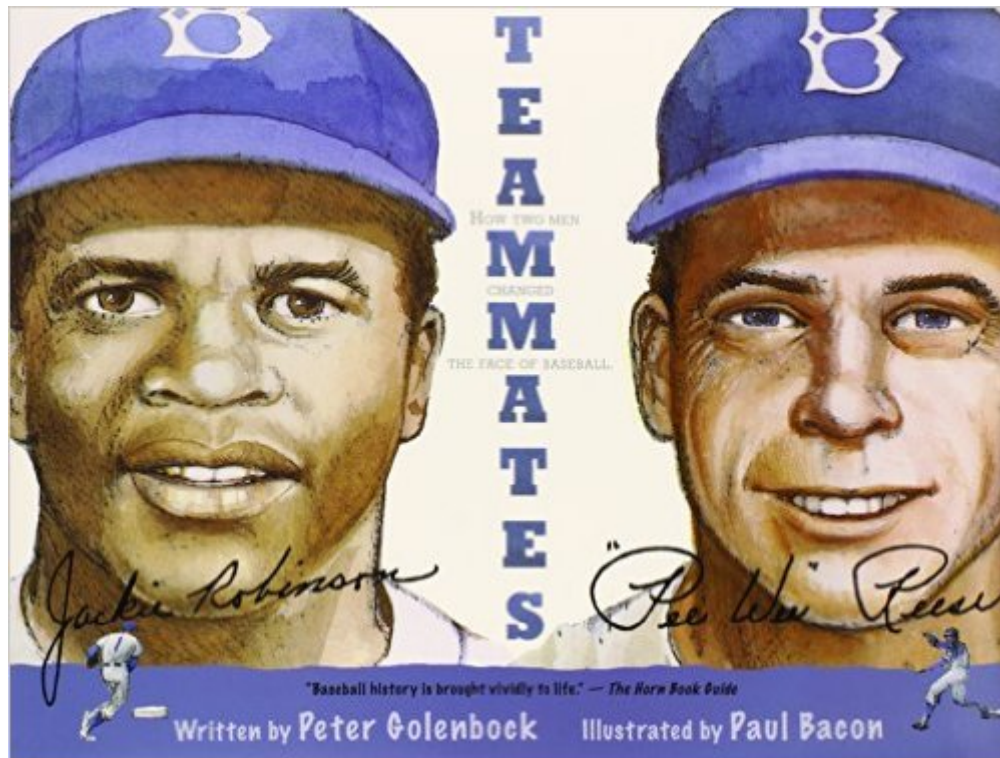


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## Synopsis

This is the moving story of how Jackie Robinson became the first black player on a Major League baseball team when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1940s, and how on a fateful day in Cincinnati, Pee Wee Reese took a stand and declared Jackie his teammate. Illustrated with a blend of historic photographs and eloquent watercolors by Paul Bacon.

## Book Information

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Have you ever been bullied? Or called names? Have others ever threatened to hurt you? If so, you have something in common with Jackie Robinson, the famous baseball player. However, Jackie probably had it a lot worse! Jackie Robinson was a black baseball player. Many years ago, people were not very accepting of the idea of black baseball players. There were two different baseball leagues when the story takes place (in the 1930's). The league for black players was called the Negro league. This league was where Jackie played. It wasn't fair for black players. The players couldn't stay in hotels or restaurants. They slept in their cars and didn't make much money. Meanwhile, the players in the major leagues were all white. These players made tons of cash and got to eat at the fanciest restaurants and stay at the best hotels. The general manager of one of the white teams, Branch Rickey, wanted the best baseball players possible. He didn't care

what color their skin was. (He probably wouldn't have cared if it was orange, or purple with pink polka dots!) Branch wanted someone from the Negro leagues. However, he couldn't just pick a good baseball player. He knew that this person would have to be strong enough to ignore taunts and threats. Branch knew that a lot of fans wouldn't like the idea of a black player at first. He picked Jackie Robinson as that special player. One of the other important people in the book is called "Pee Wee" Reese, who is one of Jackie's teammates. You'll have to read the book to learn more about him. He is important to the ending, and I don't want to give it away. Will Jackie be able to handle all of the shenanigans and mean insults directed at him? Read the book to find out! I would rate this book 5 stars.

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