

## *The Boy Who Saved Baseball* by John H. Ritter

Over the summer, I read *The Boy Who Saved Baseball* by John H. Ritter. Even though I'm not a big baseball fan, I still enjoyed this book. *The Boy Who Saved Baseball* is about a boy named Tom Gallagher who must win a baseball game to keep his home town field from being paved over. Tom and his friends must play the game to keep the field because the owner, Doc Altenheimer, was going to just bulldoze the field, but changed his mind and decided to hold "the big game" between the Wildcats and the Vikings. In the end, Tom and his team win the game off a wild pop fly.

The author did a great job showing that no matter how good you are, it's how bad you want the victory that helps you win. In the story, the old baseball field in Dillontown was so important to the Wildcats that it motivated them to win the game. Ritter also used descriptive words to create a clear picture in my mind. For example, I felt like I was actually in the game as I was reading this part of the story. "Standing there in the middle of the roar, the stomping, the cowbells and trumpets, all Tom could think was, if I strike out, it's okay, it's okay. The game will still be tied 4-4."

The book was a little predictable because I knew the Wildcats' star player wasn't going to show up to the big game and that the Wildcats were somehow going to pull off a lucky win.

*The Boy Who Saved Baseball* is an excellent book for everyone because it has mystery, sports, action, a little romance, and excitement. Even if you are not a baseball fan, this book is for you.

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