Who was Babe Ruth? Joan Holub 2012 Presents the life of the legendary baseball player, from his impoverished childhood, to his famous trade to the Yankees.

Becoming Babe Ruth: Matt Tavares 2013 Traces his mischievous childhood in Baltimore before his life-changing enrollment in Saint Mary's Industrial School for Boys, where a strict code of conduct and his introduction to baseball inspired his historic career.


Babe Ruth’s Own Book of Baseball: George Herman Ruth 1992-02-01 Babe Ruth remains the most popular player in the history of baseball. The slugger for the New York Yankees established a home run record in the 1927 season, just a year before joining the league of authors. Babe Ruth’s Own Book is a who’s who of old-time greats—Lou Gehrig, Ty Cobb, Rogers Hornsby, and many others. It describes the Babe’s rise from poverty to stardom, catching his image and voice as freshly and permanently as pen and ink can. In a no-nonsense style, the Babe describes the ins and outs of the game, touching all bases and loading up the reader with priceless information and advice. The surprise is that so little about the sport has changed except the size of the players’ salaries.

The Big Fella: Jane Leavy 2018-10-16 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From Jane Leavy, the award-winning, New York Times bestselling author of The Last Boy and Sandy Koufax, comes the definitive biography of Babe Ruth—the man Roger Angell dubbed “the model for modern celebrity.” A Publishers Weekly Best Book of 2018 “Leavy’s newest masterpiece... A major work of American history by an author with a flair for mesmerizing storytelling.” —Forbes He lived in the present tense—in the camera’s lens. There was no frame he couldn’t or wouldn’t fill. He swung the heaviest bat, earned the most money, and incurred the biggest fines. Like all the new-fangled gadgets then flooding the marketplace—radios, automatic clothes washers, Brownie cameras, microphones and loudspeakers—Babe Ruth “made impossible events happen.” Aided by his crucial partnership with Christy Walsh—business manager, spin doctor, damage control wizard, and surrogate father, all stuffed into one tightly buttoned double-breasted suit—Ruth drafted the blueprint for modern athletic stardom. His was a life of journeys and itineraries—from uncount to south, spartan to spendthrift, abandoned to abandon; from Baltimore to Boston to New York, and back to Boston at the end of his career for a finale with the only team that would have him. There were road trips and hunting trips; grand tours of foreign capitals and post-season promotional tours, not to mention those 714 trips around the bases. After hitting his 60th home run in September 1927—a total that would not be exceeded until 1961, when Roger Maris did it with the aid of the extended modern season—he embarked on the mother of all barnstorming tours, a three-week victory lap across America, accompanied by Yankee teammate Lou Gehrig. Walsh called the tour a “Symphony of Swat.” The Omaha World Herald called it “the biggest show since Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey, and seven other associated circuses offered their entire performance under one tent.” In The Big Fella, acclaimed biographer Jane Leavy recreates that 21-day circus and in so doing captures the romp and the pathos that defined Ruth’s life and times. Drawing from more than 250 interviews, a trove of previously untapped documents, and Ruth family records, Leavy breaks through the mythology that has obscured the legend and delivers the man.

Banzai Babe Ruth: Robert K. Fitts 2018-08 In November 1934 as the United States and Japan drifted toward war, a team of American League all-stars that included Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Jimmie Foxx, future secret agent Moe Berg, and Connie Mack barnstormed across the Land of the Rising Sun. Hundreds of thousands of fans, many waving Japanese and American flags, welcomed the team with shouts of “Banzai! Banzai, Babe Ruth!” The all-stars stayed for a month, playing 18 games, spawning professional baseball in Japan, and spreading goodwill. Politicians on both sides of the Pacific hoped that the amity generated by the tour—and the two nations’ shared love of the game—could help heal their growing political differences. But the Babe and baseball could not overcome Japan’s growing nationalism, as a bloody coup d’etat by young army officers and an assassination attempt by the ultranationalist War Gods Society jeopardized the tour’s success. A tale of international intrigue, espionage, attempted murder, and, of course, baseball, Banzai Babe Ruth is the first detailed account of the doomed attempt to reconcile the United States and Japan through the 1934 All American baseball tour. Robert K. Fitts provides a wonderful story about baseball, nationalism, and American and Japanese cultural history.

Babe Ruth Saves Baseball: Frank Murphy 2013-02-27 Batter up! It’s 1919 and baseball is in trouble! All across the country, people are throwing down their bats, and giving up America’s national pastime. It’s up to Babe Ruth to win back fans and save baseball! Can he do it, or will he strike out?

Home Run: Robert Burleigh 2003 A poetic account of the legendary Babe Ruth as he prepares to make a home run.

Babe Ruth and the 1918 Red Sox: Allan Wood 2000-12-26 Babe Ruth and the 1918 Red Sox is the first complete account of Boston’s fifth World Series championship. The year is famous, but most fans know very little about the season. During that tumultuous summer, the Great War in Europe cast an ominous shadow over the national game, as enlistments and the draft wreaked havoc with every team’s roster. Players and owners fought bitterly over contracts and revenue, the parks were infested with gamblers, and the Red Sox and the Chicago Cubs almost called off the World Series. And a Boston player known as The Colossus—23-year-old Babe Ruth—began his historic transformation from pitching ace to the game’s greatest slugger. Wood also poses a chilling question: Was the 1918 World Series fixed? Sports Illustrated called the book “an entertaining and exhaustive account of a tumultuous season” and Robert W. Creamer, author of the definitive biography of Ruth, said “Mr. Wood has lit upon one of the most turbulent and important and at the same time least known years in baseball history. He has done remarkable, revelatory research, and he has a clean, clear way of writing.’

Babe Ruth: Baseball’s All-Time Best!: James Buckley 2020-04-14 The life story of baseball’s greatest player, in graphic novel format. Long regarded as the greatest player in baseball history, George Herman “Babe” Ruth transformed the sport with his legendary power and personality. Babe Ruth: Baseball’s All-Time Best! tells the
story of Ruth’s life in graphic novel format—from his humble beginnings in Baltimore to superstardom with the New York Yankees. Never one to keep quiet, Babe Ruth was a player whose outsized swing and character made him a star both on and off the field. Baseball fans of all ages will be entertained and educated by the full-color illustrations and historically accurate narrative of this graphical biography.

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The Man Who Made Babe Ruth—Brian Martin 2020-03-02 At six-feet-six, the hubling Martin Leo Boutillier (1872-1944) was hard to miss. Yet the many books written about Babe Ruth relegate the soft-spoken teacher and coach to the shadows. Ruth credited Boutiller—known as Brother Matthias in the Congregation of St. Francis Xavier—with making him the man and the baseball player he became. Matthias saw something in the troubled seven-year old and nurtured his athletic ability. Spending many extra hours on the ballfield with him over a dozen years, he taught Ruth how to hit and converted the young left-handed pitcher into a formidable pitcher.

Overshadowed by a fellow Xavierian brother who was given the credit for discovering the baseball prodigy, Matthias never received his due from the public but didn’t complain. Ruth never forgot the father figure who continued to provide valuable counsel in later life. This is the first telling of the full story of the man who gave the world its most famous baseball star.

Babe Ruth—Guernsey Van Riper Jr. 2015-02-17 Discover the childhood of Babe Ruth, baseball legend and American history all-star. Babe Ruth was one of the first five players inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, and for good reason. He hit 714 home runs and is the all-time leader in home runs for an entire career. A true American baseball hero, he had a determination to win. But there was a darker side to Babe, one that nearly ruined his career—and his life. In the end, however, Ruth managed to overcome his personal demons, recapture his health, and go on to lead his beloved Yankees to championship status. Simply put, there has never been another player like the Babe. This comprehensive biography of one of baseball’s most memorable legends also comes with photos. This fast-paced and smartly researched first novel is astonishingly good, complete with sharp and colorful characters, nicely drawn by Stewart, who in his other self is a lawyer-turned-historian.” --Bloomberg

- **Norman L. Macht** 2009-03-19 Babe Ruth is still regarded as perhaps the greatest baseball player ever to step on a diamond. Born into a poor family in Baltimore, George Herman Ruth Jr. was sent to a Catholic reform school at age seven, where he learned how to play baseball. Initially a talented southpaw, the Babe went on to shutter every home-run record on the books! And when fewer games were played in a season and a heavier ball was used. In this engaging and fast-paced biography, award-winning author Wilborn Hampton shares with readers The Babe was also a man of big heart, temper, and appetite.

Babe Ruth and the Baseball Curse (Totally True Adventures)—David A. Kelly 2010-04-14 Before 1918, the Boston Red Sox were unstoppable. They won World Series after World Series, thanks in part to their charismatic pitcher-slugger Babe Ruth. But some people on the Red Sox felt the Babe was more trouble than he was worth, and he was traded away to one of the worst teams in baseball, the New York Yankees. From then on, the Yankees became a golden team. And the Red Sox? For over 80 years, they just couldn’t win another World Series. Then, in 2004, along came a scruffy, scrappy Red Sox team. Could they break Babe Ruth’s curse and win it all?

Pinstripe Empire—Marty Appel 2012-05-08 Now Updated Through the 2020 Season An exciting history of the world’s greatest baseball team from a former Yankees Public Relations Officer. "A riveting and comprehensive history of the Yankees" — New York Times Is there a sports team more synonymous with winning than the New York Yankees? The team of Ruth, Gehrig, DiMaggio, Berra, Ford, Mantle, Jackson, Mattingly? Of Torre, Jeter, and Rivera? Of forty American League pennants, twenty-seven World Championships, and nearly forty Hall of Famers? Like so many great American institutions, the Yankees began humble, on the muddy, uneven grass of Hilltop Park. Eighteen years later the little second-class franchise won its first pennant. Today, the Yankees are worth more than a billion dollars. It’s been nearly seventy years since Frank Graham wrote the last narrative history of the Yankees. Marty Appel, the Yankees’ PR director during the 1970s, now illuminates the team in its hundred-plus years of glory: clever, maneuvering owners; rowdy, talented players; great stories behind the great stories. Appel heard tales from old-timers like Waite Hoyt, Bill Dickey, Yogi Berra, Phil Rizzuto, and Whitey Ford, and has remained close to the organization ever since. He gives life to the team’s history, from the demise of Hilltop Park in the 1900s to the evolution of today’s team as an international brand. With a wealth of photographs, this is a treasure trove for lovers of sports, the Yankees, New York history, and America’s game.

Babe Ruth—Matt Christopher 2009-12-19 In a career that spanned over thirty years, George Herman “Babe” Ruth changed the way the sport of baseball was played. He was the first true power hitter, a strong pitcher, and in the outfield made some amazing game-saving catches. His love of the sport shined through in the way he laughed while jogging around the bases, in how he kidded and horsed around with teammates, and in his overall determination to win. But there was a darker side to Babe, one that nearly ruined his career - and his life. In the end, however, Ruth managed to overcome his personal demons, recapture his health, and go on to lead his beloved Yankees to championship status. Simply put, there has never been another player like the Babe. This definitive life of the legendary Yankee slugger: “The best biography ever written about an American sports figure” (Sports Illustrated). Nearly a century has passed since George Herman Ruth made his major league debut, and in that time millionss of words have been used to describe baseball’s greatest hero. But for a man like the Babe, for whom the phrase “larger than life” seems to have been coined, those millions of words have created a mythologized legacy. Who was the real Babe Ruth? Relying on

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exhaustive research and interviews with teammates, family members, and friends, historian Robert W. Creamer separates fact from fiction and paints an honest and fascinating portrait of the slugger. This is the definitive biography of a man who was, in legend and in truth, the best who ever lived.

Babe Ruth—Jim Reisler 2006-01-03 As America’s pasttime was still reeling from the Black Sox scandal of 1919, Red Sox player Babe Ruth was traded to the New York Yankees for $125,000. Who could have known that this business transaction would turn the 1920 season into a magical one and send Ruth’s celebrity into the stratosphere? Babe Ruth’s career that era, before Ruth joined the pantheon of sports gods.

The Selling of the Babe—Glenn Stout 2016-03-08 The complete story surrounding the most famous and significant player transaction in professional sports. The sale of Babe Ruth by the Boston Red Sox to the New York Yankees in 1919 is one of the pivotal moments in baseball history, changing the fortunes of two of baseball’s most storied franchises, and helping to create the legend of the greatest player the game has ever known. More than a simple transaction, the sale resulted in a deal that created the Yankee dynasty, turned Boston into an also-ran, helped save baseball after the Black Sox scandal and led the public to fall in love with Ruth. Award-winning baseball historian Glenn Stout reveals brand-new information about Babe and the unique political situation surrounding his sale, including—Prohibition and the lifting of Blue Laws in New York affected American baseball owner and beer baron Jacob Ruppert—Previously unexplored documents reveal that the mortgage of Fenway Park did not factor into the Ruth sale—Ruth’s disruptive influence on the Red Sox in 1918 and 1919, including sabermetrics showing his negative impact on the team as he went from pitcher to outfielder. The Selling of the Babe is the first book to focus on the ramifications of the sale and captures the central moment of Ruth’s evolution from player to icon, and will appeal to fans of The Kid and Pinstripe Empire. Babe’s sale to New York and the subsequent selling of Ruth to America led baseball from the Deadball Era and sparked a new era in the game, one revolved around the long ball and one man, The Babe.


The Year Babe Ruth Hit 104 Home Runs—Bill Jenkinson 2007-02-09 In an unprecedented look at Babe Ruth’s amazing batting power, sure to inspire debate among baseball fans of every stripe, one of the country’s most respected and trusted baseball historians reveals the amazing conclusions of more than twenty years of research. Jenkinson takes readers through Ruth’s 1921 season, in which his pattern of battled balls would have accounted for more than 100 home runs in today’s ballparks and under today’s rules. Yet, 1921 is just tip of the iceberg, for Jenkinson’s research reveals that during an era of mammoth field dimensions Ruth hit more 450-plus-feet shots than anybody in history, and the conclusions one can draw are mind boggling.

Young Babe Ruth—Brother Gilbert C.F.X. 2015-11-06 This work contains the heretofore unpublished memoirs of Brother Gilbert (a.k.a. Philip F. Cairnes), the Xaverian brother generally credited with steering the Babe to his professional contract. Ruth was raised by the Xaverian Brothers, a Catholic religious order, at St. Mary’s Industrial School from 1892 (when he was only 7) until 1914. These reminiscences begin with Babe Ruth’s departure from St. Mary’s and concentrate on his early playing years. An historical introduction by the editor of these memoirs, Harry Rotherger, details the history and relationship that existed between this organization of Catholic educators and the man who was to become the most influential baseball player and greatest slugger who ever lived. Brother John Joseph Sterne, the book’s forewordist, recounts a St. Mary’s band fundraising trip in which the band accompanied the Yankees through the American League cities at the end of the 1920 season. Several previously unpublished photos from the Xaverian Order complement the text.

Babe Ruth’s Called Shot—Ed Sherman 2014-02-18 The anticipation of another showdown with the Bambino transformed Wrigley Field. Temporary bleachers held the overflow of the 50,000-strong crowd that bright September day. Game 3 of the 1932 World Series between the Cubs and Yankees stood locked at 4-4. An angry mob, rocking the ballpark with pent-up fury, aimed itself squarely at him. He had never experienced anything like it. But above the almost deafening noise, the slugger could hear the tide of bars pouring at him from the Cubs’ dugout. They called him a busher, a fat slob, and other names not fit to print at the time. He took the first pitch for a strike, stepped out of the box, and collected himself. Cubs pitcher Charlie Root threw two balls, and Ruth watched a fastball cut the corner to set the count at 2 and 2. On the on-deck circle, Lou Gehrig heard Ruth call out to Root: “I’m going to knock the next one down your goddamn throat.” Ruth took a deep breath, raised his arm, and held out two fingers toward centerfield. As Root wound up, the crowd roared in expectation. It was a change-up curve, low and away, but it came in flat and without bite. The ball compressed on impact with Ruth’s bat and began its long journey into history, whizzing past the centerfield flag pole. No one had ever gone that far at Wrigley—not even Cubs hitter Hack Wilson. Estimates put its distance at nearly 500 feet. Ruth practically sprinted around the bases. Video cameras of the day raced to catch up with him, his teammates cracking that they hadn’t seen him run that fast in a long time. Then he flashed four fingers at the Cubs infielders and their dugout: The series was going to be over in four games. In that moment, the legend of the Called Shot was born, but the debate over what Ruth had actually done on the afternoon of October 1, 1932, had just begun.

Babe Ruth—Rae Bains 1985 A brief biography of George Herman Ruth, an unforgettable baseball player.

Playing the Game—Babe Ruth 2011 First serialized in 1920, the Sultan of Swat’s breezy account of his early life is rich with recollections of his childhood, his transition from pitcher to outfielder, and the blockbusters that sent him from the Red Sox to the Yankees. This original edition features new notes and photographs plus an introduction by sports historian Paul Dickson.

Ty Cobb—Charles Leerhsen 2015-05-12 Details the life of the legendary, record-holding baseball player, who retired in 1928 and became the first inductee into the Hall of Fame, but who has also been categorized as a belligerent, aggressive player and a racist who hated women and children.

Breaking Babe Ruth—Edmund F. Wehrle 2018-05-31 Rather than as a Falstaffian figure of limited intellect, Edmund Wehrle reveals Babe Ruth as an ambitious, independent operator, one not afraid to challenge baseball’s draconian labor system. To the baseball establishment, Ruth’s immense popularity represented opportunity, but his rebelliousness and potential to overturn the status quo presented a threat. After a decades-long campaign waged by baseball to contain and discredit him, the Babe, frustrated and struggling with injuries and illness, grew more acquiescent, but the image of Ruth that baseball perpetuated still informs how many people remember Babe Ruth to this day. This new perspective, approaching Ruth more seriously and placing his life in fuller context, is

The Great Bambino—Sam Chase 2021-03-09 The Great Bambino, The Sultan of Swat, The Titan of Terror…Babe Ruth was larger than life! Here is an illustrated history of baseball’s most iconic figure. Try to sum up the career of baseball legend Babe Ruth in fewer than 20 words, and the first two sentences on the Hall of Fame plaque that hangs in Cooperstown does so quite succinctly: Greatest drawing card in history of baseball. Holder of many home run and other batting records. The man known as the Great Bambino, however, represented far more than just numbers. As former teammate Joe Dugan once stated, “To understand him you had to understand this: He wasn’t human.” Offering the definitive look at Ruth’s life both on and off the field, from his rough childhood through the larger-than-life persona he would eventually become, The Great Bambino is an intimate and beautifully illustrated portrait of a true American icon.

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ahead of the 2019 season, which led to the reliever walking back some of the comments. But even as far back as 2019, Adam Ottavino, a current MLB reliever, claimed he would strike out Babe Ruth every time. That claim became even more controversial when Ottavino joined the Yankees.

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Babe Ruth—Daniel M. Daniel 2013-10 This is a new release of the original 1930 edition.

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