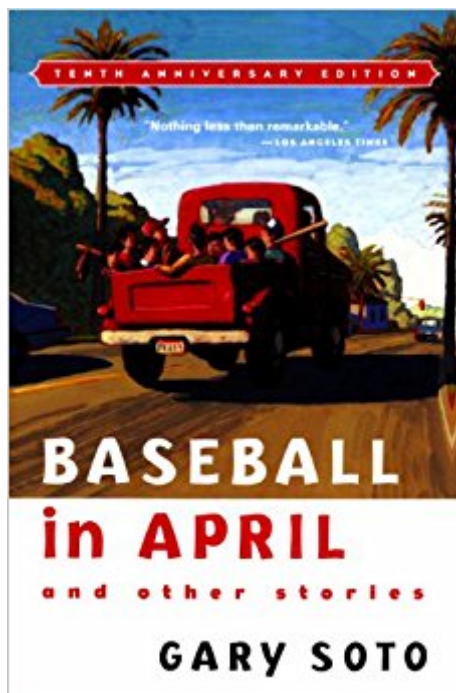




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# Baseball In April And Other Stories (Turtleback School & Library Binding Edition)



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

"Honest and moving," said PW about these 11 contemporary short stories, adding that "Most readers will recognize truths revealed through everyday events and will appreciate Soto's ability to crystallize a moment." Ages 10-up. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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I bought just one copy of the book, but I put it under the document camera and on the Interwrite board. I had a very small ESL reading class (only 12 students), and they got a big kick out of most of the stories in this book. All of the students were 6th and 7th grade Hispanic students and they could really relate to the stories about Hispanics in CA who were there their age. The book arrived quickly and I was able to find some free lesson plans online to print out. A great buy and I plan to use the book again with another class of students this year. I'm sure they'll like the stories, too. If I didn't have to buy books myself without reimbursement, I'd sure buy a set of these books!

Several very easy to read, mostly coming of age short stories, based within the latino culture are all entertaining. Very well written stories.

Very entertaining story.

Not my style, although I have enjoyed other books by this author.

Gary Soto can see the world through the eyes of children and young adults. My fifth grade students related well to his stories, and so did I. Children are not talked down to. Messages for adults as well. Good for reluctant readers.

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Great

Some of the stories are good some are just OK.

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