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Game Three of the 1932 World Series between the Cubs and Yankees stood locked at 4-4. Some 50,000 fans had gathered at Wrigley Field that bright October day, but above their roar Ruth heard insults pouring from the Cubs' dugout. He watched a fastball from Cubs pitcher Charlie Root set the count at 2-2. Agitated, the Bambino made a gesture, holding out two fingers—but what did it mean? Lou Gehrig heard him call out: "I'm going to knock the next one down your goddamn throat." Then the game's greatest showman pounded Root's next pitch. The ball whizzed past the centerfield scoreboard and began its long journey into history. In an instant, the legend of the Called Shot was born, the debate about what Ruth actually did still dividing fans and sports historians alike more than 80 years later. Deftly placing the homer in the social and economic contexts of the time, Chicago sportswriter Ed Sherman gives us the first full-length, in-depth look at one of baseball's most celebrated and enduring moments—including the incredible stories of two hand-held videos taken by fans and rediscovered decades later—and answers the question: Did Ruth really call his shot?

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Kipi says

There is no definitive evidence available that the Babe did or did not call his shot in the fifth inning of the third game of the 1932 World Series. Lou Gehrig was watching from the on-deck circle and said he did (after he said he didn't). Charlie Root and Gabby Hartnett (Chicago's pitcher and catcher) swear that he didn't, that Root would have put the next pitch in his ear if he had. (Chicago starter Guy Bush did hit Ruth in his first at bat in Game Four.) Baseball historians disagree. This book doesn't answer the question. It does give the reader an idea of what led up to the perfect storm of Ruth's at bat on that October afternoon and gives evidence and the stories of eye witnesses and historians on both sides. Whether or not he actually called that home run, the fact that it is still discussed over eighty years later speaks to the enduring influence Babe Ruth has on America's pastime.

Tony Parsons says

my hero for ever & ever would luv to win/read/review this book

Mark Simon says

Well-researched, and thorough without being too long (just over 200 pages). Covers all angles. Definitely recommend for those who like baseball history.

Robert Palmer says

BABE RUTH-----if you never played baseball,never went to the ball park,watched a game on TV,even if you don't care for sports in general---- you will still know who Babe Ruth was. This book is a very well documented story of famous called home run by Ruth in the third game of the World Series played in Wrigley field on October 1st , 1932. You have to remember that in 1932 the country was in the middle of the Great Depression and 50 cents for a seat in the bleachers and \$1.75 for a box seat was more than most people could afford,but 50 thousand fans still showed up for the game. The Cubs had lost the first two games in New York and they had to win this one . The Yankee players hated the Cub players because they wouldn't give former Yankee short stop Mark Keonig a full series share . Ruth and his wife were spit at by a large group of Female fans when they checked into the Edgewater hotel,Ruth said the language they used was worse than anything he had ever herd ,even in a salon (and he had spent a lot of time in Salon's). Did Ruth call his home run shot or did sports writers create the myth? After reading the book I still don't really know , but I will still go with the legend . A quote in the begging of the book from a western movie " the man who shot Liberty Vallance" as an editor gives instructions to a young reporter " when the legend becomes fact,print the legend. " Whether you believe Ruth called his home run shot or not it is still the greatest home run in baseball history and Babe Ruth is still the greatest ball player in history (Ted Williams is #2)

Ellison says

This provides history of Ruth, the basis for the bad blood between the Yankees and Cubs and then play-by-play account of the actual incident. Many other people are quoted as to what they say and thought. Newspaper reports are examined. Some ancient film was discovered.

Films about Ruth are savaged because they are...films. Well-informed give their thoughts. Incomplete index. B/W photos.

Paul Carr says

This is a comprehensive book about one of the iconic moments in sports history. Ed Sherman covers every angle in rich detail, even adding drama as he builds to a recently found film of Babe Ruth's Called Shot. Quotes, history, background, first-hand accounts, newspaper articles, opinions...this book has it all. For casual fans, the book might be a bit long. But lovers of the sport will struggle to find a better book about baseball history.

Brian says

While Babe is one of the most legendary players ever this book did not live up to his hype. The beginning of the book was great. I learned a lot behind the players and the scene that set up the event known as "Ruth's Called Shot." There is backstory about Ruth as well as some of the key writers and people involved in that time.

My problem with the book is that after reading about 2/3 of the book I didn't know why it had to continue on for another 60 pages. It was basically just asking MLB writers and historians what they thought. Shocker! None of them really gave a clear answer. All basically saying they didn't think the event happened, but who cares if it did? Nobody needs that repeated for another 50 pages. The last twenty pages I was really struggling to finish the book.

Thom says

Thoroughly covers the legendary home run in Game 3 of the 1932 World Series, from spectators to players and officials to sportswriters to fans and films. Five appendices cover the source and other related material - did I say thorough?

An enjoyable read, as the author goes back and forth between the did and didn't camps, building evidence and keeping it interesting - this isn't a dry tome or pile of statistics. Interesting how the stories have some subtle differences (and some not-so-subtle). Documenting Ruth's public and private statements through the rest of his life is also very revealing.

Recommended for baseball fans, psychologists and trial lawyers.

Christian Koklys says

I just finished reading Babe Ruth's Called Shot by Ed Sherman. The Book is about the myth and mystery about Babe Ruth's called Shot. It has been an Interesting topic on all sports writers minds. We get to see all the opinions from the 1932 team of the New York Yankees like, baseball greats like Lou Gehrig and Lefty Grove. The Yankees sure where a special team that year, carrying 5 future hall of famers.

I really liked this book because I love baseball and the past greats. Ruth was one of my favorite baseball players of all time. What bugged me was that the author would get proven that Babe did call his shot, but he would keep trying to prove that he did. That's what made the book kind of repetitive and annoying.

I would recommend this book to young adults who love baseball or are just looking for a good book to read. This book was great and i would read more from this author.

Debra says

I love the game of baseball along with all of the history and the folklore. This is a great read for any lover of the game!
