

## Text Set to Accompany

# The Streak:

## How Joe DiMaggio Became America's Hero

### Primary Sources & Research Materials

These texts tell readers more about the life of Joe DiMaggio.

[Audio Clip: Joe DiMaggio Tells His Story](#)

In this audio clip, listeners can hear Joe DiMaggio tell the story of his 1941 streak and how it ended in his own words. DiMaggio tells how his streak caught the attention of baseball viewers and shares how the pressure built as the games added up.

[Primary Source Article: 1950 New York Herald Tribune](#)

In this 1950 article by American sportswriter Red Smith, Joe DiMaggio shares his recollections of the 1941 season and the ways in which his team rallied around his success. He also shares how he listened to the World Series on the radio during his childhood and fell in love with the game.

[Library of Congress: Joe DiMaggio Photographs & Records](#)

Visit this collection of documents from the Library of Congress, including this photograph of Joe DiMaggio about to kiss his signature baseball bat in 1941. Other pictures include Joe DiMaggio autographing baseballs and attending events.

### Content Connections

These texts explore topics such as baseball history and World War II.

[Article: During World War II, baseball players wore two kinds of uniforms](#)

This recent article from the Washington Post explores how World War II interfered with the game of baseball, and how baseball players stepped up to serve during a time of uncertainty.

[Online Exhibition: Baseball Americana](#)

This digital exhibit from the Library of Congress includes primary source documents and artifacts from throughout the history of baseball. From 1887 baseball cards to the earliest written mention of baseball (1786), there is so much to explore!

[Database: A History of the Baseball Uniform](#)

This online database allows readers to search by team and year to find what uniforms looked like back in the day. The database also hosts an online exhibit about the history of the baseball uniform.

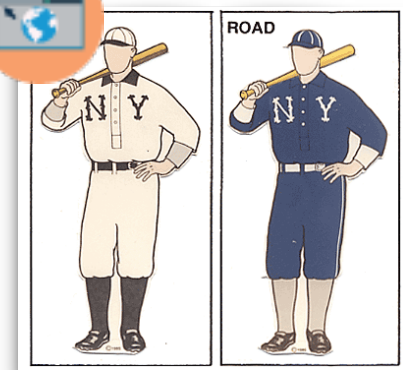
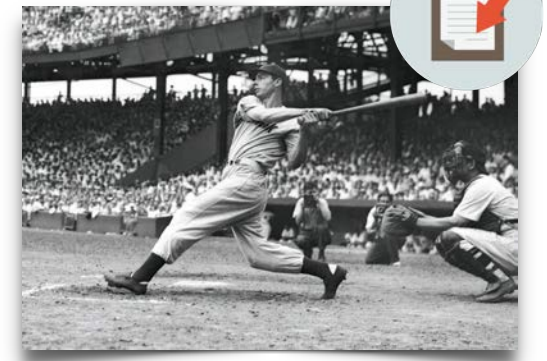
The uniform at left shows what the New York team (later named the Yankees) wore during the 1903-1904 season. Readers can use the database to find out what Joe DiMaggio wore!

[Video: Breaking DiMaggio's Record of 56](#)

Baseball analysts gives facts about Joe DiMaggio's streak and how some changing elements in baseball make it unlikely that his record will be broken. Viewers will learn about the skills a baseball player would need to exceed, or come close to exceeding, DiMaggio's record.

[Online Exhibit: Picturing America's Pastime](#)

The Google Cultural Institute and the National Baseball Hall of Fame collaborated to create this online exhibit, showcasing photographs from across baseball's history. What do the Sphinx and bloomers have to do with baseball? This exhibit is a great place to find out.



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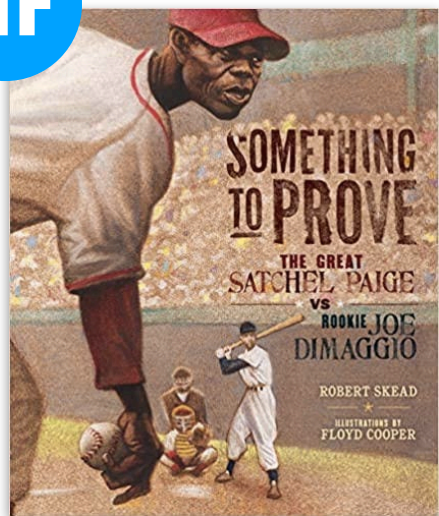
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### Texts to Pair with *The Streak*

These fiction and nonfiction texts can be read alongside *The Streak* for deeper exploration of World War II and baseball.

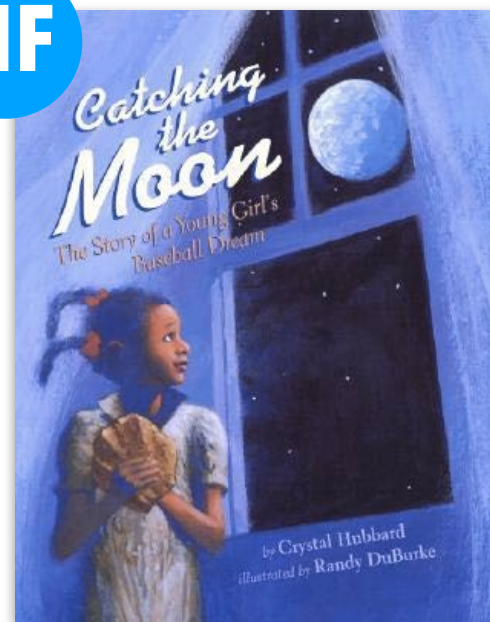
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*Something to Prove:*  
*The Great Satchel Paige vs. Rookie Joe DiMaggio*  
By Robert Skead

This information text captures the time Joe DiMaggio was tested against pitching great Satchel Paige.

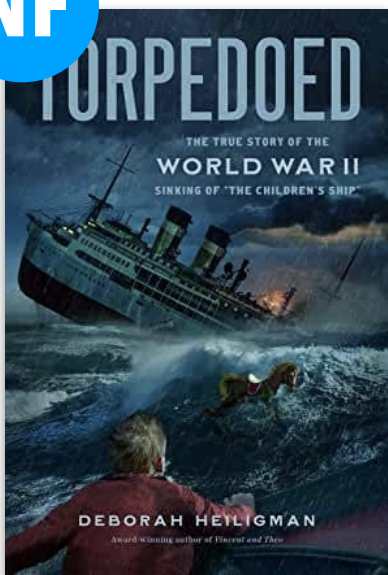
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*Catching the Moon: The Story of a Young Girl's Baseball Dream*  
By Crystal Hubbard

This biography tells the story of Marcenia Lyle, who grew up to become the first woman to play for a professional baseball team.

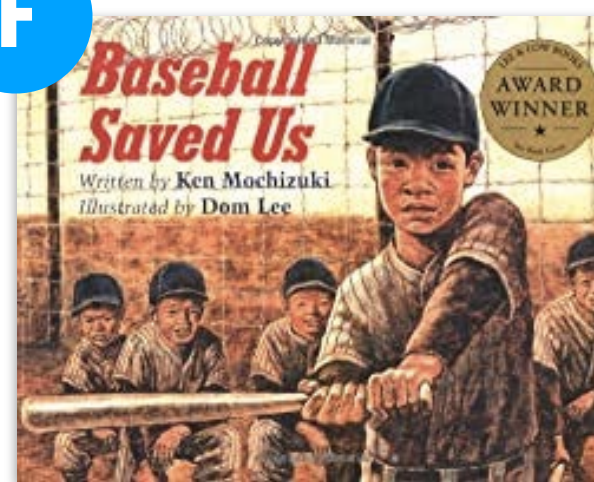
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*Torpedoed:*  
*The True Story of the World War II Sinking of the "Children's Ship"*  
By Deborah Heiligman

*Torpedoed* is a true account of the fate of the passenger ship *SS City of Benares*, which was evacuating children from England during WWII.

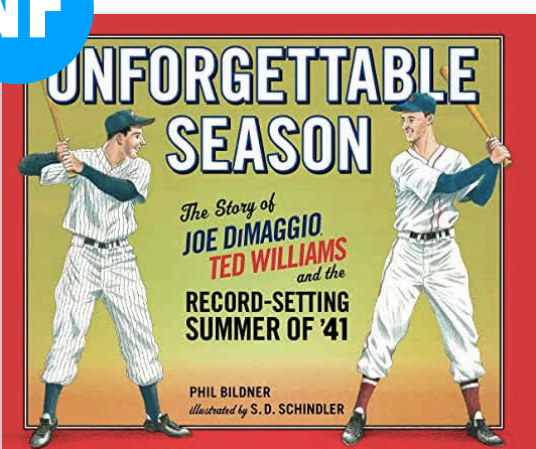
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*Baseball Saved Us*  
By Ken Mochizuki

A boy living in a Japanese-American internment camp learns lessons of perseverance, strength, and respect through baseball.

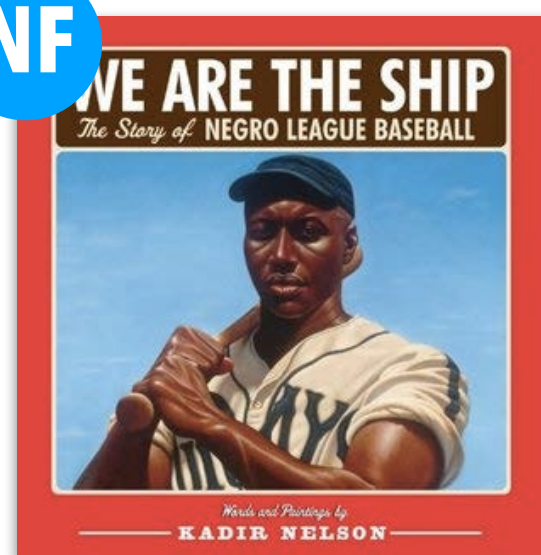
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*Unforgettable Season: The Story of Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, and the Record-Setting Summer of '41*  
By Phil Bildner

*Unforgettable Season* pairs the events of *The Streak* with Ted Williams' remarkable batting average during the same year.

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*We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*  
By Kadir Nelson

Kadir Nelson tells the story of the Negro Baseball Leagues from their beginnings in the 1920s to their decline in the 1940s.

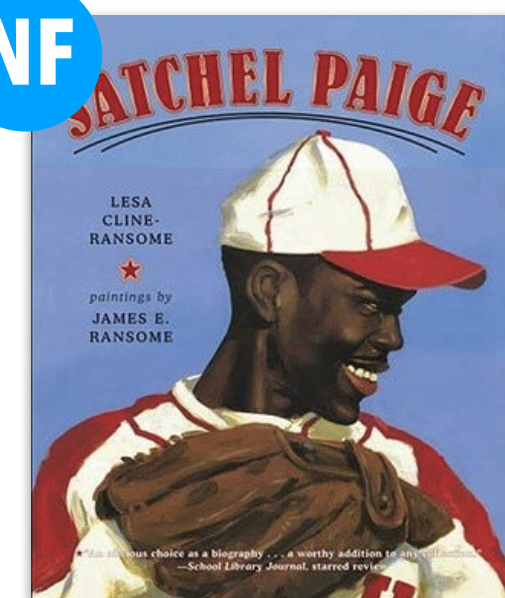
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*Thirty Minutes Over Oregon: A Japanese Pilot's World War II Story*  
By Marc Tyler Nobleman

This Orbis Pictus Honor book tells the story of a pilot who bombed Oregon, then returned years later to apologize.

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*Satchel Paige*

By Lesa Cline-Ransome

In this book, Lesa Cline-Ransome captures the story of Satchel Paige's time in the Negro Leagues. Readers will enjoy learning about Paige's strengths as a pitcher.

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