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Now leading off the line-up—book #1 in a brand-new early chapter book mystery series where each book is set in a different American ballpark!

Thanks to Kate's mom, a sports reporter, cousins Mike Walsh and Kate Hopkins have tickets to the Red Sox game and All Access passes to Fenway Park. But as they're watching batting practice before the game, the lucky bat of Red Sox star slugger Big D is stolen . . . right in front of dozens of people. Without the bat, Big D can't seem to hit a thing. Can Kate and Mike figure out who pinched the bat before Big D and the Sox chalk up a loss?

The Fenway Foul-Up includes a fun fact page about Boston's Fenway Park.

Cross Ron Roy's mystery series with Matt Christopher's sports books and you get the Ballpark Mysteries: fun, puzzling whodunnits aimed right at beginning readers.

The Fenway Foul-Up Details

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Bonnie Ainsworth says

I didn't realize this was a children's mystery series till I started to read it. Still, I'm enjoying it. Already on the third book in the series.

Murray says

The first book in the Ballpark Mystery series. It takes place at Fenway Park in Boston and Big D's baseball bat has been stolen during batting practice and Mike and Kate attempt to figure who might have stolen it. At the end of the book are some various facts about Fenway Park. I found it interesting that a mystery book that is geared for 2-4th graders had a "red herring" in it. I would recommend this series to any child, who is transitioning from easy (early) reader books to chapter books, especially if they like sports and particularly baseball.

Cathy Austin says

A chapter book that is ideal for summer reading, I mean, it's a baseball story and the key characters are cousins, Kate and Mike.

The fan fave batter for the Red Sox, Big D, has lost his lucky bat, in fact, it's been stolen! Right after batting practice!

Mike and Kate, a dynamic duo of sleuths, are on the case.

Dialogue is pretty authentic, setting--Fenway--is spot on and the clues and logic the cousins run through is solid and keeps the reader wondering and figuring it out along with them.

Illustrations in black and white have a dated feel to them but considering it's Fenway, it works.

Good intro book to this series. Kids will love the narrative and solving the crime!

Sweet on Books says

- Ballpark Mysteries are a great addition to the early chapter books currently out there.
- Author David A. Kelly is definitely filling a need for more sports books for newly independent readers.
- Mysteries set in sports venues makes a combination guaranteed to work for young boys and sports-oriented girls.

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Kate Hopkins and Mike Walsh have accompanied Kate's mom to Fenway Park for a Boston Red Sox game against the Oakland A's. During batting practice, Big D's lucky bat goes missing. Big D is the Red Sox's biggest hitter, but without his lucky bat he can't do much. After some great detecting, Kate and Mike save the day when they locate the missing bat.

The writing is simple and so is the story. Young sports fans will eat this up. This book will be a grand slam for Boston fans, but general sports fans will enjoy it as well, using this one to whet their appetite until Kelly

gets around to setting a story in their favorite team's stadium. The second book, already published, is set in Yankee Stadium and the third in Los Angeles Dodger Stadium.

Kate Puleo Unger says

I can't remember where I heard about this series, but I thought it might be of interest to Christopher since he's pretty into baseball right now. The story is about two cousins - Kate and Mike - and their trip to Fenway park. The star Red Sox player's bat has been stolen during batting practice, and the kids are determined to solve the mystery. The clues were pretty obvious to me, but Christopher didn't figure it out. I loved the suspense. It helped hold his attention.

<http://www.momsradius.com/2017/10/juv...>

Lynn says

very cute story

Jessica says

If a student is into baseball, then this series would be good. They go to different stadiums and watch different teams, and solve a mystery while they talk baseball. It had good illustrations and dialogue.

I read this because I received 10 of them for my class library. I wanted to know what they were about since I'd never read them. I like baseball so it was interesting.

Jeff Raymond says

I received this cute early reader mystery about two kids who solve the mystery of the star Red Sox player's stolen bat as an ARC. Excellent for what it is, not much else to say.

Holly says

I read this to my son. It was a decent little mystery with some nice red herrings. Not much in the way of character development, but it is intended for pretty young kids. I'm sure we'll read more in this series at some point.

Jacks says

a quick easy read.

Jacob says

This book is just like Key to the Treasure because it is a mystery. But this is about baseball, and I like baseball. The setting is in a baseball stadium, Fenway Park. The main characters are Mike, Kate, and Big D. The conflict is that Big D's bat is stolen. The message is that you can solve mysteries that are hard if you have a partner.

Deanne says

Quick read. This book would be great for the young kids who love baseball but need some encouragement in reading.

The Yarrow Family says

I liked it because I love baseball. My favorite part was the end because they got to meet Big D and they got to keep a bat that looks like Big D's bat and a ball that was signed by each player.

Joni says

Connor read this to me and it was great! Especially because he liked it so much!

Heather says

Nicholas's review:

I enjoyed reading this book. It kept me interested and I loved the characters. I can't wait to read more in the series. Would recommend to my baseball loving friends.
