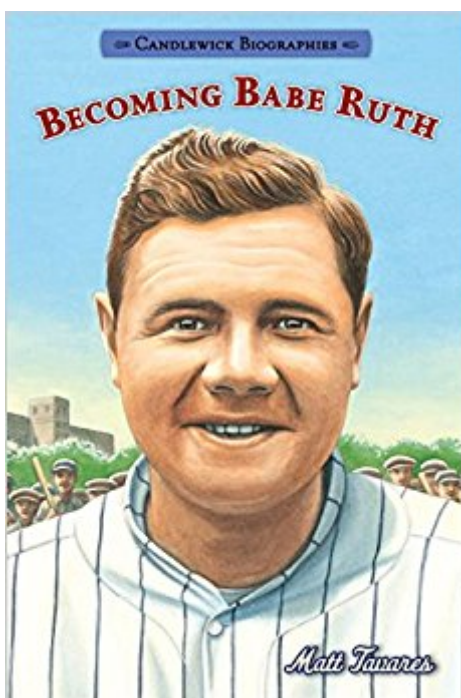


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Becoming Babe Ruth (Candlewick Biographies)



Synopsis

Matt Tavares's striking homage to one of baseball's legends offers a rare view into Babe Ruth's formative years in "the House that built Ruth." Before he is known as the Babe, George Herman Ruth is just a boy who lives in Baltimore and gets into a lot of trouble. But when he turns seven, his father brings him to the gates of Saint Mary's Industrial School for Boys, and his life is changed forever. At Saint Mary's, he's expected to study hard and follow a lot of rules. But there is one good thing about Saint Mary's: almost every day, George gets to play baseball. Here, under the watchful eye of Brother Matthias, George evolves as a player and as a man, and when he sets off into the wild world of big-league baseball, the school, the boys, and Brother Matthias are never far from his heart. With vivid illustrations and clear affection for his subject, Matt Tavares sheds light on an icon who learned early that life is what you make of it • and sends home a message about honoring the place from which you came.

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Customer Reviews

Well-researched, realistic illustrations, rendered in watercolor, gouache, and pencil, depict

early-twentieth-century life and Major League Baseball during Ruth's era. Equally important, the art captures Ruth's irrepressible personality and joy in playing baseball. Yes, the eyes definitely twinkle.

•Booklist (starred review) This is a story about the boy who became the man as much as it is about baseball... There is warmth and affection in Tavares's paintings, which generously illustrate the text, often in immersive spreads.

•The New York Times

Matt Tavares is the author-illustrator of *Zachary Ball*, *Oliver's Game*, *Mudball*, *Henry Aaron's Dream*, and *There Goes Ted Williams: The Greatest Hitter Who Ever Lived*. He is also the illustrator of *The Gingerbread Pirates* by Kristin Kladstrup and *Lady Liberty: A Biography* by Doreen Rappaport, among other picture books. Matt Tavares lives in Ogunquit, Maine.

I like the hardcover version much better as a read aloud. This version is good for just one person to read by themselves. I love this story. Boys love to read about the rebellious childhood of Babe Ruth. He is such an interesting read! He gets kicked out of his house and leads a very interesting/sheltered life in his boys school. This is an AR test as well. You can look up the levels on arbookfind.com.

Purchased for my grandson who used it to do a book report for his class at school. He found it to be extremely helpful.

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