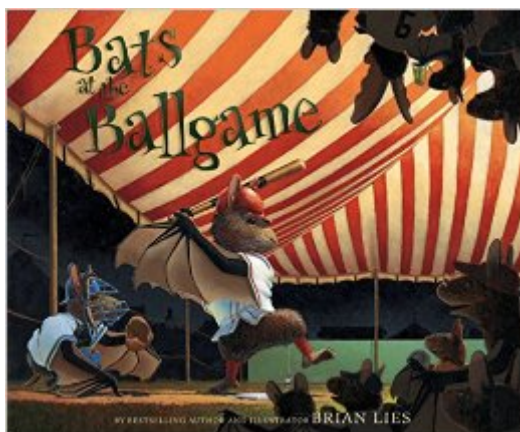


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# Bats At The Ballgame (A Bat Book)



## Synopsis

Hurry up! Come one&#39;come all! We're off to watch the bats play ball! You'll never forget your first game: the green so green, the presence of heroes past, and togetherness with family and friends, rooting for the home team. But you think humans are the only ones who enjoy America's national pastime? Grab your bat&#39;the other kind&#39;and your mitt, and join these captivating bats as they flutter off to watch their all-stars compete. How about a mothdog? Or some Cricket Jack? In sweeping compositions that transport fans to the rightside-up and upside-down world of bats at play, Brian Lies treats us to a whole new ballgame.  
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## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

My husband and I don't have any children yet, but I'm going to school to be an elementary school teacher so am always on the lookout for great kids' books. We found Bats at the Beach and Bats at the Library at a book store several months ago, read both standing there, and just laughed and laughed. We bought both books on the spot, have given several copies to children we know as gifts, and I even used Bats at the Library as the basis for my first lesson plan. The kids at the school loved it! We've been eagerly waiting for Bats at the Ball Game to come out and were so excited to

find it at the book store today. We rushed home with it like a pair of giggly 8 year olds and read it together. It does not disappoint! The story is good and suspenseful, but the author's word choice and the illustrations are absolutely delightful. We aren't even baseball fans and hardly understand how the game works, but we loved this book anyway. I think children who are into baseball would like it even more! We really hope Brian Lies writes some more bat books. We spotted a toboggan on the very last page of the book- perhaps Bats at the Sledding Hill will be next? Or Bats at the Bowling Alley? I can imagine them bowling with marbles!

Let's just cut to the chase, shall we? I loved the concept, loved the artwork, loved the rhyming verse. This was just pure, feel good fun and I enjoyed every minute of it. More importantly, so did my grandkids. I'm keeping my review short so I can get busy ordering author/illustrator Brian Lies' two previous bat books -Â Bats at the BeachÂ andÂ Bats at the Library. Highly recommended!

This book is fantastic, and it matters not one bit whether you (or your children) like baseball...Brian Lies creates the most beautiful illustrations! and with them a terrific story. these bats are so JOYFUL, in every one of the series they're out doing something they love. And at thirty pages, with between two and eight lines per page, there's quite a lot of story here. My favorite thing about this book, and all of the Bats series, is the very skilled use of rhyme and meter. He seems to choose two different rhythms to alternate between while telling the tale, and it's always a catchy rhythm and flawless rhyme. there are sooooo many picture books out there which have to reach so far for the rhyme that the whole thing is forced and awkward. Brian Lies is a refreshing change. Here are a couple of samples, you'll see why these verses are a pleasure to read aloud: How could any bat forget in all the countless years we've met it seems the team we play tonight has beaten us in every fight. We shake our feet and raise our wings In voices high and strong together, all the fans belt out the famous bat-ball song Look for the bat-related visual jokes as well...for example, the printed sign on the fence advertises garlic fries and bratwurst...and someone has apparently crossed out and changed it to garlic FLIES and GNATwurst. Clever!

Love, love, love this whole series of books and am hoping my three year old grandnephew does too. I hope to give him the whole series over the next few years. (And maybe collect them for myself as well.) The illustrations are so charming and the story telling so well done. Makes bats interesting and friendly instead of creepy and fear inducing!

By: A.H. Do you like bats? I do! If you do you should read Bats at the Ballgame! First they go to the ball park then, the bats go and make the baseball diamond and then play ball then they all got very tired and went home. What happens next? I liked the book because I like bats and my cousin plays baseball! I recommend this book to anyone who likes bats playing baseball. There are other books too! PLAY BALL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I bought this after being REQUIRED (by my 5 year old granddaughter) to read Bats at the Beach EVERY time I read to her! I still LOVE the Beach one best, but this and the Library are great, too! The rhyming language is beautifully fluent and the illustrations wonderful. The bats are realistic enough to not look cartoon like, but not at all scary, either. There are clever little changes (like "Cricket Jacks" in place of "Cracker Jacks") that appeal to both children and adults. I highly recommend these books for fun, enjoyable repeated reading, and the possibility of lots of reality/fantasy discussion if that appeals. (I am a speech/language pathologist). ENJOY!

Not as good as BATS AT THE BEACH but still entertaining. Did not hold my youngsters attention as well as Bats At the Beach.

Brian Lies is one of our most inventive children's book authors. He not only dreams up each saga, but conveys it in lively poetic form, with irresistible images. Brian is doing for bats what Jacques Yves Cousteau did for the undersea world - bringing to mind the beauty, meaning, and right to live of these creatures, for children and the adults who read with them. Brian's subtle puns and games and puzzles draw the eye, heart and merriment of the reader, even one who has turned these pages many times. All three (Bats at the Beach, Bats at the Library, Bats at the Ballgame) are visually endearing, opening eyes and minds to the worth of creatures all too often maligned. All three of Brian's bat books are simply unforgettable.

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