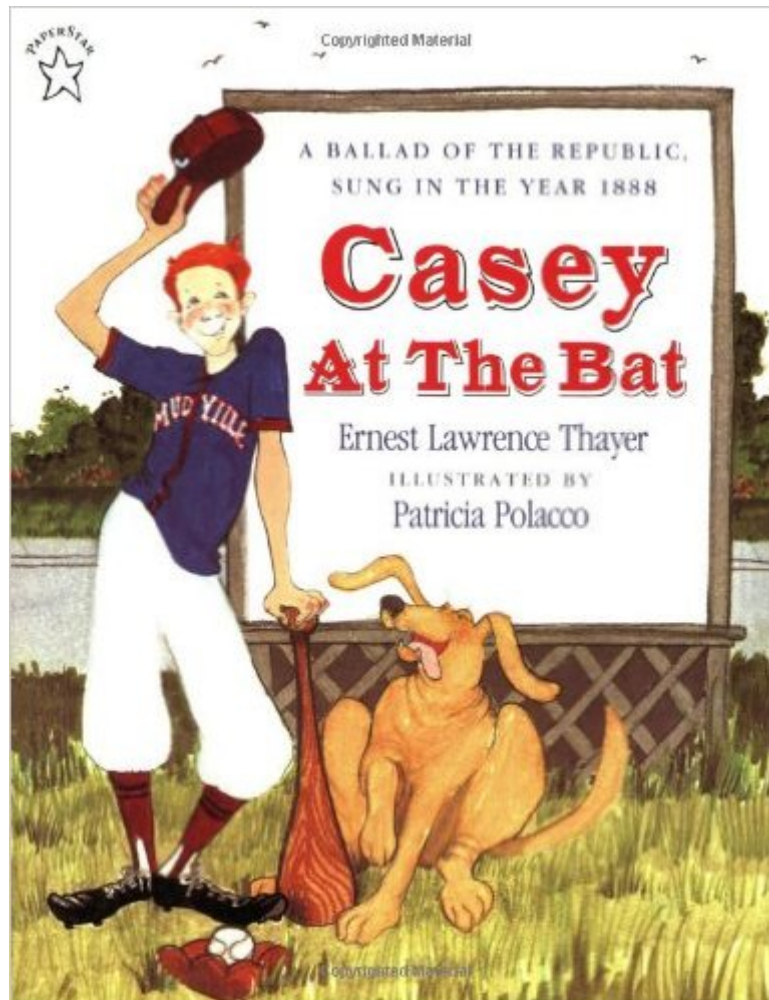


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# Casey At The Bat



## Synopsis

â œA home-run effort.â • â "Publisherâ™s Weekly Patricia Polaccoâ™s spirited illustrations capture all the fun and action-packed drama of Thayerâ™s immortal ballad. Â â œThe poem is launched with bright, bold illustrations that milk all the humor from the situationâ |Fresh and funny, this rendition should attract a whole new audience to the poem.â • â "Booklist

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Mr. Christopher Bing has reconceptualized "Casey at the Bat" from being a poem that appeared in the June 3, 1888 edition of the San Francisco Examiner into an imaginary news story with drawings and artifacts in "The Mudville Sunday Monitor" of the same date. In that reframing, the classic poem takes on a greater life and significance for fans of the poem. Each page in this brief book resembles the yellowed file copies of that old newspaper, with historic artifacts strewn across its pages. You will see tickets to the game, money, confetti, articles of that time, advertisements, a baseball, a baseball card, and the Library of Congress catalog card for "Casey at the Bat." Even the acknowledgments are put into this format. But this would all be but window-dressing if it were not such a powerful poem that has captured the imaginations of baseball fans for generations. "The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Mudville nine . . . .""The score stood four to two with but one inning more to play." "Everyone hopes that Casey will get to bat, but that's unlikely. But a miracle

happens."For Casey, mighty Casey, was advancing to the bat."Then comes the most famous and exciting at-bat in fictional baseball history. Alas, like the Red Sox since Babe Ruth left for New York, the end is disappointment for the fans. This book will make a wonderful gift for the baseball fan who has everything. After you finish oohing and aahing over the great illustrations and reliving your pleasure in the poem, I suggest that you reflect over the famous at-bats that have occurred in real baseball games. Which one is your favorite?

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