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# Babe & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure



## Synopsis

On October 1, 1932, during Game Three of the Chicago Cubs -- New York Yankees World Series, Babe Ruth belted a long home run to straightaway centerfield. According to legend, just before he hit, Babe pointed to the bleachers and boldly predicted he would slam the next pitch there. Did he call the shot or didn't he? Witnesses never agreed. Like other baseball fans, Joe Stoshack wants to know the truth. But unlike other fans, Joe has the astonishing ability to travel through time and solve one of baseball's greatest puzzles....

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## Customer Reviews

A boy and his father zip back in time to discover whether Babe Ruth actually predicted his home run in Game Three of the 1932 World Series. "Gutman's account of Joey's strained relationship with his divorced father and his portrait of the intriguing, revered slugger against the backdrop of Depression-era New York are equally skillful," noted PW. Ages 8-12. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Grade 4-7-Once again, 13-year-old Joe Stoshack time travels and meets baseball greats of the

past. In this book, he takes his father along, as they attempt to discover whether Babe Ruth really "called his shot" in the 1932 World Series. The pecuniary possibilities of the adventure are not overlooked. His dad's main interest in going back in time is to make a killing in the sports-memorabilia market. A bag full of baseballs autographed by Babe Ruth would be worth a fortune in today's market, and Joe and his dad try to cash in. Their plans go awry, but they do manage to meet the slugger and experience his outsized personality. True to history, he remains an elusive figure here. At times, he is portrayed as rather lonely and maudlin and at other times he's a caricature-especially in a gross, exaggerated eating scene: "Babe Ruth hit big, and he missed big, and he lived big. And I can tell this from personal experience, he also puked big." The book does evoke the importance of a sports hero to an America mired in the depths of the Depression. And, as so frequently happens in baseball novels, the adventure proves to be the catalyst for a new understanding between father and son. This is an entertaining romp through a part of baseball history. Todd Morning, Schaumburg Township Public Library, IL Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Nobody knows for sure if Babe really called his shot in the third game of the 1932 World Series at Wrigley Field. That's why Stosh goes back in time to find out. There's a poor quality home movie of the event, in which it looks to me like he calls it, but then again I wasn't there. You won't know for sure by reading this book, either. But you will learn a bunch of stuff about 1932, Wrigley Field, and of course Babe Ruth. An interesting character who you probably didn't want to ride in a car with, at least not if he was driving. Another excellent story from an excellent storyteller. Buy it, you'll like it!

My grandson loves these series by Dan Gutman. He continues to read these books and wants more. I think he is almost through with this series. However, I keep looking and buying them for him. IF you have a young boy between the age of 9 years to 13, you should buy a couple and see how they like them. Lynda Miller

I love this book and I hate reading this book is the only book I would read and love. I like the beginning of the book, middle, and end. This is the BEST book ever! My family is surprised that this is the only book I would read and like. You should make a series of Babe & Me

I've read two of the Dan Gutman books and enjoy the story lines each time. A good short book for grandpa (me) or your grandchildren.

My 8 year old son read this so this is in his words. The book was about a kid who travels back in time to see if Babe Ruth called a shot or not. The author describes the scene well and you feel like you are there watching Babe. This is a great book for boys who love baseball. I will be reading more of Dan Gutmans books.

It wasn't what I figured it would be, but it was very interesting with a lot of facts from the 1932 series. Even if it was fiction, it was well written and you felt that you were reliving the past!

I never had baseball cards but enjoyed the games before they got so commercialized. I admired the boy's desire to do the right thing and I admired the author for striving for authenticity. I'm glad he didn't use that \$20! Would probably had a hard time explaining a new bill! I will read more of the baseball card books.

This book provided a great vehicle for my 6th-grader, a struggling reader, to enter a bygone time and to experience some of the drama of Shoeless Joe's story. The writing is not artful enough to get by even a 6th grader's questioning of the plot device -- a kid uses a baseball card to travel back in time -- but no matter. The story line has enough action to keep things moving, and that overcomes all.

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