

Casey Back at Bat

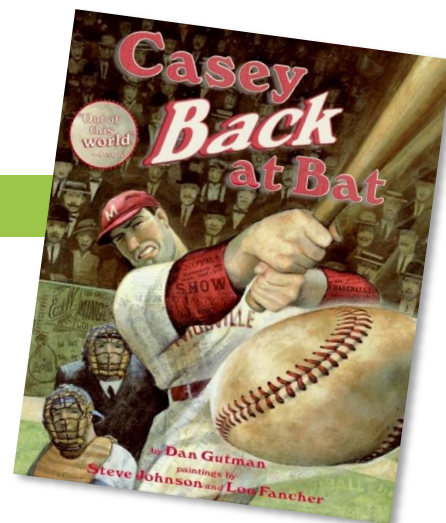
READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Baseball, Humor, Poetry

Book Brief: Casey gets a second chance to redeem himself after his last disastrous game. With all eyes on him, will he finally bring joy to Mudville? This hilarious sequel to Ernest Lawrence Thayer's *Casey at the Bat* continues the tale of the legendary but flawed sports hero.

Author:
Dan Gutman

Illustrator:
Steve Johnson



BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about Casey.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students to think of a time when they tried something again, even though they weren't good at it. What happened? How did they feel afterward?

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, notice how Casey found the courage to try baseball again."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What point of view is the story being told from?
- Explain what happened when Casey hit the ball.
- Infer what happens at the end of the game? Why?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: What happened when Casey when back to bat?

Extend Our Thinking: The author used exaggeration and tall tales to give reasons for landmarks across the world. Using [RIF's Writing Template](#), have students create their own stanza to extend the story.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more poems with the [Poetry Collection](#).