

Honus & Me

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Characters:

Joe Stoshack- A funny looking kid with bent legs and ears that stick out. Finds a Honus Wagner baseball card while cleaning out Miss Young's attic. Has a dream to play in the majors. Can travel back in time using the baseball cards he has. Lives in Louisville, Kentucky. 12 years old.

Miss Young- A very old woman whom Honus Wagner used to court. Paid Joe five dollars to clean out her attic. Has an old picture of Honus Wagner.

Joe's Father- Split up with Joe's mother. Thinks that Joe should sell the Honus Wagner card.

Birdie Farrel- Used to be a professional wrestler. Tried to buy Joe's Honus Wagner card from him.

Honus Wagner- Thought by many to be the greatest baseball player of all time. Played Shortstop for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Played in the 1909 World Series. Went to the future using Joe's baseball card.

Joe's Mom- Split up with his dad. Got Joe the job of working for Miss Young. Works as a nurse in Hazelwood Hospital.

Ty Cobb- A great baseball player for the Detroit Tigers.

Mrs. Kelly- Joe's teacher

Questions:

1. What was the first name that somebody called Joe? Elephant Ears
2. What Little League team was Joe on? The Yellow Jackets
3. Why did Joe think that his parents divorced? The lack of money
4. What did Fred Clarke invent? Flip sunglasses that baseball outfielders wear
5. What is the most valuable baseball card in the world? A T-206 Honus Wagner Card
6. Where does Joe find one? In Miss Young's attic
7. What was Honus Wagner's batting average for seventeen straight years? .300
8. What did Joe feel whenever he had the Wagner baseball card? A tingling sensation
9. When Joe finally connected with the ball in Little League, who catches it? The Catcher.
10. What was most of Bennet Park made of? Wood
11. What game did Joe go back to with Honus Wagner? The seventh game of the 1909 World Series: Pirates Vs. Tigers
12. What part of time was this in baseball history? The dead ball era
13. What name was mentioned in the headline of the newspaper that Joe picked up in 1909? Wilbur Wright
14. What did Detroit beat Pittsburgh by in the sixth game? 1 run
15. Who won the first World Series ever in 1903? Boston
16. What player was the first batter of the game? The Pirates third baseman, Bobby Byrne

17. What color was Honus Wagner's bat? Red
18. Who pitched for the Pirates? Charles "Babe" Adams
19. Who led off the bottom of the fifth inning? Ty Cobb
20. What part of his body did Honus Wagner hurt in his collision with Ty Cob? His hand
21. According to Honus, what is the secret to being a great ballplayer? To trick yourself into thinking that you already are one
22. Where did Joe hit his first ball in the Major Leagues? Just inside the third base line
23. Who won the seventh game in the World Series? The Pirates
24. What was the score of the seventh World Series Game? 8-0 Pirates
25. What card did Joe use to get back to the future from 1909? Craig Grebeck
26. What time was it when Joe got back to his time? 7:23
27. Who ripped Joe's Honus Wagner Card? Miss Young
28. What did Joe wish that miss Young could do with his baseball card? Go back to 1909
29. What were Miss Young's last words in the present? Honus, I never stopped waiting
30. Whose card did Joe get a hold of next? Babe Ruth's 1932 card

In What Book...

- Did a boy collect baseball cards?
- Did a boy wish that he was a man?
- Did a boy meet one of the most famous baseball players of all time?
- Did a boy have a dream to play in the majors?
- Did a man have a dream to win the World Series?
- Did a boy find out that baseball cards gave him magical powers?
- Did a boy travel back in time?
- Was a boy payed 10 dollars to clean out his neighbors attic?