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Written for middle and high school students, this short book about Babe Ruth also includes

- A vocabulary builder
- Ten thought-provoking review questions

This story of Babe Ruth is an ideal resource for

- Book reports
- Homeschooling

More than just the history of Babe Ruth, teachers and parents will also find the subject matter and easy-to-read and understand style appropriate for

- Literacy programs
- Reading comprehension

This bio of Babe Ruth starts with the childhood of Babe Ruth and tells how he grew up above a bar owned by his father on the docks of Baltimore, Maryland. He began truanting school, stealing money from the cash register and hanging with a gang of boys.

At the age of seven, his father put him in a school for boys in trouble with the law.

Founded by the Catholic Church, St. Mary's Industrial School for Boys was known for its strict, severe and unquestioned world behind walls. It was also known as a place where troubled and displaced boys could get a basic education, learn a trade and be disciplined in a religious setting.

For the young George Herman Ruth, it was a prison!

Before long, his behavior became disruptive. The priests called him a troublemaker. Some of the teachers thought he was not capable of learning or controlling his behavior.

But one priest saw something else in George. Brother Matthias noticed his athletic ability, especially when it came to baseball. Starting as a catcher, George quickly became the best batter on the team.

Then, a lucky break happened. One of the pitchers was having a bad day and Brother Matthias asked George to pitch. He was a natural, and spent every spare minute of his time working on his pitching. He could throw with great speed and control, and grew to stand a strong 6 feet 2 inches.

In 1914, when George was 19, another break came his way. A scout from the local professional baseball team in Baltimore came to check on George. After the scout saw him pitch, he offered George a contract for \$600.

One thing the team noticed about Babe Ruth was his lack of maturity, and his childish behavior earned him the nickname Babe from his teammates.

After a couple of years, the Baltimore team traded Babe to Boston. And the next year, Boston traded him to New York.

The trade was one of the worst in baseball history and became known as the Curse of the Bambino.

This misfortune began after the Boston Red Sox sold Babe Ruth, sometimes called the Bambino, to the New York Yankees in the off-season of 1919-1920. Before then, the Red Sox had won five World Series titles.

After the trade, the Yankees started winning World Series titles and the Red Sox did not win another title for many decades.

After he joined the New York Yankees, Babe quickly became the best known baseball player in America, and held the home run record of 714 for a long time.

Babe Ruth rose above his troubled childhood and is still considered by many people the best baseball player of all time.

Purchase this fascinating story about the life of Babe Ruth to learn more about one of the greatest baseball players in the history of the game.



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