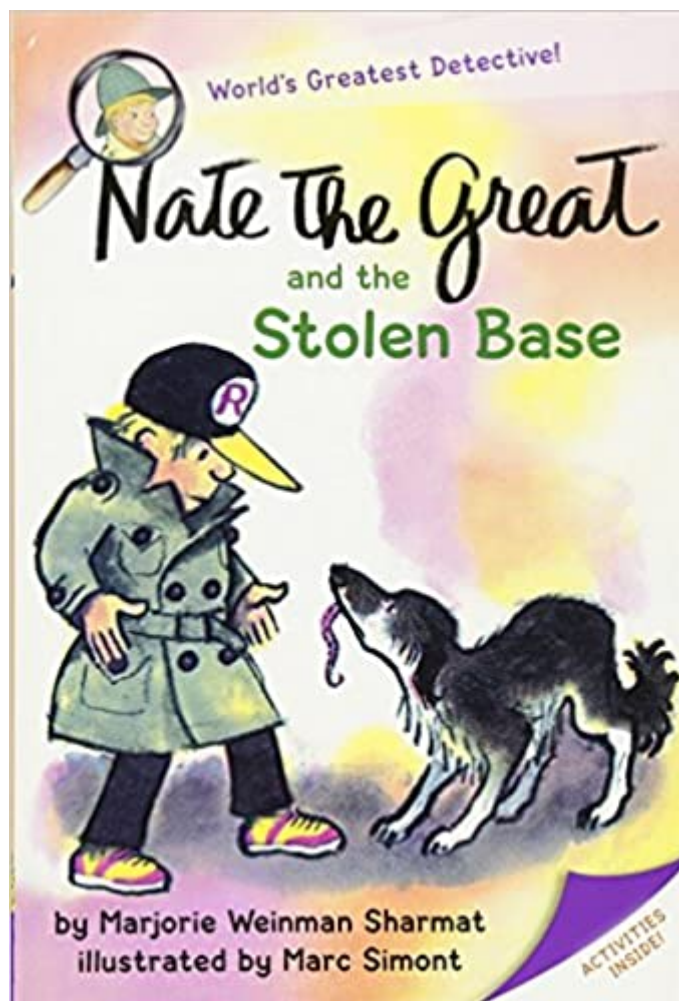


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# Nate The Great And The Stolen Base



## Synopsis

Beginning readers are introduced to the detective mystery genre in these chapter books. Perfect for the Common Core, kids can problem-solve with Nate, using logical thinking to solve mysteries! Rosamund's baseball team has a very unusual second base "Oliver's gloopy purple plastic octopus. But one morning . . . it's gone! Nate the Great must pick up clues so he can find the missing octopus and go up to bat! Check out the Fun Activities section in the back of the book! Visit Nate the Great and Sludge! [NateTheGreatBooks.com](http://NateTheGreatBooks.com)" Subtle humor sparkles through the young detective's narration and his interactions with his friends. Budding mystery fans will line up for this one."--School Library Journal

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 1-3-- Nate is back with another perplexing problem. In this case, second base (a gloopy purple octopus belonging to teammate Oliver) is missing, All that can be found are two purple plastic arms in the dirt. At first, suspicions fall on teammate Annie's dog Fang, known to be capable of eating nearly anything, and although he is in possession of another of the octopus's arms, he is proven innocent. By following clues and using reasoning, Nate the Great solves the mystery. As usual, Sharmat does not condescend to her audience, and readers are provided with enough

information to find the answer themselves. Subtle humor sparkles through the young detective's narration and his interactions with his friends, who more than adequately represent ethnic diversity and avoid gender stereotypes. Budding mystery fans will line up for this one. --Donna L. Scanlon, Lancaster County Library, PA Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Praise for the Nate the Great Series  
"Kids will like Nate the Great."  
"School Library Journal, Starred Review  
"A consistently entertaining series."  
"Booklist  
"Loose, humorous chalk and watercolor spots help turn this beginning reader into a page-turner."  
"Publishers Weekly  
"Nate, Sludge, and all their friends have been delighting beginning readers for years."  
"Kirkus Reviews  
"They don't come any cooler than Nate the Great."  
"The Huffington Post

After seeing so many references to the "Nate the Great" books as being classics I decided to try the first one and a few others. The first one was, well, great. "Nate the Great, San Francisco Detective", which is way out there at number 22, was just as good. This book is right from the heart of the series. It is the 14th in the series, first published in 1992. (The series started in 1972.) The illustrations are by Marc Simont, who did the first 20 books. There are some very, very good middle grade noir books that feature a middle grade Sam Spade style detective, and I like them because the tight plotting, snappy dialogue, and clean style is not only entertaining but a good model for young readers and writers. Well, this is basically a chapter book version of that that has the same virtues. Here, we have the usual pals this time around, including Annie, psycho-dog Fang, Oliver the pest and strange Esmeralda. The writing is crisp, which fits perfectly with the noir style and with an early reader's need for sharp, clean, punchy sentences. There is dry humor. There are appealing sidekicks and supporting characters. And, unlike a lot of sloppy mysteries, these books are built on real clues, rigorous logical thought, and common sense. On top of all that, Nate actually displays a bit of that Sam Spade weary hero character that makes noir so special. These really are amongst the most accomplished and stylish of the chapter books and are a happy find. Please note that I found this book while browsing in our local library. I have no connection at all to either the author or the publisher of this book.

Great book series. I purchased this for my 7 year old son as a reward for helping me around the house. He has read this book out loud to me and we both enjoyed it very much. I look forward to

hearing more of the Nate the Great books

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