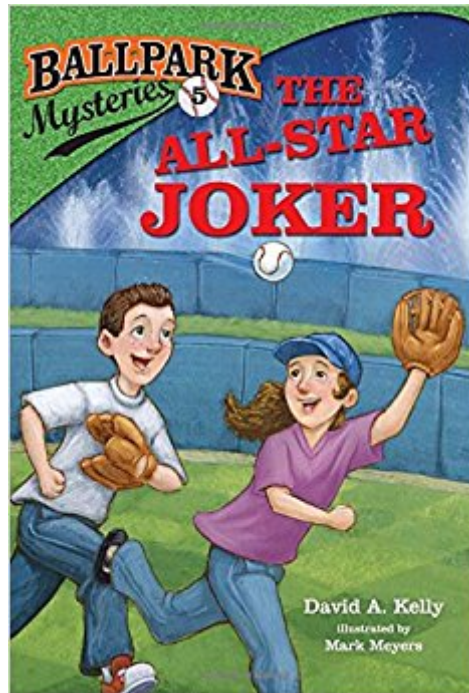




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Ballpark Mysteries #5: The All-Star Joker



Synopsis

Next up to the plate! — book #5 in our early chapter book mystery series, where each book is set in a different American ballpark! The stars are out in Kansas City . . . the baseball stars, that is! Mike and Kate are at the All-Star game, and even get to go on the field during the Home Run Derby to catch pop-ups! That's where they meet Andy, whose dad, Josh Robinson, is an All-Star catcher. But before the Home Derby ends, Josh finds himself in hot water. Someone is playing practical jokes on the other players, and the coach is sure it's him. Andy swears his dad is innocent. Who would want to frame Josh? And why? The All-Star Joker includes a fun fact page about Kansas City's stadium. Cross Ron Roy's A to Z mystery series with Matt Christopher's sports books and you get the Ballpark Mysteries: fun, puzzling whodunnits aimed at the younger brothers and sisters of John Feinstein's fans.

Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

Customer Reviews

DAVID A. KELLY has written for many newspapers and magazines, and Babe Ruth and the Baseball Curse, published in spring 2009, was his first book for children. He lives fifteen minutes from Fenway Park in Newton, Massachusetts, with his wife, Alice; two sons, Steven and Scott; and

a dog named Sam. MARK MEYERS grew up in Utah and studied art in San Francisco at the Academy of Art University.

We gave the "All Star Joker" and "Fenway Foul-Up" as a Xmas gift to our 8 year old grandson, who loves baseball and is heavily into Wii and other electronic games. Not only did he read both within (1) week while on Xmas vacation, but he then asked his Mom to take him to the library, and they checked out the other (3) BallPark mysteries, which he has now completed. We are so proud of him, and it's a real tribute to the creativity and style of the author, David Kelly, for writing such interesting books for elementary school age children. We now suggested to our grandson that he write his own mystery based on the Little League field he plays at. Hope Mr. Kelly doesn't mind the competition! P.S. I just ordered from .com, and received today, Mr. Kelly's first book, "Babe Ruth and the Baseball Curse", and will be giving it to our grandson this weekend. Also, we anxiously await the "Wrigley Riddle" coming out in February, as we are long suffering Cubs fans, and hope the "Riddle" will give us some insight into how the Cubs haven't won a World Series in 104 years!

The Ballpark Mysteries Series by David A Kelly is a great fiction series about mysteries which happen in Major League baseball parks. My 3 grandchildren (2 boys, 1 girl--ages 7, 9, and almost 11) all enjoy them. The readability of them and the mystery keep them interested until the last page. They look forward to the release of each new book. Great series for both girls and boys, especially boys since it is baseball. Wish Mr. Kelly or someone would write a series about GIRLS' softball or Girls' soccer.

My 8 year old loves this series. He always is ready to order the next book.

Boys and girls in my class are all loving these fun mysteries centered around famous ballparks!!! They are waiting in line to read these!!

Grandkids enjoyed it

My seven year old son loves this series. I have been really struggling to get him to read, but this series is starting to turn this around because he loves sports so much.

My 8-yr-old loves this series, because of the true ballpark facts in each mystery. He is a higher level

reader and reads these books very quickly though, maybe 30 minutes.

My son loves these books. Inhales them. He's passionate about baseball and finds these books engaging and fun. There are many things I like about them too. Always fun to find an excellent children's author.

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