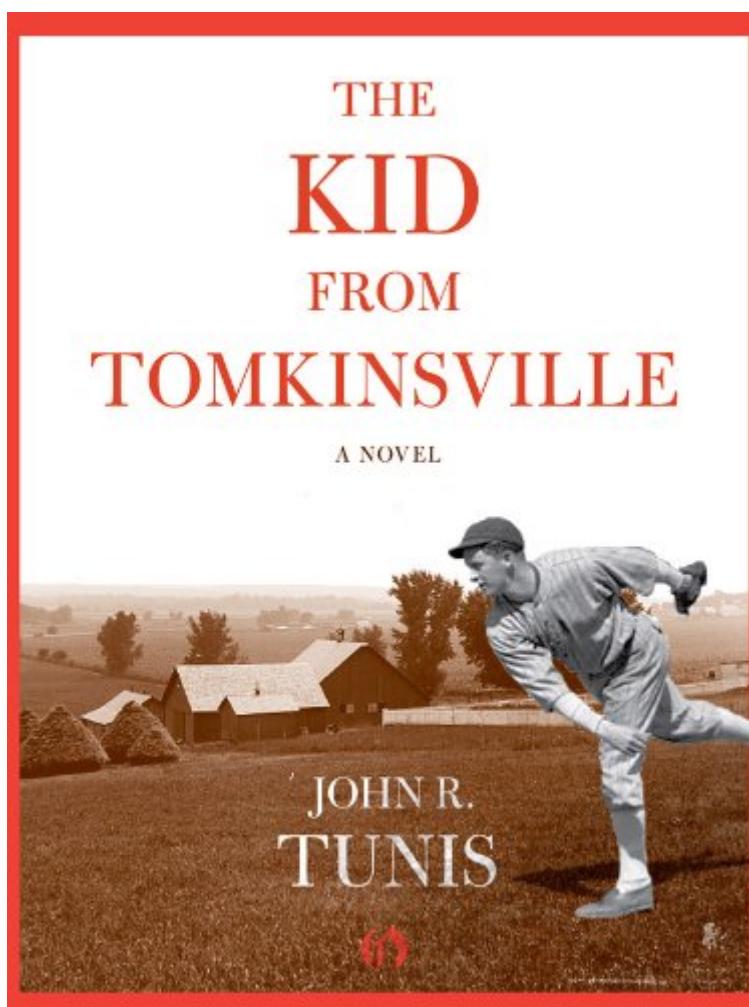


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# The Kid From Tomkinsville



## **Synopsis**

Rookie pitcher Roy Tucker is full of hope for his first season with the Brooklyn Dodgers— and hope might be what the team needs most. Roy Tucker—a small-town kid from Tomkinsville, Connecticut—has quit his job at the drugstore and packed up for Dodgers training camp in Clearwater, Florida, hoping to make the team as a rookie pitcher. He expects the field to be competitive and realizes he might not pass muster, but after just one practice, he discovers just how difficult a goal he has set. But the Dodgers are an aging team, and owner Jack MacManus is getting tired of the smart remarks from sports reporters and the manager of the rival Giants, Bill Murphy. With a little coaching and encouragement from Dave Leonard, the oldest catcher in the big leagues, this kid from Tomkinsville might be just what the team needs.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Worth reading---in my case, re-reading. I hadn't thought about this book in a long time since I was probably nine or ten when I first read it and was pulled into the story of "The Kid" as he tries to make

it into major league baseball. A man I was talking to recently mentioned it, and said he felt this book, which he estimates he'd read 17 or 18 times, had influenced his life. Granted, 1940s' Brooklyn Dodgers portrayed in the book are nothing like the multi-billion dollar franchise they became after the move to L.A., but the emotions of young players, and older players whose careers are ending---those haven't changed over the years. This may be a bit of a tough read for young readers since Tunis drops characters in without explanation and the reader has to figure out who "Casey" is, and what is being discussed. Still, this is a wonderful time capsule with a heroic young man who is getting to live his dream, and has to learn how to move through his nightmare and on to success.

This is probably my fifth reading of the Kid... getting ready for baseball season. Wonderfully written... set in the late 1930's, it takes you back to simpler times when kids grew up admiring baseball players and the glories of the come from behind season. I've read this to my kids around 1980 and I'll probably read it to my grandkids in the next year or two. John R. Tunis is a great storyteller, and this is one of his best.

Very enjoyable. God read for youth or adults with a historic like for baseball and it heroes of yesteryear. Fictional account of The Kid who could have been anyone or everyone was a sweet story.

For you baseball enthusiastic people. This a well done read. While slightly predictable there is a flare that can only be obtained with age. The story follows a kid and his makes and breaks. While I can't attest to big names that played back then I can attest the writer made some names sound big. He played them up well. The detail and description would do an old radio announcer proud

I am a sucker for baseball stories and I though it to be an all most believable story. But you know when I was young and playing ball I liked to read the key stone kids books and day dream about me playing on the Brooklyn Dodgers team and pitching against Yankees. I would recommend this story to any one who ever daydream , like this old man use to and still dose

This is a great book about growing up and getting to do some of the things you dreamed of as a child. I am not a baseball fan but found this to be a wonderful story about life. I think a baseball fan might enjoy it even more than I did.

Baseball as an allegory of life. The author move the story along deafly. Strong characters development for rookie on a major-league ball club. Finally reminding us all that life is what you put into it.

Nostalgia. Read it first time in 50's

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