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Book Review

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Oscar Indigo loves baseball. He’s on the Wildcats team, but no matter how hard he tries in practices, he never gets to play during the games. One day his neighbor, Miss Ellington, gives him a mysterious, magical watch that changes his life forever. Oscar uses the watch during a baseball game to help his team win, but little does he know how much that affects the universe. Two men in black suits show up at his house and show him just how much he changed the universe from that one moment during the game. Oscar sets off on an adventure to fix what he broke. He finds out that Miss Ellington is not who he thought she was and he learns how to win a baseball game fair and square.

David Teague is a clever writer and he knows how to write to an audience, which for this book is eight-to twelve-year-olds. There is a lot of adventure and intrigue involved that will captivate young readers. The main character, Oscar, is a young boy that readers will be able to connect with and relate to. The morals taught in this book are great lessons children can apply into their own lives. The pacing of the book is great and there are no parts of the book that dragged on. A few parts of the book were a little vague and not explained very well. These parts are left unresolved at the end of the book, which slightly affects the feeling of the story. But overall, it is a great book for upper-elementary kids.