's greatest presidents! This Step 3 History Reader shares some fascinating anecdotes about Abraham Lincoln, one of our greatest presidents. Abe started out in life as an absent-minded frontier lawyer. How did he nudge his memory? He stuck letters, court notes, contracts, and even his checkbook in his trademark top hat. When he took off his hat, it was all there! Young readers will be utterly engaged with how Abe's humanity comes across in this accessible, easy-to-read book. Step 3 Readers feature engaging characters in easy-to-follow plots about popular topics. These books are for children who are ready to read on their own. Young ball fans can now get the stats on the champions of the bat in this companion to the best-selling Baseball's Greatest Pitchers. Lively illustrations accompany fact-filled profiles of the legendary hitters of the game, including Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth,

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and Ted Williams.

A retelling of the day Jackie Mitchell, a seventeen-year-old female professional baseball player, struck out the New York Yankees best hitters, Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, in an exhibition game in 1931.

Children will delight at this little-known-story about our nation's first president, George Washington, that makes for perfect President's Day readers! Boom! Bang! Guns fire! Cannons roar! This Step 3 History Reader is about George Washington fighting in the American Revolution. He sees a dog lost on the battlefield. Whose dog is it? How will it find its master? Early readers will be surprised to find out what happens in this little-known true story about America's first president. Step 3 Readers feature engaging characters in easy-to-follow plots about popular topics. These books are for children who are ready to read on their own.

Batter up! It's 1919 and baseball is in trouble! All across the country, people are throwing down their bats, and giving up America's national pastime. It's up to Babe Ruth to win back fans and save baseball! Can he do it, or will he strike out?

From news and speeches to informal chatter on social media, natural language is one of the richest and most underutilized sources of data. Not only does it come in a constant stream, always changing and adapting in context; it also contains information that is not conveyed by traditional data sources. The key to unlocking natural language is through the creative application of text analytics. This practical book presents a data scientist's approach to building language-aware products with applied machine learning. You'll learn robust, repeatable, and scalable techniques for text analysis with Python, including contextual and linguistic feature engineering, vectorization, classification, topic modeling, entity resolution, graph analysis, and visual steering. By the end of the book, you'll be equipped with practical methods to solve any number of complex real-world problems. Preprocess and vectorize text into high-dimensional feature representations Perform document classification and topic modeling Steer the model selection process with visual diagnostics Extract key phrases, named entities, and graph structures to reason about data in text Build a dialog framework to enable chatbots and language-driven interaction Use Spark to scale processing power and neural networks to scale model complexity

Fresh, fun ideas for children's storytime fill this book. The author, a long-time storytime facilitator, has put together 52 weekly themes plus additional plans for holidays, all with detailed instructions for talking about the theme and choosing the books, crafts, songs, poems, games and snacks. Each storytime idea is illustrated with photographs of a suggested craft and snack for easy reference. Libraries, bookstores, preschools and parents alike can use this book to offer themed storytimes that include discussion, literature, art, music, movement and food. Options are provided for each storytime, so the ideas can be used year after year.

Congratulations on your commitment to coach youth softball. If you're new to coaching, you'll find Coaching Youth Softball invaluable in making your first season a success. If you have previous coaching experience, you're sure to discover tips and strategies that will help you improve on last year. Coaching Youth Softball will help you manage your

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team with confidence. This age-specific and field-tested coaching guide will prepare you to handle your responsibilities and establish proper priorities as a coach; communicate with players, officials, other coaches, and parents; teach softball skills and strategies using a combination of 27 drills and 39 coaching tips; minimize the risk of injury, establish a safe playing environment, and administer basic first aid; plan and conduct efficient practices; manage your team on game day; and keep it all fun. Written for coaches of players ages 18 and under, this book is a valuable component of the Coaching Youth Softball: The Babe Ruth League Way online course, the official certification course of Babe Ruth League, the premier amateur baseball and softball program in the world. With this book, you will create and nurture an athlete-centered environment that promotes player development, enjoyment, motivation, safety, and sportsmanship—an environment that inspires players to perform at their best and come out for the team year after year.

When a childhood illness leaves her blind and deaf, Helen Keller's life seems hopeless indeed. But her indomitable will and the help of a devoted teacher empower Helen to triumph over incredible adversity. This amazing true story is finally brought to the beginner reader level.

Set in a suburban fantasy world, Disney/Pixar's *Onward* introduces two teenage elf brothers who embark on an extraordinary quest to discover if there is still a little magic left out there. This Step 3 Step into Reading leveled reader is based on the animated film in theaters March 6, 2020!

In 1921, New York Yankees slugger Babe Ruth smashed a home run that sailed 575 feet (175 m), the longest homer ever hit in a Major League Baseball game. Ruth's home runs thrilled fans and revolutionized the game. One hundred years later, the home run is still the most exciting play in baseball. Read about the longest, strangest, and most important home runs in baseball history. See how the game's superstars hit the ball so far, and learn about the ways players have cheated to hit home runs, from performance-enhancing drugs to corked bats and stolen signs. Take a high-flying journey from baseball's early days to today's biggest sluggers.

Describes how tornadoes and hurricanes form, the kinds of damage they do, and how they are studied by "storm chasers."

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Since the Progressive Era, baseball has been promoted as an institution encapsulating the best of American values and capable of bridging the chasms of twentieth century American culture—urban versus rural, industry versus agriculture, individual versus community, immigrant versus native, white versus color. Among the more enthusiastic of the game's proponents have been American filmmakers, and baseball films present perhaps the purest depiction of baseball's vision of an idealized America. This critical study treats baseball cinema as a film genre and explores the functions of baseball

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ideology as it is represented in that genre. It focuses on how Hollywood's presentation of baseball has served not only to promote dominant values, but also to bridge cultural conflicts. Commentary on 85 films deals with issues of race, community, gambling, players, women, and owners. Instructors considering this book for use in a course may request an examination copy here.

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