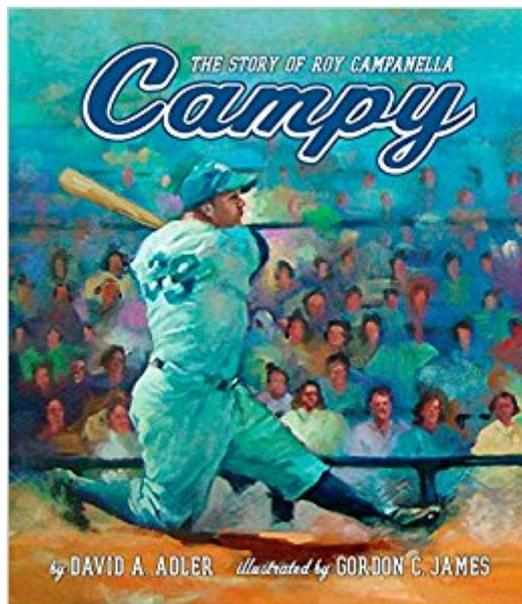


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# Campy: The Story Of Roy Campanella



## Synopsis

Roy Campanella loved baseball. A professional player from the age of fifteen, he later became the first African-American catcher to integrate Major League Baseball. Fans and players adored Campy for his good nature, and cheered his multiple MVP awards as a Brooklyn Dodger. But in 1958, his career ended when a car accident left him a quadriplegic. Refusing to give in to self-pity, Campy became a Dodgers coach, held baseball clinics for teenagers, and bravely advocated for the disabled. With honesty and affection, award-winning author David A. Adler tells the story—complemented by stunning oil paintings by Gordon C. James—of a man who was so much more than a sports hero.

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 2—Adler crafts a portrait of an individual whose zeal for life enabled him to stay positive and productive even after a car crash left him a quadriplegic. Campy always loved baseball, signing with the Baltimore Elite Giants of the Negro Leagues when he was only 15. In 1945, Branch Rickey invited him to sign with the Brooklyn Dodgers. He became major league baseball's first African-American catcher in 1948, and won league MVP in 1951, 1953, and 1955. Left paralyzed in 1958, he regained some basic skills and eventually was able to become a baseball coach. Adler's account is lively and concise; though the author is clearly a fan, he manages to keep

sentimentality at bay. James's oil paintings are a lovely complement to the story, adding detail and character. The book is an accessible introduction to this inspiring athlete's story. — Marilyn Taniguchi, Beverly Hills Public Library, CA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Roy Campanella, one of the greatest catchers in baseball history, was the second African American signed by Branch Rickey to play for the Brooklyn Dodgers. He joined the team in 1948, one year after his teammate, Jackie Robinson, broke the color line. Adler, author of the Cam Jansen mystery series as well as numerous historical biographies for young readers, capably reprises Campy's on-field triumphs (three-time National League Most Valuable Player) and off-field tragedy (he was paralyzed in a car accident in 1958), while James delivers evocative illustrations in the soft-focus, pastel-heavy style that has become standard for baseball nostalgia. There is no shortage of picture books about the Brooklyn Dodgers, but Campy's inspirational life story, less well known among today's children than Robinson's, deserves to be heard, and baseball-loving baby-boomer grandparents, who came of age in the 1950s, will relish the chance to tell it. Bill Ott Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Roy Campanella hailed from my city and I felt that the young students in this area should be aware of his local history.

This book is an excellent read for children interested in baseball and even those who are not. It tells a story about a true baseball hero and it details his bravery and strength of character as he coped with his crippling disability. Campy is well written and complimented by beautiful color action paintings that bring his story to life and enhance the enjoyment of reading.

I purchased this book for a college class. I thoroughly enjoyed it! I can't wait to use this in my elementary classroom :)

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