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1845: Felix Schneider, an immigrant from Germany, cheers the New York Knickerbockers as they play Three-Out, All-Out.

1908: Walter Snider, batboy for the Brooklyn Superbas, arranges a team tryout for a black pitcher by pretending he is Cuban.

1945: Kat Snider of Brooklyn plays for the Grand Rapids Chicks in the All-American Girls Baseball League.

1981: Michael Flint finds himself pitching a perfect game during the Little League season at Prospect Park.

And there are five more Schneiders to meet.

In nine innings, this novel tells the stories of nine successive Schneider kids and their connection to Brooklyn and baseball. As in all family histories and all baseball games, there is glory and heartache, triumph and sacrifice. And it ain't over till it's over.

The Brooklyn Nine Details

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Wesley Rasmussen says

This was a interesting book that talked about 9 generations of family history through baseball. I unexpectedly enjoyed it.

Marcos Rodriguez says

This is definitely the most interesting historical fiction/ sports I have read yet. For nine generations, their Schneider family history has been wrapped up with baseball. In the first inning of the book its starts with a young boy from Germany named Felix. Felix moved to America to start his life over and make enough money to pay for his family to come to America and join him. He is a fabric runner for his uncle but he likes to play baseball more than anything. Felix was helping Mr. Cartwright one day when their was a big fire and he had to blow up a building to stop it from going anywhere else. He had lit the fuse but bent it in half so it would go faster he barely made it out of the building when it blew up. He spent the next months in the hospital when he woke up his legs were cold and burnt up from the explosion he would never be able to run again.

There is conflict represented when one of the generations plays for a hometown team that is accused of being racist, and even when a young girl of the Schneider family leaves Brooklyn to play for the Grand Rapids Chicks during World War II. This is a good book for anybody who is a big baseball fan. I think that the book was based on the history of baseball but in a fiction way.

ClarkB says

This book is about a family of baseball as life. This book has a total of 332 pages including the end pages which give you the back round of that inning in this family's history. the innings are what the parts are with 3 chapters each. Starting with the story of a Jewish boy who ran away to america. He finds out about Americas pastime baseball. have to stay with his uncle he is forced to work as a runner. one day he finds the home field of one of the first ever teams the knickerbockers and falls deeply in love with the game but later disaster hits. Inning two is of a young man in the civil war. the son of Felix Schneider. He carries around his fathers lucky baseball marked with his initial S. in the middle of a game of 3 out all out. a game kinda like baseball there attacked and forced to retreat but forgets his baseball. Inning 3 is a short one. as the son of Louis Schneider he one day suddenly meets his baseball hero king Kelly one of baseball first big stars. To find out he has a serious problem. In inning 4 Walter son of Arnold is the bat boy for the Brooklyn superbas when on a trip he finds a amazing pitcher that he beliefs can play in the majors but there is one problem. in inning 5 Frankie daughter of Walter. She also loves baseball being insanely smart she runs the local numbers game and off her daily cut she goes to Brooklyn local baseball games soon she wanders up into the press area to soon find a new friend. in inning 6 kat Frankie's daughter is in the woman's baseball league during the war But worried every day for her dad in the war. in the 7th inning 10 year old Jimmy is dealing with getting bullied at school and his favorite team is skipping town. In the 8th inning Michel is in the middle of a perfect game a very rare feat in baseball but being annoyed cause no one will talk to him to not jinx it. In the 9th inning every thing comes together all the stories tie in.

Ryan Pruett says

The best part about baseball is that it will never end, at least for the Schneider kids it won't. The fictional novel *The Brooklyn Nine* by Alan Gratz goes into depth of the great game of baseball and the Schneider kids who success with Brooklyn baseball is unreal. I like this novel because It explains how baseball became the sport it is today and also how the success of the Schneider kids in Brooklyn came to be.

The *Brooklyn Nine* is a great book because it explains how baseball came to be the sport we know and love. The beginning of baseball was much less complex than it is today. You were more worried about getting the ball thrown at you then the rules, but the many rules that were placed into the game is what made it great. One of the new rules placed into the league was the no bounce rule. This rule was created by the man Abner Doubleday and without him baseball would have never been what it is today.

The *Brooklyn Nine* is also a great book because of the success of the Schneider kids in Brooklyn. According to the novel their were 9 Schneider kids all related and connected to Brooklyn baseball. The first Schneider being a boy named Felix who was from Germany. He met the inventor of baseball Adam Cartwright. The other Schneider's also did impressive things that helped the development of baseball.

The people I would recommend this book to would be baseball fans who want to know how the game was invented and the way it was first played. Like I said before this book is great because you learn a lot more about the game and also how a group of kids all from different eras have a successful story to tell about Brooklyn baseball.

Shreya Jupelly says

This book is pretty good! (I only rant on books I don't like, but maybe a review will come out later)

Liben Kebede says

In Alan Gratz's novel, *The Brooklyn Nine: A Novel in Nine Innings*, the reader follows the life of a German immigrant family through nine generations, starting in 1845, as they adapt to life in America and enjoy the game of baseball. In nine innings, Alan Gratz, tells the stories of 9 successful kids (from the same family) and their experiences with baseball in Brooklyn. Gratz also uses literary techniques effectively, to help portray the story better. One example was when the text said, "the fire was melting it...He could taste it too; it was like he had licked the stovepipe" (Gratz 19). The quote is describing when a fire occurred in downtown Manhattan, during Felix's baseball practice. This simile is useful because it helps Gratz effectively describe the change in the air quality, during the fire. It also triggers one of the five senses, taste, and helps facilitate the description of the event to the reader. Another example of a strong literary technique used by Gratz, was when he described the area Walter was at in the beginning of chapter 9, saying, "It was an early spring, just before the start of the baseball season, and the salty air from the roaring surf was still cool and crisp, like a last gasp before the long hot summer to come" (Gratz 105). Gratz uses a metaphor to compare the air to being salty and uses personification because he said the waves roared. This effectively helps describe the setting at the beginning of the chapter because it was the first sentence and there was nothing else describing the area Walter was at. This is also a use of sensory imagery because the air was described as salty and the surf was roaring, cool, and crisp. The roaring connects to the reader's hearing and the saltiness and coolness connects to the reader's sense of feeling and taste. One more helpful use of a literary technique was when the author said, "She couldn't remember the last time she'd felt the sun so warm on her skin...She was a million miles away from her father's war letters" (Gratz 174). This is an effectual use of a hyperbole, twice, because you can't really feel the sun on your skin or else you would die of too much heat. Gratz just exaggerated,

making the reader understand how the climate was. Then, Gratz said she was millions of miles away, to exaggerate and make it seem like she was really far away. This was an intriguing novel with a great story. Gratz combined history (during the time of World War 2) and baseball. The way that baseball impacted each family member's life intrigued me. I would recommend this to baseball fans (or even any sports fan) and readers who enjoy fictional sports stories told in a historical and realistic setting.

Jessica says

I read this book when I was in high school because I really love baseball. I loved this book. I love historical fiction and the fact that this book follows nine generations was something I loved.

Matthew Cannella says

The Brooklyn Nine is broken down into nine different stories, one story per chapter. Each story has different main characters that are from the same family but from different generations. It starts out in 1845 during the Great New York City Fire of 1845 and goes through major events during American history ending in 2002. The history of baseball is mixed with the events of America's history. From playing baseball during the Civil War, to a women's league, and little league, baseball evolves through the years with the family. With each generation dealing with different scenarios, many themes get developed along with a theme that is shared between all stories.

Along with a theme that is shown in each chapter, there is a big theme that is shown across all chapters. This theme is that a family can stay close together through the love and passion of something. This is shown by each character having a love for America's Pastime and being able to stay together as one family. A theme that is shown by one of the chapters is that family and friends will someone during tough times. This is shown when a kid gets bullied and his grandfather gives him advice on how to deal with it and his friends help him avoid seeing the bullies after school. This moment may be a situation kids can relate to along with relating to the characters.

Throughout all nine chapters, there are many different kinds of characters with different aspects. For example, there is a character that is extremely good at math, one that is a brave soldier at war, and one is a women in a women's baseball league. This wide variety of characters gives kids many ways to relate to the characters. This is beneficial for kids because they may be able to understand the story if they can relate to the characters and they could learn important things about life.

I would recommend this book for many reasons. One reason is that there are many important things that can kids can learn from the book. Another reason is that all of the characters can be easily related to, which can make the story easier to understand. Finally, the book is well written and can make you keep reading even when you want to stop.

Karen Ball says

This is definitely the most interesting historical fiction/sports combination I've read yet! Each "inning" is the story of one generation of a Brooklyn family, and its connection to baseball and American history. Each inning has 3 short chapters, and Alan Gratz weaves in historically significant events, people and culture: immigration, the Civil War, segregation, prejudice, the Mafia, the All American Girls Baseball League

during World War II, and Sputnik among them. Connecting all of them are the descendants of Felix Schneider, who dreams of being the fastest base runner for the New York Knickerbockers baseball team (and firefighters) in 1845. Felix makes his own baseball, which is passed down through the generations, lost and found again along with a few other historic pieces of baseball equipment. Gratz could have dressed this up and had the family meet all kinds of baseball celebrities, but he chose to show us more of the everyday experiences with the game, and that makes it all the more fun to read! Great for all baseball fans, and I think the structure of the story is especially good for more reluctant readers (short chapters, lots of logical places to stop if you need a break). 6th grade and up.

Noah Mizrahi says

It was very good, but there are some cliffhangers. Also, the writer did a good job describing the character's feelings.

Vinnie says

The Brooklyn Nine was a very scattered book in my opinion, but there was lots of suspense and kept you on the edge of your seat. My favorite part was finding out all the players. Overall, The Brooklyn Nine was an outstanding book and I absolutely loved it.

Russ Bruxvoort says

Historical fiction about nine generations of a family that loves baseball. This was a great way to learn about what was happening in the U.S. from 1845 to today. Immigration, the Civil War, a woman's baseball league, Internet research, and more are covered. I read it in two days and enjoyed each story and looked up more about several of them.

Betsy says

One Sentence Review: Since I'm not a baseball person I didn't hope to be impressed by this nine generation tale of Brooklyn and baseball, but Gratz makes fine use of the characters and time periods in this oddly compelling little book.

Mia Durham says

I loved how this book went through generations after generations and it just seemed cool to me.

Weston Macfarlane says

This book is about the Schneider family's ancestry. It tells the story of nine different Schneider family members in different generations and their ties to baseball. It is a fantastic book.

I love how it talks about baseball over the years. The book opens with the story of Felix Schneider and his trips to the park to play baseball. When it went more in depth about the rules that those kids played, I was fascinated by it. Baseball has changed a lot. I am a baseball addict, and I didn't understand some of the terms. It was interesting to learn about.

I also enjoyed how I could relate with the characters in their love for baseball. It took me back to the days when I used to play. The feeling I got while reading this book was similar to the feeling I get when I am walking into a ballpark to watch a live game. This book brought up some serious feelings of nostalgia for me. It was awesome. This book would bring up those same feelings for any age group. I find that very impressive.

The last character that the book talks about is the one who relates most to me. He was a modern day baseball fan. He was fascinated with baseball just like I am. He watched ESPN constantly, collected baseball memorabilia, and loved to play the game. This book is very realistic and accurate. It accurately showed how people love baseball now and also how they loved it in the past.

The last thing that I noticed was that this book truly showed that baseball is America's pastime. It has been passed down for generations. This is one of the more enjoyable books that I have read in a long time. Anybody who is a fan of baseball has to read this book.
