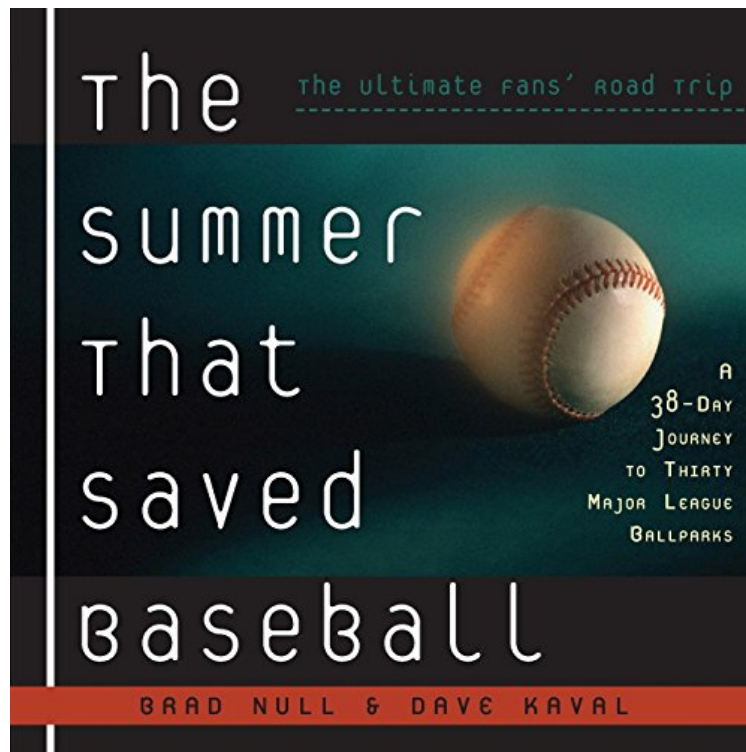


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Brad Null, Dave Kaval : The Summer That Saved Baseball: A 38-Day Journey to Thirty Major League Ballparks before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Summer That Saved Baseball: A 38-Day Journey to Thirty Major League Ballparks:

2 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Grand Slam! By Shirl Kennedy Bought this book for my son's 10th birthday, along with several other baseball books. This summer, he'd spent some time traveling through Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan with my brother, and they saw ballgames at five different major league stadiums. So I figured it might appeal. It was an immediate hit. The child curled up in a corner of the couch with it and didn't move for the next hour. Every so often, he would burst out laughing and share passages with me. Later in the afternoon, I saw him out riding his scooter, clutching this book in his hand as he headed down the street to track down his brother. My son is an avid reader who has no trouble with adult-level material. (I have degrees in library science and journalism, and work in online media. This house is awash in books and magazines.) But from volunteering in the schools, I know that many boys this age are reluctant readers. There's a world of sports books out there that may well capture the interest of young fans. Don't immediately head for the children's section. Pick an appropriate sports book -- peruse the top sellers -- from the adult choices. Even if the child doesn't dive right in, odds are he (or she) will flip through, look at

pictures and read photo captions, maybe spend some time on chapters of particular interest. Many childrens' sports books are boring to serious fan-type children because they contain only limited information that the kid already knows. For example, some kids are obsessed with baseball history, statistics, sports stadiums, etc., to an extent that will not be satisfied by a few simple facts. If completely stumped for ideas, try a sports almanac -- ESPN and Sports Illustration put out inexpensive paperback editions. Many kids will keep something like this near their beds and browse each night before falling asleep.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good fun for baseball fansBy Dr. R.P. ForsbergA very nice tale of traveling from park to park and the trials and tribulations involved. Not a masterpiece of western civilization, but very very enjoyable. The details of travel preparations, family and friends' involvement and the tension created by such an ambitious trip are well worth reading if you are a baseball person. The food reviews at each park are useful, too. I recommend the smokey links at Wrigley Field -- well, I haven't had one there since about 1997, but they are great - a born and raised Cubs fan who attended games from 1958-1988 many times a year (moved, alas).0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy CustomerGreat read. Dave Kaval is now the President of the Oakland A's so he is quite a success story!

The strike of 1994 took a lot out of Major League Baseball. For the first time, a World Series was cancelled, something that hadn't even happened during World War II. When play resumed, people stayed away from the ballparks in droves, and attendance was at an all-time low. Then, in the summer of 1998, balls started flying out of the ballparks in St. Louis and Chicago. Suddenly baseball was fun again. The Great Home Run Derby between Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa resulted in both men breaking Roger Maris's 37-year-old record of 61 home runs in a single season. When the season was over, McGwire had hit 70 home runs and Sosa 66, and the New York Yankees had won the first of three consecutive World Series championships. Among the fans in the ballparks that summer were two recent graduates of Stanford University who had decided that before launching into their careers they would indulge themselves in one of the ultimate baseball fantasies: to see a game in all thirty ballparks of Major League Baseball. To make matters interesting, they decided to view these thirty games and visit the thirty stadiums in less than forty days. This is the chronicle of that adventure, the story of their experiences at the ballparks and at the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, the Louisville Slugger Museum, and the Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa. Each chapter offers a fan's-eye view of the stadiums and a description of their experiences at the ballparks -- Kaval and even give advice on what not to miss at each stadium. The notoriety the authors gained while making this pilgrimage earned them special treatment by representatives of the host teams, ballpark officials, and concessionaires. These stories focus on all that is good and enjoyable in Major League Baseball. And they are illustrated throughout with photographs from *The Summer That Saved Baseball*.

"You can feel the enthusiasm of Null and Kaval as they enter the stadiums and savor the games..." -- Orlando Sentinel, March 3, 2001
From the Publisher
The strike of 1994 took a lot out of Major League Baseball. With attendance at an all-time low, the summer of 1998 changed it all. The battle between Sosa and McGwire to break the home-run record set by Roger Maris fueled the flame of fans everywhere and revived our national pastime. Authors Kaval and Null chronicle their adventure during that summer to attend thirty games at all thirty baseball parks in a mere forty days.
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