

Promises To Keep How Jackie Robinson Changed America

A hilarious class clown tells jokes to escape her worries in James Patterson's #1 New York Times bestselling middle grade novel. With her irresistible urge to tell a joke in every situation -- even when she really, really shouldn't -- twelve-year-old Jacky Ha-Ha loves to make people laugh. And cracking wise helps distract her from thinking about not-so-funny things in her life, like her mom serving in a dangerous, faraway war, and a dad who's hardly ever home. But no matter how much fun Jacky has, she can't seem to escape her worries. So one starlit night, she makes a promise to keep her family together . . . even if she has to give up the one thing that makes her happy. But can she stop being Jacky Ha-Ha, if that's who she really is?

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • President Joe Biden, the author of *Promise Me, Dad*, tells the story of his extraordinary life and career prior to his emergence as Barack Obama's beloved, influential vice president. "I remain captivated by the possibilities of politics and public service. In fact, I believe that my chosen profession is a noble calling."—Joe Biden Joe Biden has both witnessed and participated in a momentous epoch of American history. In *Promises to Keep*, Joe Biden reveals what these experiences taught him about himself, his colleagues, and the institutions of government. With his customary candor and wit, Biden movingly recounts growing up in a staunchly Catholic multigenerational household in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Wilmington, Delaware; overcoming personal tragedy, life-threatening illness, and career setbacks; his relationships with presidents, with world leaders, and with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle; and his leadership of powerful Senate committees. Through these and other recollections, Biden shows us how the guiding principles he learned early in life—to work to make people's lives better; to honor family and faith; to value persistence, candor, and honesty—are the foundation on which he has based his life's work as husband, father, and public servant. *Promises to Keep* is an intimate series of reflections from a public servant who surmounted numerous challenges to become one of our most effective leaders and who refuses to be cynical about politics. It is also a stirring testament to the promise of the United States. Praise for *Promises to Keep* "A ripping good read . . . Biden is a master storyteller and has stories worth telling."—The Christian Science Monitor "A compelling personal story."—The New York Times "Moving . . . [Biden's] response to tragedy and near death [is] both admirable and likable."—Salon

In *Rickey & Robinson*, legendary sportswriter Roger Kahn reveals the true, unsanitized account of the integration of baseball--a story that for decades has relied largely on inaccurate, secondhand reports. Focusing on Branch Rickey and Jackie Robinson, Kahn's account is based on exclusive reporting and his personal reminiscences, including revelatory material he buried in his notebooks in the '40s and '50s. Rickey and Robinson were chiefly responsible for making integration happen. Through in-depth examinations of both men, Kahn separates fact from myth to present a truthful portrait of baseball and its participants at a critical juncture in American history.

A Black History Month-timed entry in the best-selling series follows the heroic story of baseball star Jackie Robinson, describing, in text and comic thought bubbles, his childhood, early ambitions and barrier-breaking achievements. By the best-selling author of *Heroes for My Son*.

A brilliant, lively account of the Black Renaissance that burst forth in Pittsburgh from the 1920s through the 1950s—"Smoketown will appeal to anybody interested in black history and anybody who loves a good story...terrific, eminently readable...fascinating" (The Washington Post). Today black Pittsburgh is known as the setting for August Wilson's famed plays about noble, but doomed, working-class citizens. But this community once had an impact on American history that rivaled the far larger black worlds of Harlem and Chicago. It published the most widely read black newspaper in the country, urging black voters to switch from the Republican to the Democratic Party, and then rallying black support for World War II. It fielded two of the greatest baseball teams of the Negro Leagues and introduced Jackie Robinson to the Brooklyn Dodgers. Pittsburgh was the childhood home of jazz pioneers Billy Strayhorn, Billy Eckstine, Earl Hines, Mary Lou Williams, and Erroll Garner; Hall of Fame slugger Josh Gibson—and August Wilson himself. Some of the most glittering figures of the era were changed forever by the time they spent in the city, from Joe Louis and Satchel Paige to Duke Ellington and Lena Horne. Mark Whitaker's *Smoketown* is a "rewarding trip to a forgotten special place and time" (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette). It depicts how ambitious Southern migrants were drawn to a steel-making city on a strategic river junction; how they were shaped by its schools and a spirit of commerce with roots in the Gilded Age; and how their world was eventually destroyed by industrial decline and urban renewal. "Smoketown brilliantly offers us a chance to see this other Black Renaissance and spend time with the many luminaries who sparked it...It's thanks to such a gifted storyteller as Whitaker that this forgotten chapter of American history can finally be told in all its vibrancy and glory" (The New York Times Book Review).

A young woman in a vaudeville sister act must learn to forge her own path after her twin runs away to Hollywood in this richly immersive debut about love, family, and friendship. "A beautifully told coming-of-age story that embraces life with a galloping energy and irresistible curiosity."—Maggie Shipstead, New York Times bestselling author of *Great Circle* Leaving was my sister's choice. I would have to make my own. All Harriet Szász has ever known is life onstage with her sister, Josie. As "The Sisters Sweet," they pose as conjoined twins in a vaudeville act conceived of by their ambitious parents, who were once themselves theatrical stars. But after Josie exposes the family's fraud and runs away to Hollywood, Harriet must learn to live out of the spotlight—and her sister's shadow. As Josie's star rises in California, the Szászes fall on hard times. Striving to keep her struggling family afloat, Harriet molds herself into the perfect daughter. She also tentatively forms her first relationships outside her family and begins to imagine a life for herself beyond the role of dutiful daughter that she has played for so long. Finally, Harriet must decide whether to honor her mother, her father, or the self she's only beginning to get to know. Full of long-simmering tensions, buried secrets, questionable saviors, and

broken promises, this is a story about how much we are beholden to others and what we owe ourselves. Layered and intimate, *The Sisters Sweet* heralds the arrival of an accomplished new voice in fiction.

It is Grandmother Bibi's ninetieth birthday and when she travels to Tanzania from America to visit her son and grandchildren they surprise her with a birthday safari.

India lives in a large, luxurious house with a mum she can't stand and a dad she adores, though he hasn't had much time for her recently. She seeks solace in her journal, which she keeps in sincere imitation of her heroine, Anne Frank.

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In commemoration of the tenth anniversary of her death, a moving portrait chronicles the final days in the life of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis as she battled non-Hodgkins lymphoma, looking at her remarkable accomplishments and her relationships with her children, grandchildren, and companion Maurice Tempelman. Reprint.

A promise between brothers. A secret that threatens to tear a budding romance apart. Maggie Price is resilient. After her husband died, leaving her a young widow with an infant son, she returned home to Candle Beach to create a new future for them by purchasing the Bluebonnet Cafe. She loves her life, but something feels like it's missing... Jake Price promised his younger brother he'd take care of his wife and child if something happened to him while deployed overseas. Now, five years after his brother's death, Jake vows to fulfill that promise and take care of Maggie and her son Alex. Maggie tries to fight her attraction to Jake, but he knocks down her resistance and they fall in love. Will she still feel the same if she knows the real reason he's in Candle Beach? Candle Beach novels are "clean and sweet" contemporary romances that can be read as standalone novels and have happily-ever-after endings with no cliffhangers. Candle Beach novels Book #1: Sweet Beginnings Book #2: Sweet Success Book #3: Sweet Promises Book #4: Sweet Memories Book #5: Sweet History Book #6: Sweet Matchmaking Book #7: Sweet Surprises Book #8: Sweet Sacrifices (coming soon)

When his Labrador retriever survives a bear-mauling on Christmas Eve, Matt is convinced that her recovery is a miracle sent by his mother from heaven.

Baseball, basketball, football — no matter the game, Jackie Robinson excelled. His talents would have easily landed another man a career in pro sports, but in America in the 1930s and '40s, such opportunities were closed to athletes like Jackie for one reason: his skin was the wrong color. Settling for playing baseball in the Negro Leagues, Jackie chafed at the inability to prove himself where it mattered most: the major leagues. Then in 1946, Branch Rickey, manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, decided he was going to break the "rules" of segregation: he recruited Jackie Robinson. Fiercely determined, Jackie faced cruel and sometimes violent hatred and discrimination, but he proved himself again and again, exhibiting courage, restraint, and a phenomenal ability to play the game. In this compelling biography, award-winning author Doreen Rappaport chronicles the extraordinary life of Jackie Robinson and how his achievements won over — and changed — a segregated nation.

Find the revolutionary path to success in the ultimate human challenge: truly loving other people. In this groundbreaking new book, #1 New York Times bestselling author Dr. Les Parrott weaves together insights from theology, psychology, and sociology to show ordinary believers how to radically change their relationships. Psychologist and relationship expert Dr. Les Parrott provides a revolutionary path to success in the ultimate human challenge: truly loving other people. Let's be honest. How many times have you fallen short at being a good friend, a wise parent, or a self-giving spouse because you didn't love--truly love--at the highest level? It's tough. We're bound to fail. The bar is so high, especially if you aspire to love like Jesus. But it's not impossible. In *Love Like Jesus*, Dr. Parrott takes the latest findings from sociology and psychology and blends them with biblical understanding to reveal practical and often counter-intuitive ways of loving like never before. He breaks them down into five factors--being mindful, being approachable, being a grace-giver, being vulnerable, and being empathetic--and shows how to practice them in daily life. The result will be deeply fulfilling and meaningful connections with nearly anyone you encounter--but especially in the relationships that matter most.

The widow of Jackie Robinson provides a personal portrait of her husband, his rise to success, and his life after baseball.

After the death of his father, Elijah Breeze, a ten-year-old African American boy, moves back to New York City with his mother and attends a summer baseball camp as he tries to make new friends and adapt to urban ways.

The acclaimed debut short story collection that introduced the world to an arresting and unforgettable new voice in fiction, from multi-award winning author ZZ Packer Her impressive range and talent are abundantly evident: Packer dazzles with her command of language, surprising and delighting us with unexpected turns and indelible images, as she takes us into the lives of characters on the periphery, unsure of where they belong. We meet a Brownie troop of black girls who are confronted with a troop of white girls; a young man who goes with his father to the Million Man March and must decide where his allegiance lies; an international group of drifters in Japan, who are starving, unable to find work; a girl in a Baltimore ghetto who has dreams of the larger world she has seen only on the screens in the television store nearby, where the Lithuanian shopkeeper holds out hope for attaining his own American Dream. With penetrating insight, ZZ Packer helps us see the world with a clearer vision. Fresh, versatile, and captivating, *Drinking Coffee Elsewhere* is a striking and unforgettable collection, sure to stand out among the contemporary canon of fiction.

The super success story of a secretary rising to the top of a cosmetic company by using innovative marketing & recruiting techniques.

A series that let's young readers explore the lives and influence of important individuals whose stories and contributions have left an imprint on United States History. Includes primary source photographs, high-interest nonfiction text, fun facts, timelines, glossary and index.

This book uses quotes to narrate the life and career of Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play Major League Baseball and one of the most famous players of all time, just in time for Father's Day and the 70th anniversary celebration of Robinson's first MLB debut. Jackie Robinson was a Hall-of-Fame second baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers. He was most famous for breaking the baseball color line with the Dodgers on April 15, 1947, though he was also known for his strong character and political activism that contributed to the Civil Rights Movement. Every year on April 15, all players in the MLB recognize Jackie Robinson Day by wearing Jackie's number, 42. He was an inspiration to players, fans and underdogs around the world. With *Baseball Immortal: Jackie Robinson*, Danny Peary takes you on an incredible, unique journey to a time of great progress in America and some really good baseball. Get a first-hand, 360-degree look at one of America's greatest and most important

athletes through his words and the words of those around him - from his outspoken wife, Rachel Robinson, his childhood influencers, fans, other baseball greats and more. This book is perfect for baseball fans and historians across the country, especially since the book will publish in time for Father's Day gifts. Baseball fans will get an advantage reading about Robinson's life just in time to celebrate major anniversaries of the great player. In 2016 and 2017, the MLB will commemorate the 70th anniversaries of Robinson's first debuts in the minor leagues and in the major leagues with the Dodgers, along with other anniversaries like the 35th anniversary of his induction into the Hall of Fame.

Jacqueline Woodson's National Book Award and Newbery Honor winner, now available in paperback with 7 all-new poems. Jacqueline Woodson is the 2018-2019 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature A President Obama "O" Book Club pick Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. Touching and powerful, each poem is both accessible and emotionally charged, each line a glimpse into a child's soul as she searches for her place in the world. Woodson's eloquent poetry also reflects the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, despite the fact that she struggled with reading as a child. Her love of stories inspired her and stayed with her, creating the first sparks of the gifted writer she was to become. Includes 7 new poems, including "Brown Girl Dreaming". Praise for Jacqueline Woodson: A 2016 National Book Award finalist for her adult novel, ANOTHER BROOKLYN "Ms. Woodson writes with a sure understanding of the thoughts of young people, offering a poetic, eloquent narrative that is not simply a story . . . but a mature exploration of grown-up issues and self-discovery."--The New York Times Book Review

A brief biography of the man who was the first African American baseball player on a major league team, as well as the first African American elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

At Harlem's Langston Hughes Middle School, eleven-year-old Elijah "Jumper" Breeze and his friends compete against Nia and her girlfriends on the basketball court, in a video dance tournament, and for a Student Council seat.

Pregnancy and childbirth are often depicted as a time of sickness and mood swings for women followed by twelve to twenty hours of pain and hard labor. Many women have been told they can never conceive. Others have suffered the pain of conceiving and miscarrying. Have you had enough of this picture? Supernatural Childbirth is a practical and realistic look at God's promises for conception, pregnancy and delivery. This is not "pie-in-the-sky"-This is a personal testimony of how one couple overcame defeat and triumphed in God's plan! Jackie Mize had been told she could never have children. However, by unlocking powerful truths and dynamic faith principles she and her husband Terry found in the Bible, they now have four miracle children! This exciting book shares with you these truths and faith principles. You will learn these things: * How to put faith principles into action for your very own supernatural childbirth * How you can be a living example of God's promises in action * How to deal with fear during pregnancy and delivery * How and when to use your faith for pregnancy and delivery Also included in Supernatural Childbirth: * Faith-inspiring testimonies from women who have followed these principles and experienced their own supernatural childbirth * Confessions and prayers for a supernatural conception, pregnancy, childbirth, and all circumstances surrounding each stage * A powerful teaching section by Terry Mize explaining the curse on Eve in the Garden of Eden

They call me a monster. Murderous and hateful. Beautiful but broken. Nothing can calm the ever raging storm inside of me. As the ruthless leader of the Doubeck family there is a certain standard of brutality, I have to uphold. Then I meet her. Beautiful, innocent, and so very afraid. Valentina is a rival family's daughter, and the little temptress has purposely tangled herself in my dark web. She seeks me out, needing my help, but the price for what she wants will be steep. Since my father's death, I've needed a wife to solidify my family name, and this woman has piqued my interest. So we strike a deal, intertwining our futures. I'll put a ring on her finger, own her body, keep her safe, and kill them all. I make a vow to protect her at all costs, that is until her secrets come to light, and I'm left with the choice of becoming the monster she's only ever heard rumors about. **This is a dark arranged marriage mafia romance. It contains dub-con/non-con as well as other scenes that may be triggering to some readers.**

Welcome to Deep River, Alaska Damon Fitzgerald takes his responsibilities very seriously. Yet now, somehow, his responsibilities include the tiny Alaska town he inherited from his late army buddy. Damon just wants to get back to LA and his ailing mother, but first he has a promise to keep: looking out for his dead friend's son. Unfortunately, the boy's mother just happens to be Deep River's mayor and the most challenging woman Damon's ever met. Astrid James is mayor of Deep River and she intends to do right by the town and her son. The last thing she needs is an arrogant outsider coming in, no matter how attractive he is. But there's more to Damon than his charm, just as there's more to Astrid than the no-nonsense mayor she appears to be. Soon the two of them are in deeper than the Deep River itself. But Damon is haunted by a private grief and Astrid has good reasons not to trust; can either of them risk their hearts on finding love again? "The heroes of Deep River are as rugged and wild as the landscape. Jackie Ashenden's romances will leave you breathless."—MAISEY YATES, New York Times bestselling author, for Come Home to Deep River

Winner of the Edgar Award for Best Paperback Original. Reminiscent of the bestsellers of Laura Lippman and Harlan Coben—with a dose of Big Little Lies or Stranger Things—an absorbing, addictive tale of psychological suspense from the author of the highly acclaimed stand-alone novel What Remains of Me and the USA Today bestselling and Shamus Award-winning Brenna Spector series, in which a seemingly open-and-shut police case with a clear-cut hero and villain turns out to be anything but simple. Late one night in the quiet Hudson Valley town of Havenkill, a distraught woman stumbles into the police station—and lives are changed forever. Aimee En, once a darling of the '80s pop music scene, claims that a teenage boy stole her car, then ran over another young man who'd rushed to help. As Liam Miller's life hangs in the balance, the events of that fateful night begin to come into focus. But is everything as it seems? The case quickly consumes social media, transforming Liam, a local high school football star, into a folk hero, and the suspect, a high school outcast named Wade Reed, into a depraved would-be killer. But is Wade really guilty? And if he isn't, why won't he talk? Told from a kaleidoscope of viewpoints—Wade's mother Jackie, his younger brother Connor, Aimee En and Pearl Maze, a young police officer with a tragic past, If I Die Tonight is a story of family ties and dark secrets—and the lengths we'll go to protect ourselves.

An incredible memoir from Sharon Robinson about one of the most important years of the civil rights movement.

A warm, intimate portrait of Jackie Robinson, America's sports icon, told from the unique perspective of a unique insider: his only daughter. Sharon Robinson shares memories of her famous father in this warm loving biography of the man who broke the color barrier in baseball. Jackie Robinson was an outstanding athlete, a devoted family man and a dedicated civil rights activist. The author explores the fascinating circumstances surrounding Jackie Robinson's breakthrough. She also tells the off-the-field story of

Robinson's hard-won victories and the inspiring effect he had on his family, his community. . . his country! Includes never-before-published letters by Jackie Robinson, as well as photos from the Robinson family archives.

As a testament to his courage, Jackie Robinson's daughter shares memories of him, from his baseball career to the day he tests the ice for her, her brothers, and their friends.

No one likes Tyray Hobbs. Once a feared bully, he's become an outcast. At Bluford High, his peers taunt him for how he treated them. At home, his parents punish him for the trouble he's caused. Unable to escape his reputation or his past, Tyray is desperate. And when an unlikely friendship develops, he clings to it like a lifeline. Now that connection is threatened, and Tyray faces his toughest decision yet. Will his next move lead him to ruin or redemption—or both?

Just in time for the major motion picture release, discover everything you wanted to know about Jackie Robinson! To tie-in with the April 2013 release of the movie 42, the life story of Jackie Robinson, this full-color comprehensive biography will feature everything there is to know about this inspiring American hero. The movie, featuring high-profile actors such as Harrison Ford, Christopher Meloni, and T.R. Knight, explores Robinson's history-making signing with the Brooklyn Dodgers under the guidance of team executive Branch Rickey. The biography will explore what led up to Robinson's signing and what happened after. As the first black man to play major league baseball, his progress monumentally influenced the desegregation of baseball. Because of this, Robinson became an icon for not only the sport of baseball, but also for the civil -rights movement. Featuring photos throughout, this biography will be a sports tale and a history lesson. It will coincide with the movie and also provide many more Robinson details, introducing him to a new generation of readers.

Describes the racial prejudice experienced by Jackie Robinson when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers and became the first black player in Major League baseball and depicts the acceptance and support he received from his white teammate Pee Wee Reese. "This tale is a sturdy one that is made even more emphatic by Davies's terse writing style. The text is heightened in every way by Carlin's outstanding mixed-media artwork." — Booklist (starred review) On a mean street in a mean, broken city, a young girl tries to snatch an old woman's bag. But the frail old woman says the thief can't have it without giving something in return: the promise. It is the beginning of a journey that will change the girl's life — and a chance to change the world, for good.

Despite our professions of belief, our baptisms, and our membership in the church, many of us secretly wonder, Am I truly saved? We worry that our love for Jesus isn't fervent enough (or isn't as fervent as someone else's). We worry that our faith isn't strong enough. We struggle through the continuing presence of sin in our lives. All this steals the joy of our salvation and can lead us into a life characterized by legalism, perfectionism, and works righteousness--the very life Jesus freed us from at the cross! But Greg Gilbert has a message for the anxious believer--be assured. Assured that your salvation experience was real. Assured that your sins--past, present, and future--are forgiven. Assured that everyone stumbles. Assured that Jesus is not your judge but your advocate. With deep compassion, Gilbert comforts readers, encouraging them to release their guilt, shame, and anxiety to rejoice in and follow hard after the One who set them free.

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Autobiography of baseball legend Jackie Robinson, beginning with his athletic career and dealing particularly with baseball and the first step toward equal participation by African Americans in this great sport. "I believe that a man's race, color, and religion should never constitute a handicap. The denial to anyone, anywhere, any time of equality of opportunity to work is incomprehensible to me. Moreover, I believe that the American public is not as concerned with a first baseman's pigmentation as it is with the power of his swing, the dexterity of his slide, the gracefulness of his fielding, or the speed of his legs."—From Foreword by Branch Hickey

'Nerve-tingling political blockbuster' - Daily Express Texas, 1963 America's youngest president is visiting Dallas, driving through Dealey Plaza in an open car. Then shots ring out, and President Cassidy's glamorous wife, Suzanne, finds her bright pink suit soaked in her husband's blood. But this president is not dead. President John T Cassidy is terribly wounded, but he's still alive. Just... As President Cassidy begins his slow and painful recovery, his dynastic family is determined to maintain its grip on political power, despite the manoeuvrings of political rivals. The authorities try to find out who shot President Cassidy, and why? It seems that the first of those questions is quickly answered, as a gunman is arrested and then assassinated himself. The Dallas police are content that justice has been done. But for one FBI agent, the answers are not so clear-cut and Agent Sullivan begins his own search for the truth. Meanwhile, the social changes that marked the 1960s are unfolding. In far off Vietnam, trouble is brewing. Trouble that will affect the Cassidy clan in the most terrible way. Back at home, Sullivan is reaching his own conclusions, and uncovering another way in which foreign policy has impacted upon the Cassidys... And in time, Sullivan comes to realise that sometimes the people who ought to be the most trustworthy, are actually the most treacherous. As the story hurtles to its gripping conclusion, it would seem that they may not yet have finished with the Cassidy family... Promises to Keep is an epic tale of an alternative reality - a compelling story in its own right, and one that also allows the reader to speculate upon what might have happened, had the actual events of November 1963 been slightly different. Praise for George Bernau 'A story of conspiracy and corruption, of assassination, of regicide. For a generation of Americans, it is the story of their age.' - Gary Hart, Los Angeles Times 'Bernau accurately paints recognizable characters jousting for political power ... Sharp-edged cutting between these players and a host of dangerous, shadowy conspirators keeps the tension running high' - Publishers Weekly 'What Bernau has done, without intending it, is to invent a fertile new fictional genre: the "what if ... if only" school of fiction' - The Guardian 'A real page-turner ... Never has the Kennedy myth been more dramatically rendered!' - David Horowitz, co-author of The Kennedys: An American Dream George Bernau worked as a motion-picture studio executive at Universal Studios in Hollywood for several years before leaving to study law at the University of Southern California. After graduating with honours, he began practising with a major law firm in San Diego, where he became a full partner in 1979.

Young Steve Satlow is thrilled when his hero Jackie Robinson moves onto his block. After the famed second baseman invites Steve to a Dodgers game, the two become friends. So when Jackie hears that the Satlows don't have a Christmas tree, he decides to give them one, not realizing the Satlows are Jewish. But Jackie's gift helps these two different families

discover how much they have in common. Written by the daughter of baseball legend Jackie Robinson and illustrated by a Caldecott Honor winner, *Jackie's Gift* is a holiday tale-based on a true story-about friendship and breaking barriers. The baseball legend's daughter augments her father's thoughts on persistence, integrity, citizenship, and commitment with personal memories and essays by such authors as Martin Luther King, Christopher Reeve, and Marian Wright Edelman.

Stephen Satlow is an eight-year-old boy living in Brooklyn, New York, which means he only cares about one thing - the Dodgers. Steve and his father spend hours reading the sports pages and listening to games on the radio. Aside from an occasional run-in with his teacher, life is pretty simple for Steve. But then Steve hears a rumor that an African American family is moving to his all-Jewish neighborhood. It's 1948 and some of his neighbors are against it. Steve knows this is wrong. His hero, Jackie Robinson, broke the color barrier in baseball the year before. Then it happens--Steve's new neighbor is none other than Jackie Robinson! Steve is beyond excited about living two doors down from the Robinson family. He can't wait to meet Jackie. This is going to be the best baseball season yet! How many kids ever get to become friends with their hero?

A timeless classic that will enchant readers who love Jennifer L. Holm and Thanhha Lai, about an immigrant girl inspired by the sport she loves to find her own home team—and to break down any barriers that stand in her way. Shirley Temple Wong sails from China to America with a heart full of dreams. Her new home is Brooklyn, New York. America is indeed a land full of wonders, but Shirley doesn't know any English, so it's hard to make friends. Then a miracle happens: baseball! It's 1947, and Jackie Robinson, star of the Brooklyn Dodgers, is a superstar. Suddenly Shirley is playing stickball with her class and following Jackie as he leads the Brooklyn Dodgers to victory after victory. With her hero smashing assumptions and records on the ball field, Shirley begins to feel that America is truly the land of opportunity—and perhaps has also become her real home.

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