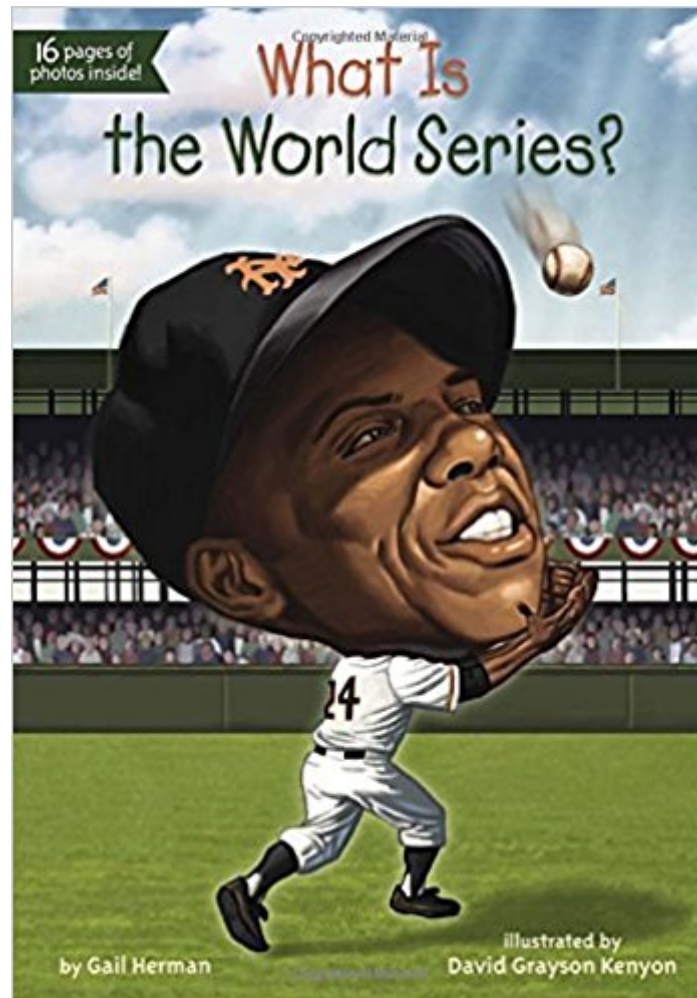




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What Is The World Series? (What Was?)



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"Strike out! You're out!" "He's safe!" "Homerun!" Every October, millions of baseball fans around the country anxiously wait to see which team wins baseball's biggest championship. But the original games of the 1900s hardly look like they do today. Take a look back over one hundred years and discover the history of baseball's greatest series. With triumphs, heartbreak, and superstitious curses, this action-packed book brings America's Pastime to life.

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Gail Herman has written several biographies, including *Who Was Jackie Robinson?*

What Is the World Series? It was October 1, 1903, and the first World Series game was about to begin. Hours before the game, thousands of fans poured into the Huntington Avenue Baseball Grounds in Boston. They came by foot, by horse and buggy, and by trolley car. By 2:00 p.m., all nine thousand seats were taken. Seven thousand more fans filed in, sitting on fences and standing behind ropes around the outfield. For this game, admission was double the usual cost: fifty cents for standing room and bleacher seats. One dollar for grandstand seats. Businessmen, students, factory

workers. The rich and the poor. Fans from all backgrounds came— with one exception. African Americans were not welcome in the stands or on the field. (In fact, there would be no black players in Major League Baseball until 1947.) At 3:00 p.m., an announcer shouted out the lineup through a megaphone. The game pitted the Boston Americans against the Pittsburgh Pirates. In the first inning, Honus Wagner brought one of his Pirates teammates home with a line-drive single. It was the very first run scored in the very first World Series. Every October, the temperature drops. Leaves fall. Excitement fills the air for baseball fans. It's time for the World Series—a once-a-year contest between the best of the Major Leagues—to name a championship team. But the World Series is more than a competition. It's an event with a capital E. During those autumn days, it captures the attention of the entire United States. Presidents throw out first pitches. Popular singers belt out the national anthem. In wartime, in peacetime, in good times and bad, the World Series celebrates a game that has become so popular, it is known as the national pastime.

CHAPTER 1 In the Beginning

Since the mid-1800s, the game of baseball has been played pretty much the way we know it today. However, until 1869, there were no professional teams with paid players. The Cincinnati Red Stockings were the first pro team. Others followed, and in time the teams joined leagues, which had rules, schedules, and player contracts.

I bought this book as a gift for my nephew, who is a huge baseball fan. He is 9 years old and in 3rd grade. This is a chapter book and is perfect for his reading level.

My 11 year old nephew is hooked on these books. Getting children to read anything is great and these books are great from an informative and enjoyable point of view. Lots of info packed in a manageable size book. Lots of facts and tidbits. Nephew is a huge MLB fan so this was even more enjoyable for him. Great series of books!

Great for kids who are not into reading but love baseball!

grandson asked for this for Christmas gift.

Nice addition to the Who Was series. All about the World Series.

enjoyable & informative & like the artwork

Great

My 9 yr old loved this book. Was able to read it in just a few days.

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