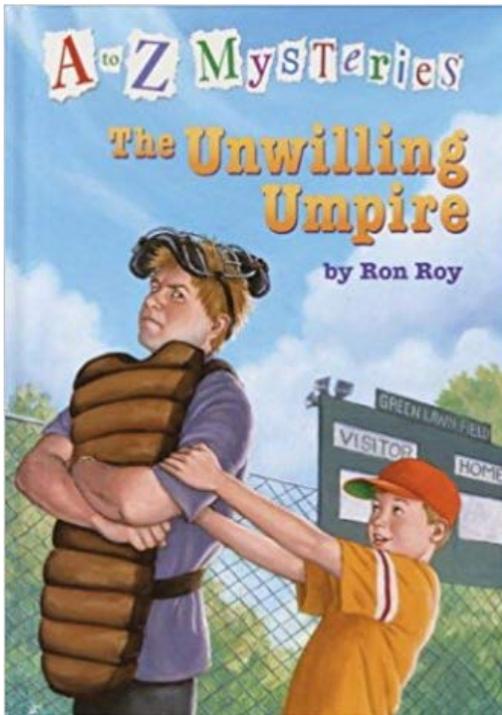


A to Z Mysteries: The Unwilling Umpire (A Stepping Stone Book(TM)) by John Steven Gurney,Ron Roy



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Don't miss A to Z Mysteries—alphabetic adventures that are full of thrills, chills, and cases to crack! **U is for Umpire...** In the twenty-first book of the A to Z Mysteries—an early chapter book mystery series featuring strong boy and girl characters—the whole town has turned out to watch the Green Lawn women challenge the men in the charity baseball game - and to see Mr. Pocket's prized baseball collection. But sometime during the game, the balls are stolen! The police suspect the umpire of foul play. Can Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose prove he's innocent, or is it strike three for the Green Lawn ump? Each book includes a map and a letter from the author. Parents, teachers, and librarians agree that these highly collectible chapter books are perfect for emerging readers and any kid who love mysteries!

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generation of new

"Give it 5 stars Mom"

"Why is that son?"

"It's the best one out of the series" (he hasn't read L or V-Z yet)

"What's so good about it?"

"It's cool".

"Anything else?"

"Nope"

My little chatterbox was not feeling verbose apparently.

This is a series my older son refused to get into when he was the same age, however my youngest has really taken to it. He is 8, in the second grade, and according to his teacher he reads 'above level'. He also likes Captain Underpants, Diary of a Wimpy Kid and the Stink series. He has declined to read the Magic Treehouse or Boxcar Children books, possibly because that is what his older brother liked and thus we had on our shelves already. Oh well, Mom has to get more books...

In any case, the stories obviously have held his interest well and are challenging enough for him to enjoy without being too hard. Anything to encourage reading, and this series has done a great job at that! We have V-Z on the way and hopefully 'L' will turn up soon...

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

JTG

edited 23 Sept 2012, I'm going through my older reviews and in looking at old ones regarding my son's reading habits I have to smile. The little man (now almost 10) is a reading machine. I even got him a Kindle as he was getting so voracious in his reading habits and as we are living in a non-English speaking part of the world with only very limited library/shopping options the Kindle is quite a help. In any case, this was one of the pivotal series in his reading past...and now he is reading things like the Hobbit and LOTR (and understanding them). This series really was a great one for him..not sure we ever got to 'Z' though.

Kata

I read several of these to my 5 year old grandson. They're his favorites and he's started trying to solve the crimes before the end of each book. We like the continuity of main characters across the different books in the series. Papa and grandson both give 2 thumbs up.

Aria

Very important story line about self character, family and friendship values. Has a nice suspense story line for kids and adults. Had a great time reading it with my 9u baseball player.

Gabar

Great!

Kegal

I loved this book. I thought that when the glass was broken into and the umpire was blamed for the balls being stolen was a little bit mean because the three kids never jump to conclusions. I like how Pete was a great big brother to Buddy but I would think that Pete would do the right thing and not try to be someone else. Overall I really liked this book. I would give it a 10 star rating if I could.

Dukinos

Great! My son loves this series.

playboy

This entire series of books is a Christmas gift to our 8-year-old granddaughters. They are devouring books and have expressed an interest in this set. No doubt, sure to be read from cover to cover.

Was a Christmas gift for my grandson. This is his favorite series so it's a good buy.

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