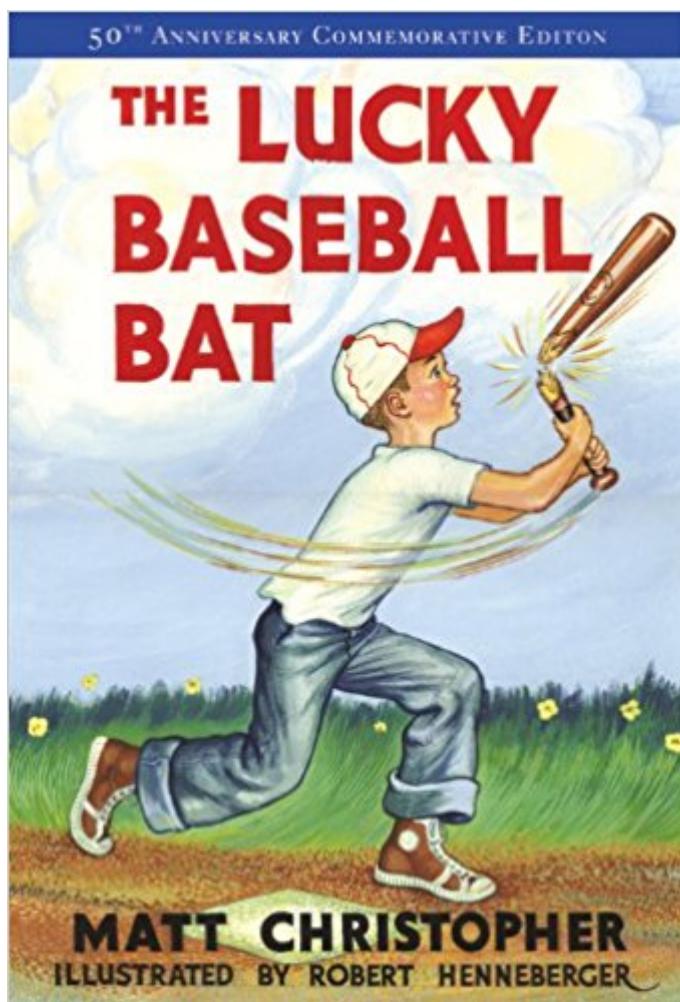


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# The Lucky Baseball Bat: 50th Anniversary Commemorative Edition (Matt Christopher Sports Fiction)



## **Synopsis**

Martin is new to the neighborhood, and wants to make a good impression on his new teammates. But when he loses his lucky baseball bat, Martin fears that he has also lost his ability to play baseball. Will Martin be able to continue his winning streak without the bat?

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 7 - 9 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 3-4-- Martin is new to the neighborhood and wants to play little league. When an older boy gives him his old mitt and bat, Martin finds he can both hit and catch, and attributes these skills to the equipment, not to himself. When he can't find his bat, he accuses a teammate of stealing it. In an unbelievable sequence, he jumps in front of an approaching car to pull a younger boy to safety; coincidentally, the boy happens to be the one who took the bat. In the end, Martin hits a home run and wins the championship game for his team. The plot is as evenly paced as that in The Hit-Away Kid (Little, 1988), with a controlled vocabulary and short chapters intended to help children make the leap to chapter books. The moral is also as conspicuous. --Denise Krell, New York Public LibraryCopyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or

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Matt Christopher is the best selling name behind more than 100 sports-themed books for young readers.

My 7 year old grandson loves to play baseball. He's in the first grade and had no problem reading this book. He loves these books written by Matt Christopher. The author is able to write to the reading level of young kids which keeps them interested in the book. My grandson did not have any problems retaining what he read and is very excited to read every night before bed. Highly recommend the books written by Matt Christopher.

My six year-old baseball-loving son really liked this book. It has a good message about confidence, and lots of play-by-plays. The book's quite dated -- kids go off to play unsupervised in the town's field, and the boy befriends a strange teenager in his small town -- but it was easy for me to explain these anachronisms to my son, and they give a sweet glimpse of 1950's life. Matt Christopher is no Dickens, but since we have to read sports books in my house, he's good enough for us.

Purchased for my husband who read these books as a boy! He loved it!

Great book with a great lesson. My son and I enjoyed the read.

Great books for young men who love baseball and have to read for school!

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