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Editorial Review

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Reviewers tended to dismiss *Blockade Billy* when they compared it to the sum of King's oeuvre, but they appreciated the book as a better-than-usual attempt to fictionalize the world of baseball. Readers with a more nostalgic take on the game will particularly enjoy King's evocation of the way it was played in 1957. And baseball-stats wonks will likely salivate over the mystery of what event could be so horrible that the Majors would efface the scorecard for all time. But other readers may wish to start with one of King's classics.

About the Author

Stephen King is the author of more than fifty books, all of them worldwide bestsellers. His recent work includes The Bill Hodges Trilogy—*Mr. Mercedes* (an Edgar Award winner for Best Novel), *Finders Keepers*, and *End of Watch*; the short story collection *The Bazaar of Bad Dreams*; *Revival*; *Doctor Sleep*; and *Under the Dome*. His novel *11/22/63* was named a top ten book of 2011 by *The New York Times Book Review* and won the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Mystery/Thriller. His epic series, The Dark Tower, is the basis for a major motion picture from Sony. He is the recipient of the 2014 National Medal of Arts and the 2003 National Book Foundation Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters. He lives in Bangor, Maine, with his wife, novelist Tabitha King.

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Stephen King loves baseball and writes a superior novella. Both are in evidence in this unique and fascinating yarn. *Blockade Billy* was a superstar on the New Jersey Titans in the 1950s. "Mr. King" is visiting George (Granny) Grantham in a nursing home to learn the secret of Billy's talent. Narrator Craig Wasson is superb as the old coach--he sounds much like an old-time baseball announcer on the radio. The ballpark sounds and the use of real names are ideal for a "you are there" sports stadium experience. As Billy, Wasson is credibly weird--he talks to himself and mysteriously hurts players during games. The climax is perfect King, with the bonus of a sparkling historical sports setting. S.G.B. © AudioFile 2010, Portland, Maine

Users Review

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Eric Baur:

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