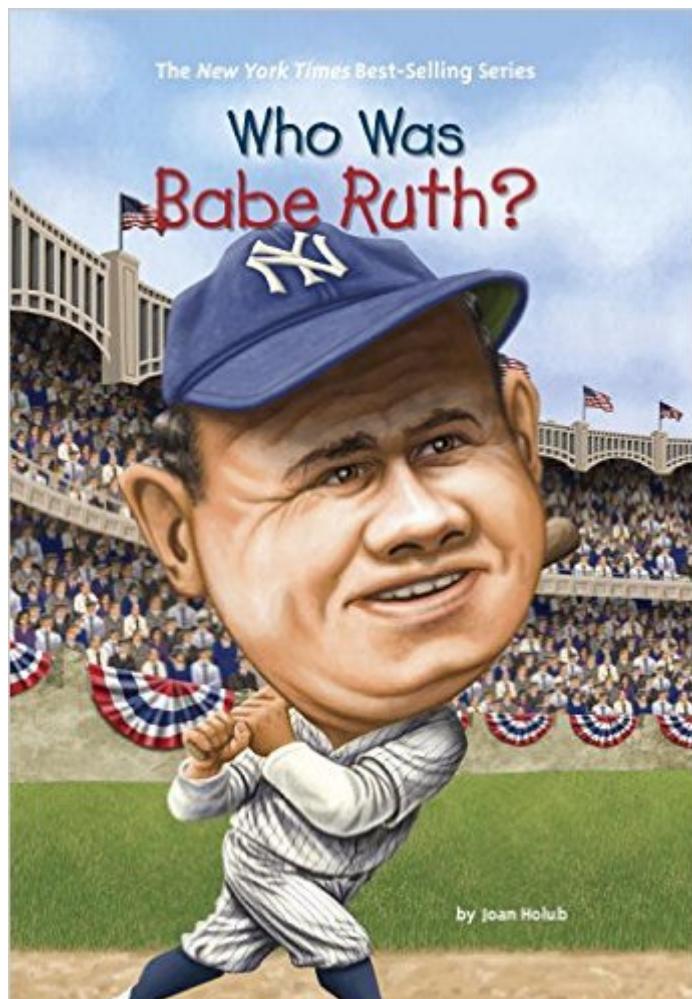


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# Who Was Babe Ruth?



## Synopsis

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.

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## Customer Reviews

There aren't many young sports fans who haven't heard about or read a story or two about Babe Ruth. When he was a little boy in Baltimore, Maryland, there were probably a few kids who didn't care to know him. He was a rough and tumble poor boy who always managed to be in trouble. Babe, who was named after his father, George Herman Ruth, had a run in with the "coppers," the police. They "were always trying to make him behave and go to school," but if Babe had his way it never would. He didn't attend school until he was seven years old and good behavior never did come to him easily. Babe's father George decided that something had to be done with him and put him on a trolley car, a car headed for a mysterious destination. Babe may have been surprised to

learn that his father was going to abandon him at the St. Mary's Industrial School for Boys. Unbeknownst to anyone, this "reform school" was probably one of the best things that ever happened to him. Babe's initial anger, fear, and tears soon gave into joy when he met someone who would care for him and turn his life around. That someone was "a big, strong guy, about six and a half feet tall" named Brother Matthias. Babe Ruth never let go of his mischievous ways, but Brother Matthias believed in him and "tried to help him become a good person." St. Mary's was his home and Brother Matthias was like a father to him, but when he was nineteen it was time to go out into the world. Babe was a simple man, one who would never try to be something he was not. Even when Jack Dunn, the "owner of the Baltimore Orioles," signed him to the team, he carried his mischievous streak right along with him.

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