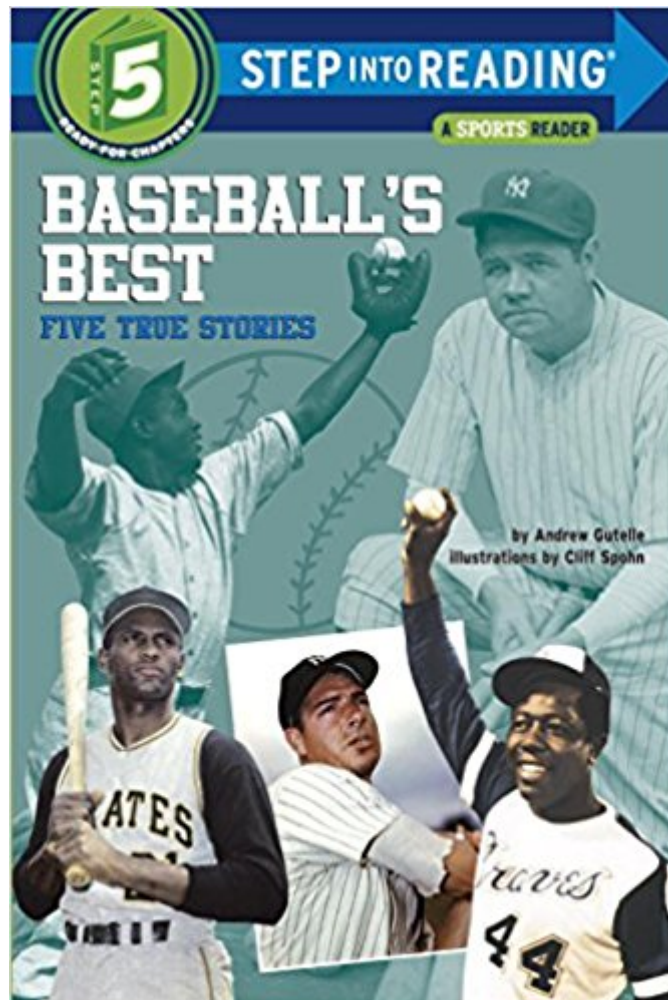




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Guttelle details one outstanding accomplishment of five different major-league baseball Hall of Famers: Babe Ruth's often disputed "called" home run, Joe Dimaggio's record 56 consecutive game hitting streak, Jackie Robinson's breaking the major league baseball "color barrier," Robert Clemente's 300th hit and tragic death, and Henry Aaron's 715 home runs that broke Ruth's seemingly invincible record. Each is described in less than ten pages, allowing for little background information about either the feat or the ballplayer. Undistinguished illustrations and stock black-and-white photographs accompany the text. No table of contents or appendices are included. While the book is factually accurate, there is some fictionalizing of thought and dialogue, and the writing style is quite dry despite the inclusion of an occasional exclamatory sentence. Strictly for voracious young baseball fans. --Tom S. Hurlburt, Rio Rancho Public Library, NM Copyright 1990

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Advertisement should make it clear that this book is for very young children. If you've mastered "See Spot Run" then this won't be too much of a challenge.

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Love the action words and it held my 7 year old grandson's attention.

Our grandchild is really good at baseball (4th grade), and he goes to Brewers games when they find time. He's collecting baseball cards, and loves reading. This is simple reading, so it won't take him long to inhale these stories and share them with his friends.

This is well written and interesting. I wish at least one of the players was someone current that young fans could relate to.

This is a great introduction to historical fiction and I highly recommend it as a start into an area of history that could spark a desire to look further into these baseball players. The book is quick to read and well written.

I love the baseball books I find on as I have an eight year old grandson who is really into baseball. I got this book for him for Christmas and he loves it.

Great book to get a young baseball fan READING! Manageable story sizes. Some vocabulary is challenging, but, in context, understandable with assistance.

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