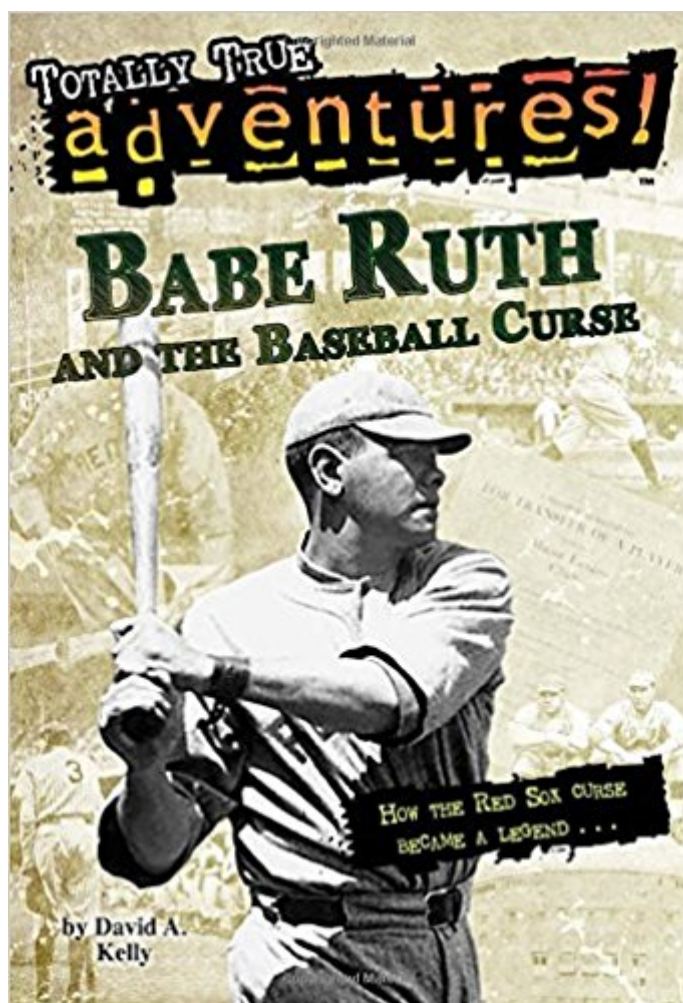


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# Babe Ruth And The Baseball Curse (Totally True Adventures): How The Red Sox Curse Became A Legend . . .



## Synopsis

Before 1918, the Boston Red Sox were unstoppable. They won World Series after World Series, thanks in part to their charismatic pitcher-slugger 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?

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 3 • While this book is in part a biography, it mainly covers the history of the "Curse of the Bambino." This superstition dates back to the year that the Red Sox sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees, and many Boston fans believe it is the reason for the team's poor showing in the World Series. The book provides a modern context by describing the heartbreaking loss of the Sox to the Yankees in 2003. It goes on to give a brief but balanced account of the life of Babe Ruth, including some of the unsavory aspects of his behavior and personality. Kelly ends on a happy note, with the Red Sox winning the 2004 World Series. The theme of luck, both good and bad, runs throughout the tale. Play-by-play descriptions of important games will keep baseball fanatics reading

to the end. —Kathleen Meulen, Sakai Intermediate School, Bainbridge Island, WA END --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Kelly offers a fairly extensive look at the famous curse that seemingly dogged the Boston Red Sox after they traded Babe Ruth to the Yankees. The first part of the book follows the early life and career of Ruth and then moves on to accounts of the Red Sox's World Series appearances, culminating in 2004, when the curse seemed to break. The book's strongest portion focuses on Ruth's career in Boston, with a quick summary of his success as a pitcher and his conflicts with the team's owner. Other chapters drag a bit, however, and now that the curse is broken, baseball fans beyond Boston may not find this as interesting as they once would have. Still, many sports readers will find this enjoyable. Pair this with Dan Shaughnessy's The Legend of the Curse of the Bambino (2005), which presents similar material in picture-book format. Grades 3-5. --Todd Morning

My 9 yr old loves to read and in his 4th grade class they have to read non fiction so I thought he would enjoy the story of Babe Ruth since we are Yankee fans. He couldn't stop talking about it. He wants to read more about him.

My grandson loved the book. It was too interesting to read to him at bedtime, because he got so involved in the content. He loved it! Alexandra

Heartwarming, sweet love story Loved it.

Perfect for the 10 yr. old reader.

great for a young baseball fan

This book is so special! I was very happy with my purchase!

My grandson is a hard baseball fan and really likes the history of Babe Ruth.

I ordered this book for my grandson because he loves baseball, I can't wait to give it to him. He's going to love it. I'm glad I ordered the library binding issue of this book. Makes a great gift for boys

and girls who love baseball. I ordered this book March 25 and received it on March 30, The seller was very good at shipping my order efficiently. Thank you.

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