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Batter Up Wombat

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Lester, Helen. *Batter Up Wombat*. Illustrated by Lynn Munsinger. Houghton Mifflin, 2006. ISBN 9780618737840. \$16.00. 32 p.

Reviewer: Angel Pearce

Reading Level: All

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Picture book;

Subject: Baseball--Juvenile fiction; Tornadoes--Juvenile fiction; Wombats--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews;

A new baseball season is at hand, and the Champs are ready to play. They have a secret weapon this year, Wombat. Thinking that his size will help them beat the other teams, they are in for a surprise when they discover Wombat has no idea how to play. He becomes an unlikely hero when a tornado threatens to ruin the game for everyone.

This is Lester at her *Wodney Wat* and *Score One for the Sloths* finest. This book is an excellent addition for school and public libraries and one that correlates with many children's interest in baseball. *Batter Up Wombat* would be a good story to share with a captive audience as a companion to *Chickens to the Rescue* for a discussion of heroes in books.