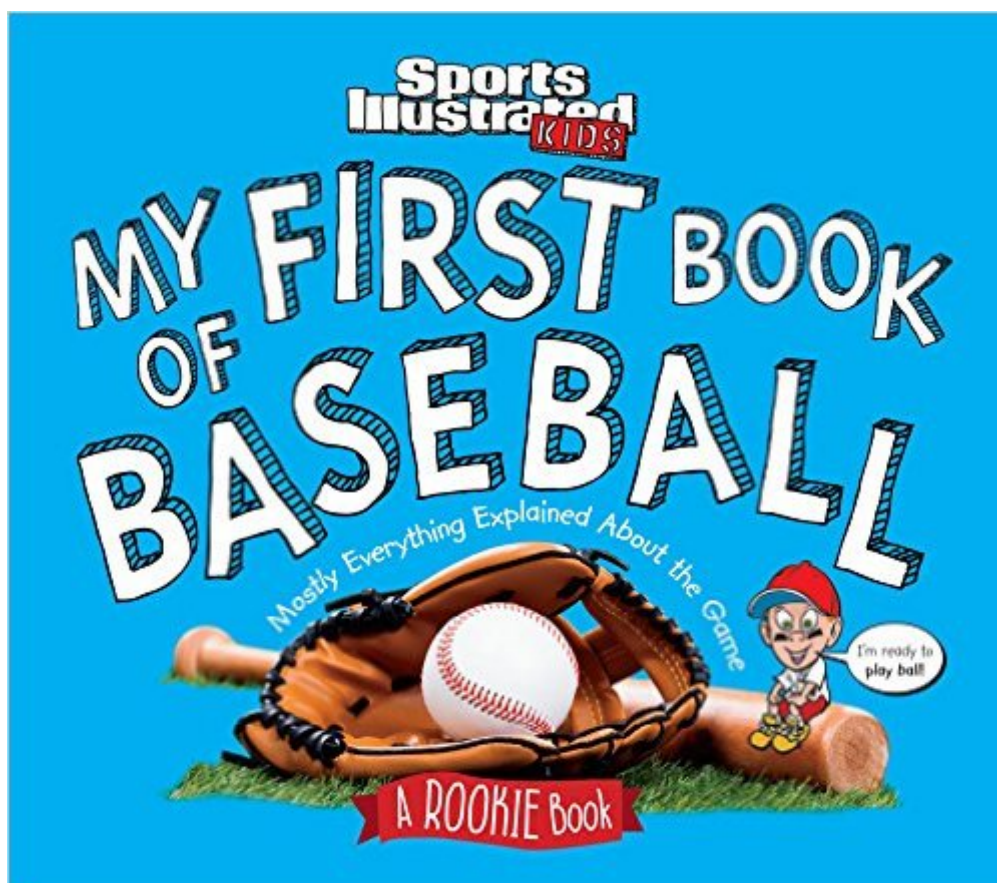


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# My First Book Of Baseball: A Rookie Book (Sports Illustrated Kids)



## Synopsis

My First Book of Baseball, the second Rookie Book from Sports Illustrated Kids, coaches young kids through the game of baseball with a visual retelling of an actual MLB game--from the first pitch to the game winning hit! Strikes, outs, steals, foul balls, home runs and more are all explained using a fun mix of Sports Illustrated action photography, simple text with engaging graphics, and a full glossary of essential baseball terms and phrases. An illustrated rookie player character also appears on every page, providing fun facts to help the next generation of fans better understand the game. Perfect for beginning readers, My First Book of Baseball is meant to be a shared reading experience between parents and their young minor league rookies before, during, and after the ball game.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

Here is a cheerful illustrated guide to what happens in a baseball game from start to finish, with examples of all the major concepts (though not steals, despite the description). The layout is attractive, and the pages mix action photos of real players in action with some cartoon elements. There are cute and irreverent thought bubbles capturing the thoughts of some of the players, and a cartoon rookie clearly meant to represent the reader gets his cute moments in, too. You'll have to take a look to see whether the cuteness puts you off. I'm inclined to ignore it because of the clear

explanation of the game. A particularly detail-oriented kid might wonder why the uniforms keep changing even during an inning, and a kid who knows more might wonder why MVP Bryce Harper comes to bat with three Mets batters loading the bases. But it's probably more important to show photos of as many different teams as possible, so why worry? The book achieves its goal of presenting a lighthearted and complete introduction to the basic rules and progress of a baseball game. Nothing about strategy, but that's okay for this level of introduction. The older fan reading this to a kid getting excited about attending her first game is free to fill all that in. So: a good tool to help you introduce the game to young kids, and a way to experience baseball with those kids when you're away from the park.

This is just the book for an emerging reader to learn about baseball. The colorful graphics clearly explain the game. First the players are actual photographs; then the cartoon-like questioning small child poses a question or makes a silly statement in a dialogue bubble ("He's either saying don't swing at this pitch or bring me a Kleenex"). Key vocabulary words are printed in 3-D Bold, with the pictorial action or explanation giving context clues (i.e., SAFE!). This book is a gift for my almost 6 year old grandson. But I could also see this book being part of an ESL program for adults and children as they learn about the great American pastime.

This is a fantastic book, and my son and I love it. The first few pages introduce the basic concepts of baseball. It is written like the pre-game warmups. Then, when the umpire yells "Play ball!" the book continues through 9 innings. It teaches the numerous things that can happen during a game of baseball, where each page is one inning and one new concept. By the time you are done, nearly everything about baseball is explained. (Wisely, the book skips some of the crazier rules, like a dropped 3rd strike and the infield fly rule. I have seen adults struggle to explain this, and I agree with the writers that there is no need to add these to a kids' book.) The text is large and the pages are bright and colorful. Every page has real players, and most of them are the most recognizable players from the game today. You will see Harper, Trout, Cano, and Kershaw, just to name a few. On each page, there is a little kid (like a fan) who adds comments. I would call this "color commentary" and my son found them funny. Overall, this is a great book that introduces baseball to a young audience. As a long time baseball fan myself, I also enjoyed the book. I recommend it to the young, old, and every baseball fan in-between.

As the grandmother of a sports-crazy boy, I was delighted to be offered this book to review. I had

high hopes for it and was not disappointed. It really does explain baseball and does so in an eye-catching and unusual way. It blends photography with colorful illustrations and it explains in sufficient but not excessive terms what each term means. It is thorough and detailed without being boring. My grandson was fascinated on his first reading and, by his second or third, he was explaining the game to me--and this is a sport in which he had previously not shown any interest. Although I am not sports-oriented at all, I still found the book to be interesting and informative. I confess that I have an ulterior motive for providing it to him as I hope to turn his interest towards baseball or soccer (and away from his favorite, football). I think that either one of those sports have less likelihood of serious head injuries and I'd like to encourage him to try them as extra-curricular activities instead of football. This book is sufficiently "cool" and un-patronizing that I think it has somewhat captured his interest. Now, when the baseball season begins, maybe his grandfather can take him to a game and....

I can't imagine a better beginning baseball book for kids than this little gem produced by the Editors of Sports Illustrated Kids. The author uses a dynamic combination of simple texts and entertaining graphics to effectively outline all the basics of the game. This book covers the field, the players, scoring, equipment, and plays. It flows along naturally, just as if you were watching a game and uses simple, straightforward language to explain concepts like the strike zone, seventh inning stretch, and what it means when someone says "bases loaded". Those are just a few of the topics covered in this "first book". An important part of this book's success lies in the whimsical graphics. Each baseball topic is given a full two page spread, and the artists use a combination of real photos, cartoon graphics, word balloons, and varying fonts. The cartoons add hefty doses of humor that keep all the information from becoming too overwhelming. For those young readers familiar enough with their favorite teams, but still kind of unclear on the rules, this book is certain to be a big hit. This is an excellent way to learn about the game, once again proving that Sports Illustrated not only knows their sports, but they also know a thing or two about kids.

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