

**BABE & ME**  
By Dan Gutman

Joey Stoshack loves baseball and has the unique ability to travel back in time by concentrating on an old baseball card from his collection. His parents are separated and his Dad is not a strong presence in his life, so when Dad asks for a favorite Babe Ruth card back, Joey thinks he'll sell it. So he suggests they travel back together to 1932 to see if Babe Ruth really "called his shot" when he hit the winning run in the fourth game of the 1932 World Series. Their adventure answers Joey's question about the Babe, reassures his father's feelings about his family and brings them to an appreciation of each other that was not there before.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- Did you think the time travel seemed real? If you could go back in time what period in history or famous person from history, the arts or sports would you like to meet.
- Why was Joey mad with his father in the beginning of the story? What made him change his mind?
- Would Joey's Dad's money making schemes from 1932 have worked?
- Do you know anyone who lived throughout the Depression 1929-1932? What was it like for them?

**ACTIVITIES**

- If you collect sports cards, check current values. Visit a collectibles store.
- Design a card about yourself. Give personal statistics and information about your activity-- sports, music, art, etc.
- Talk to older family members or friends about their card collecting. What did a pack cost? What did they and their friends do with the cards?
- Look up former players' cards in books like the TOPPS baseball card books.(769.5)