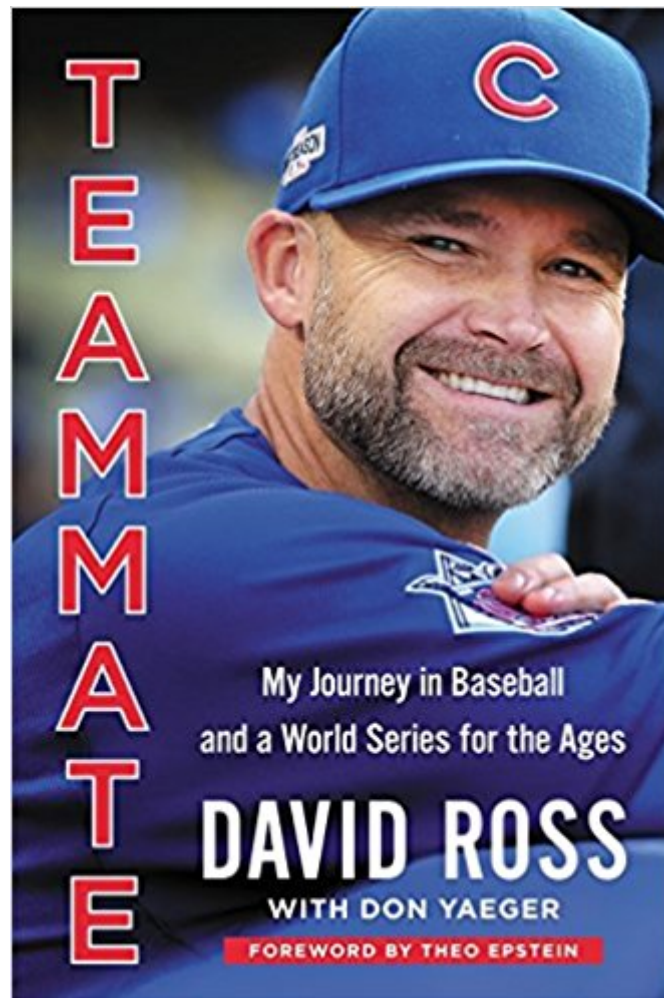




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# Teammate: My Journey In Baseball And A World Series For The Ages



## Synopsis

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Packed with "compelling inside stories" (Chicago Tribune), *Teammate* is the inspiring memoir from "Grandpa Rossy," the veteran catcher who became the heart and soul of the 2016 Chicago Cubs championship team. In 2016 the Cubs snapped a 108-year curse, winning the World Series in a history-making, seven-game series against the Cleveland Indians. Of the many storylines to Chicago's fairytale season, one stood out: the late-career renaissance of David Ross, the 39-year-old catcher who had played back-up for 13 of his 15 pro seasons. Beyond Ross's remarkably strong play, he became the ultimate positive force in the Cubs locker room, mentoring and motivating his fellow players, some of them nearly twenty years his junior. Thanks to Cubs Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo, "Grandpa Rossy" became a social media sensation. No one, however, could have predicted that Ross's home run in his final career at bat would help seal the Cubs championship. Now, in *Teammate*, Ross shares the inspiring story of his life in baseball, framed by the events of that unforgettable November night.

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"After sitting and having lunch with Rossy for over an hour at the ESPN studios in fall 2014, I knew he was exactly what the Cubs needed to help bring a championship to Chicago. His knowledge of hitting, pitching and the game overall was amazing. Couple that with his obvious leadership abilities, and I knew we had to have him. Well, I guess I was right! The past two years with Rossy have been the best of my career. He truly is the best teammate I have ever had!"  
—Anthony Rizzo, first baseman, Chicago Cubs  
"With his character and commitment, Rossy helped take the team and me

to great places. I am confident he will do the same for you as you read about his journey on these pages. You will find lessons for sports and for life, including one he helped teach me long ago: never underestimate the power of a great teammate." — Theo Epstein, Cubs president of baseball operations (from his Foreword)

David Ross is a retired Major League Baseball catcher, who won the World Series with the Boston Red Sox in 2013 and the Chicago Cubs in 2016. In his fifteen-year career, he played for the Los Angeles Dodgers, Pittsburgh Pirates, San Diego Padres, Cincinnati Reds, Boston Red Sox, Atlanta Braves, and Chicago Cubs. Co-writer Don Yaeger is an award-winning speaker, business leadership coach, a nine-time New York Times bestselling author, and longtime Associate Editor for Sports Illustrated.

As a Cubs fan for the last 6 decades, most of them heartbreaking, I loved reading David Ross' chronicle. Some of his important lessons appear early: it's OK to change; it's good to listen; giving of yourself leads to respect. It's easy to see how David, never more than an acceptable backup catcher, became the critical factor in the success of the Cubs. His gratitude and actual wonder at the durability of his career and the impact he has had on younger players is delightful to read. Sometimes, success breeds arrogance: not so here.

David Ross is a backup catcher who became an A-list celebrity. He walks us through Game 7 of the 2016 World Series where the Chicago Cubs when the Cubs break a 108 year old draught. Each chapter is a different part of that historic night with stories of his 15 year career and fellow players. Throughout the book he stresses the importance of being a good teammate, how he learned to be one and the characteristics of a good teammate. The book is a laid back read and easy to read. The stories are interesting and fun.

Being a long time Cub fan (3rd generation) the winning of the World Series after 108 years was magical. Part of the magic was having David Ross on the team. He was the spirit of the team and his book on being a good teammate is terrific!

Book is as awesome and very informative. Shows how teams can become like family. Makes you laugh and cry. Book signing June 1st in Skokie, IL

What a story! Great story was told by the author and with guidance from one of the best in the business, Don Yaeger.

I had high hopes for this book as a lifelong Cubs fan and a big fan of David Ross. The truth is that the book jumps all over the place at times and he tells multiple stories more than once. There are quite a few grammar mistakes as well. Still not a bad read and always fun getting someone else's insight and perspective on things such as life and the big game 7 of the World Series. Congrats on your career David Ross!

Thank you David for giving us a glimpse into your life. You will always be "Grampa Rossy" to this Cubs fan. Thank you!!

David Ross is my second favorite player. (after Anthony Rizzo) He makes you love him even more by how he includes real life and feelings all in one book. What an interesting but sometimes unsure life. Happy retirement David Ross-Grandpa

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