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When Joe Stoshack's dad ends up in the hospital after a car accident, he has two words to say to his son: Mickey Mantle. For Stosh has a special power -- with a baseball card in hand, he can travel back in time. And his dad has a rare card -- Mantle's valuable 1951 rookie card. "I've been thinking about it for a long time. Go back to 1951. You're the only one who can do it," Dad whispers. That night Stosh grips the card and prepares for another magical adventure. But when he opens his eyes, he's not in Yankee Stadium -- he's in Milwaukee on June 8, 1944. And how he wound up there is not half as surprising as what he finds!

## **Mickey & Me Details**

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## **From Reader Review Mickey & Me for online ebook**

### **Misha says**

I think it is good so far

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### **Ty says**

I liked this book okay. I thought it was going to be about Mickey Mantle but it wasn't. It was about Mickey Maguire, a girl baseball player. Since a WWII was going on all the men baseball players were at war and couldn't play baseball. The girls decided to play and keep baseball alive.

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### **Teagen Moser says**

it was a good book.

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### **Nicholas says**

the book was good just like the rest of Dan Gutmans books, if you accually read his books and know alot about baseball history you will love the books. just by reading his books you learn so much about baseball history. his books are super super interesting.

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### **Clara says**

Teresa Sullivan has shown extreme empathy in writing "Mickey and Me" and tells of special needs sister, Mickey's troubles as paralleling her own. Her writing shows honesty and pain in equal measure and is a treasure to read. She asks the tough questions of what happens to siblings of special needs children and shows the cost on siblings of those children.

This book is a poignant look at siblings with special needs and should be required reading for all of us.

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### **Matt Bailey says**

Mickey & Me, by Dan Gutman, takes you on an adventure of a young boy named Joe Stoshack who must travel back in time to help major league baseball player, Mickey Mantle. Joe has the secret power of traveling back in time through baseball cards. When Joe goes to visit his father in the hospital after he is in a serious car crash, he tells him that he must go back to 1951 and stop Mickey Mantle from injuring himself.

When he goes to travel back to 1951 he discovers he has gone back to the summer of 1944. This is because when he is babysitting his younger sister Samantha, she switches the Mickey Mantle card with another. Not only does Joe go back in time too far but when he goes back he is on a girl's professional baseball team. He makes the best of the situation and learns these girls are very talented and hardworking.

I really liked this book and would recommend it to anyone who enjoys sports. I thought the novel was very creative and really enjoyed the adventure it takes you on. This book could also be very exciting for anyone who enjoys superpowers. Although this is a superpower that not many would think of I think it helped make the book that much better. *Mickey & Me* is filled with excitement and would be a good novel to suggest to a student who enjoys sports and may not like reading. Some of the issues the novel contains are World War II, Adolf Hitler, and death. By including some of these issues and persons of history it makes for a good read to anyone who likes history as it is displayed in humorous ways. One reason I didn't like this book was it was barely about Mickey Mantle at all. For the readers who may choose this book because they want to read about Mickey Mantle, this isn't a book for them at all. Dan Gutman is an excellent author and I enjoyed that he added black and white photos during the novel. This may help students who are more visual as it gives images to the reading. Overall I found the book to be very creative and really enjoyed the adventure it takes you on.

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### **David says**

I associate Dan Gutman with low-brow kids' books and, though I don't forbid my kids from doing that sort of reading, I don't encourage it either and am happier when I see them reading something else. My elementary-school-aged boys loved all the *Weird School* series. I read one or two, but don't remember them enough to have an opinion right now. All of this is by way of saying that I had limited expectations for this book.

I should probably get over myself. I liked this one quite a bit, not for me, the adult - though it wasn't awful from that standpoint, either - but for his intended audience, boys (and maybe girls) from about 8-13. Dan touches a lot of bases - I shouldn't have, but I did - and gets it right for that age group. The baseball discussion is good, the nod to pubescent sexual awakening is mostly well done (though the protagonist's hopes for romance seemed unrealistic), I liked the twist from Mickey Mantle to women's baseball and back again, and the history and sociology lessons were presented without being didactic (always a tough job with kids' books). If I thought about it longer and more carefully, I'd probably identify some weaknesses, as well as a few more things I liked, but, overall, this is a well done book and I just directed my 12 year old to it this morning.

Also worth noting, Dan Gutman has also written a very accessible book for kids on writing, *My Weird Writing Tips*, that I highly recommend.

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### **Marc says**

This book I felt was great. This book was so suspenseful and kept me reading. There wasn't really any part in the book that I didn't want to read. At the end it just made my mind blowned. This book had a crazy ending but better than most of books.

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### **Colby says**

i think mickey and me was a very good fun book to read and i would recommend it to anyone. dan gutman did a really good job with this book and i wont to read some of his other books.

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### **Braxton Schieler says**

Easily the worst book I have ever read in my entire life. The characters were poorly developed, it was inappropriate, random, and nothing at all was developed. Time travel element was pitiful, uncreative, and didn't make any sense. The more I write the angrier I get, so I better just stop this review now. I wouldn't recommend this book for everyone, in fact I might like to perform a burning ceremony and tear out the pages one by one the next time I want to have a campfire. =

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### **Tyler says**

I is a good book I really like Dan Gutman he is a great writer i have read some of his books and they are all great.

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### **Jordan says**

summary: A boy named Joe Stoshack can travel through time with baseball cards. His dad got in a car wreck and it paralyzed himself. He told Joe to get his Mickey Mantle card and go tell Mickey Mantle not to step on the drain in the yankees stadium outfield. His cousin switched the card with a different card and that made him go some where else.

opinion: I thought it was good although I wish he got to meet Mickey Mantle as a profesional.

recomendation: I think you should read this book and theres also other books in this series, but i don't know the order.

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### **Morgan Dixon says**

I read the book Mickey and Me by Dan Gutman because I have read a lot of his books in this series, and they make a really good point on what it feels like to be in the time periods that this character goes in. Joes baseball adventures are usually something to do with something that happened in the period of time that he is in now. His dad was in a car accident and was pretty serious so when Joe went to go and visit his dad he gave Joe Mickey Mantle's baseball card. Because Mickey Mantle had a knee injury in the 1951 World Series and his dad wanted him to stop that from happening and ruin Mantle's career but his cousin ended up switching the cards on Joe and sent him to the wrong time period and wrong person. Joe ended up in 1944 D day and meets Mickey Maguire a girl baseball player. I enjoyed this book because this book shows what it was like for a girl in that time period and what it was like to even be able for them to play baseball. The clothes that

the girls had to wear while playing baseball, was not very good they had no protection from the ball so if they got hit hard there was nothing stopping it, that right there helped me show more what it was like. What I they had to feel while playing was even more rough, because they knew that the time the war was over meant the time girls playing baseball was over, because that means the men take it over again and the women go back to working. From these two example just show that it was horrible for the women back then and it made me think more about it and gave a lot of good facts from that time period and made it a good book. I hope you choose to read this book because it will make you think and make you feel different on what you thought it was like for the women in 1940's.

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### **Bariza Kennedy Sunday says**

If you had the chance to travel through time and change something, would you? In *Mickey and Me* by Dan Gutman, the main character Joey has a gift of traveling through time by holding a baseball card. Joey travels through time to fulfill favor for his dad to go through time to warn Mickey Mantle about a drain in the outfield that ultimately damaged Mickey's career. Starting in Louisville, Kentucky, Joey travels to other places such as a 1944 women's baseball field in Milwaukee Wisconsin. I read this book because it is about baseball and I like reading about baseball. I've read other books in the series and liked them so I thought I'd like this one too.

Joey, a thirteen year old boy, has the ability to travel through time. Not everyone knew but his dad did. His dad gets hit by a car and sent to the hospital and wants Joey to go back in time and warn Mickey Mantle, a famous baseball player, about the drain in the outfield that will harm his career. He ends up going to the wrong time period because his cousin Samantha tricks him and he ends up meeting female baseball players instead of Mickey Mantle. From that, he makes friends with Dorothy McGuire, a nice woman baseball player who plays catcher, and learns that women can also be great and talented baseball players. In the end, he meets thirteen year old Mickey Mantle by surprise and returns home.

I liked the ending because he gets to meet Mickey Mantle but at his same age of thirteen years old instead of as a grown man. I liked this because it was unpredictable and relatable to me. I liked that he decided to play in the game when the bad news about his dad came; I probably wouldn't have done that. My favorite part was when he wants to play even though his dad is injured. I liked his perseverance and enjoyed that part of the book.

I liked the book because it has baseball in it and has interesting characters. I like the use of time travel to make the plot unique. I also liked how two characters (Joey and Mickey) related by being the same age as well as the descriptiveness of the book and its imagery. This made it easy to image. The book also had pictures of the actual baseball players and I liked being able to look at them and know what they looked like. However, I didn't like how short this book was, because it was interesting to me. Although, there are more in the series that I can read. This book is similar to the *Percy Jackson* series because they both have supernatural powers such as time traveling and mystical powers; they are both realistic but have science-fiction elements. The main characters both boys and are also the same age. Anyone who likes baseball should read this book and people who like reading about sports or historical events.

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### **Cam Phinney says**

First it starts off with Joe "Stosh" Stoshack's dad getting into a major car accident. When Stosh is next to

hospital bed with his dad his dad tells him to go back in time with baseball cards and tell Micky Mantle to be careful of the drain pipe in center field at Yankee Stadium. His dad says the card is under a loose floorboard. Once Stosh finds the card he takes it to his bedroom so he can travel back in time. While he was getting ready his little cousin switched the Micky Mantle card with a 1944 Milwaukee Chicks card. The Milwaukee Chicks are a baseball team consisted of all girls in the AAGPBL. Which stands for All-American Girl Professional Baseball League. When he goes back in time he finds himself in the Milwaukee Chicks locker room. Suddenly the door opens and are the girls are walking out of the showers naked. Once the girls find him they feel bad for him so they make him the team mascot. In one of the games Dolores Klosowski breaks her leg running to first. So the girls dress Stosh up in a uniform and make him play. It was the bottom of the 9th and the manager, Max Carey, told Stosh to steal all the bases, 2nd, 3rd, and home. Everyone erupted in joy. The next day Stosh was walking out the clubhouse to use his baseball cards to go back to his own time when a gang wants to beat him up. All of the sudden Micky Maguire rode up next to him on her horse and scared all the gang members away. Stosh rode the horse down to the train station and was buying a ticket when the gang members showed up again lucky for him the train was already starting to leave so he was safe from the gang members. Just for fun he gave them all the finger. On the train he met a kid that was also his age they stared talking for almost a hour. When the boy was getting off they switched signatures and Stosh found out it was Micky Mantle. So he yelled out the window and told him to watch out for the drain pipe in center field at Yankee Stadium, but Mickey could not understand him. Finally Stosh finds a quiet place to go back home. When he gets home his mom breaks the news to him that his dad is paralyzed, and that's where the book ends.

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