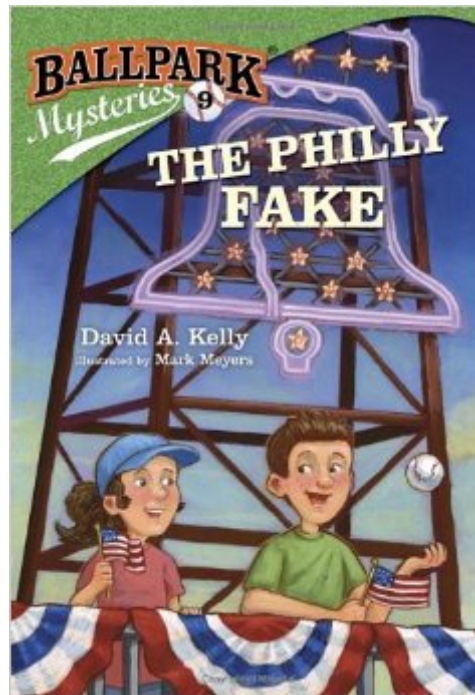


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# Ballpark Mysteries #9: The Philly Fake (A Stepping Stone Book(TM))



## Synopsis

It's the ninth inning! The Philly Fake is book #9 in our early chapter book mystery series, where each book is set in a different American ballpark! What better city to spend the Fourth of July than Philadelphia? For Mike and Kate, the holiday is all about hot dogs, history, and baseball! But the Phillies are in no mood to celebrate. They keep losing, and some people blame the lovable Phillie Phanatic! Can Mike and Kate help the Phanatic clear his name? The Philly Fake includes several pages of "Dugout Notes," fun facts about Philly's ballpark. Cross Ron Roy's A to Z Mystery series with Matt Christopher's sports books and you get the Ballpark Mysteries: fun, puzzling whodunits aimed at the younger brothers and sisters of John Feinstein fans.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

great, easy books for young baseball fans. i just wish they were a little longer or more challenging. my son is 7.5 and i feel these are too easy for him, polishing them off in a few hours. but he loves them, so we anxiously await each new installment.

My son is six and is a huge baseball fan. For now, I read these books to him, but he is starting to be able to read some of the chapters on his own. He really loves that the characters carry through each

book and I love that he is learning a little bit about new cities as we read each one. I'm so happy to have found this series for him!

Cousins, Kate and Mike, are baseball fanatics. Lucky for them, Kate's mom happens to be a sports reporter, so they get to tag along on plenty of trips to the ballpark. Each game offers up a new mystery, and Kate and Mike put their heads together to solve the puzzle. Like when Kate's mom took them to see the Phillie's play. Hot dogs zoomed through the air as the game geared up. The Phillie Phanatic rode out on his ATV, drawing attention from the crowd. Everyone was excited, watching the game, when suddenly, during a crucial play, the bat shattered into pieces.

Disappointment echoed through the crowd. The Phillie's lost, all because of the broken bat! Kate and Mike come to find out that there's been a rash of broken bats for the team, and suspicions are high. When they hear that the culprit may be the Phanatic, they just can't believe it. After meeting Ben Franklin, Kate and Mike start adding up the clues, but what they uncover will shake things up even more. Who is behind the bats breaking? What happened to Phil? Is Ben Franklin keeping a secret? You'll have to pick up *The Philly Fake: Book 9 of the Ballpark Mysteries* to fill in all the cracks. ;) *The Ballpark Mysteries* by David A. Kelly are fun stories, especially if you like baseball. I'm not a sports fan, but those who like baseball facts will enjoy these books. Mike and Kate are both clever and work well together. The writing sets the scene and makes you want to go to a ball game. I'd recommend these books to readers age six and up or anyone who loves baseball. *The Ballpark Mysteries* are great for parents to read with their sports loving kids. I also liked the *Doug Out Notes* at the end- it's fun to learn things! I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for my honest review.

From my seven year old, an unedited review: it was very cool because it had our own baseball team. It was very fun when the Phillies won the game at the end. Something was causing problems with the bats in the story. They had to find out who was causing the problem.

Traveling through different ball parks in his mystery baseball series, David A. Kelly gives the reader another intriguing baseball story. Like he did as the writer/producer of the *Ali McBeal* TV mystery series, he shares here an exciting story filled with humor and puzzling whodunits. And who doesn't enjoy a good laugh along the way while folks start to play the blame game? In Philadelphia, Mike and Kate spend the day eating hot dogs and enjoying a baseball game until the mood starts to change because the team starts to lose. Why are they losing baseball games? This baseball story is

an easy read for kids of all ages. Like traveling through different cities with some history along the way, I strongly recommend it to all the kids, give it five stars, and I'm Marvin P. Ferguson, author of THE UNKNOWN BASEBALL PLAYER.

The Philly Fake is an exciting book! Like the leaning in the end or back of the book. I do not like that there is somebody bad. You will probably like it!!

Nice story line for the age group. Not too detailed, but just enough to keep the reader's interest. Enjoy the Ball park history lessons at the end of each book.

These ballpark mysteries are wonderful reading for my grandson. The sports theme keeps him interested and his wanting to read them makes me happy.

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