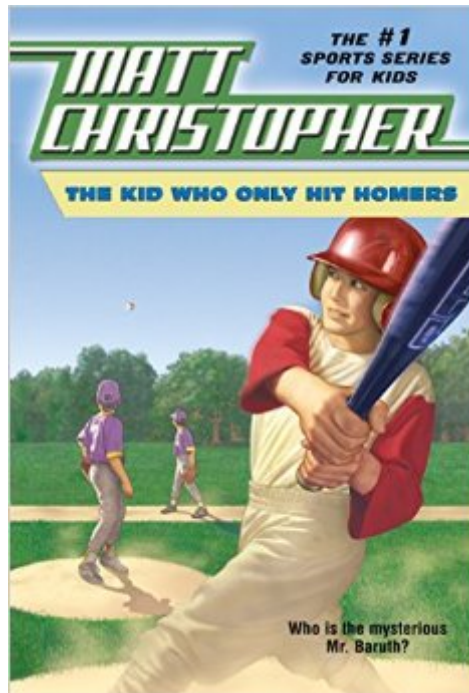


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# The Kid Who Only Hit Homers (Matt Christopher Sports Classics)



## Synopsis

Sylvester loved baseball, but he wasn't what you'd call a good hitter. He had decided against joining the team, when he met George Baruth. He promised Sylvester he would help him become one of the best players ever. Before long he was hitting homers.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

This was my favorite book for a time when I was about seven or eight. I read all the Matt Christopher books and this one was the only one I read more than once. Where as all his other books are pretty realistic tales where a kid learns an important life lesson from sports, this one is different in that it is more of a fairy tale - kind of like magical realism for kids. It's exciting enough to read about a kid who only hits homers but the book becomes even more interesting as a meditation on the meaning of success. The fact that I still remember this book at all is a true testament to how enjoyable it was. Buy it for your kid - among childrens literature, this book is a true classic.

I grew up reading Matt Christopher books and now at the age of 20 I owe my great interest in baseball literature to him and his books. They are great for kids to get into reading about the sports

they love to play and they teach great life and sport lessons especially about humility. There will always be a place in my heart for his literature and this is probably his best book on baseball. Highly recommended.

The Kid Who Only Hit Homers, by Matt Christopher, tells of a young boy who desperately wants to play baseball for his school. Unfortunately, he is neither a good fielder nor a skilled hitter. He quits tryouts and decides not to play. On the final day of tryouts, the mysterious George Baruth approaches him. This man teaches Sylvester how to field and hit a homerun every time. (spoiler) Everyone starts to ask him questions about this mysterious man and how Sylvester hits a homerun each time he goes to bat. (spoiler) These actions go on throughout the book (spoiler) Sylvester changes in several ways throughout the book. His skills as a baseball player increase dramatically. This leads to the improvement of his self-confidence, which allows him to feel more comfortable with himself. This book was banned because of Snooky Malone's belief in everyone's being born under a star, which some readers interpret as ant-Christian. I think that this book shouldn't have been banned. (spoiler)

Sylvester loved baseball, but he wasn't what you'd call a good hitter. He had already decided against joining the Redbirds when he met George Baruth. He said, "I'm going to help you become one of the best players ever." Before long Sylvester was hitting homers every time he was up to bat. But troubling questions come, like who is Mr. Baruth. The book was great. It had good detail and the story was like it was based on a true story. If you like baseball it's a great book to read.

As a ten year old I've read 10 Matt Christopher books and this is one of his best. You may want to check out Hard Drive to Short. I thought this was his best so far.

I thought this was a great book because when I had to go to bed, I was still reading an hour later! I could not put it down. I would recommend "The Kid Who Only Hit Homers" because if you're into baseball and suspense, this is the book for you. Sam W, 11 Framingham, MA

My son has struggled with reading for awhile, we were searching for something he would pay attention to and focus on. He loves this books and I'm so glad we bought them! He looks forward to his half hour reading time and actually can remember the story! It's awesome. I like that it is easy for him to read and understand. Great series for 7-12 year old boys!!

Got this for my grandson, and he liked it. He had heard of the author. He liked the characters, the story and the fact that it related to real life. Kids have trouble relating in real life, and a good story to help them cope is always special. Highly recommended.

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