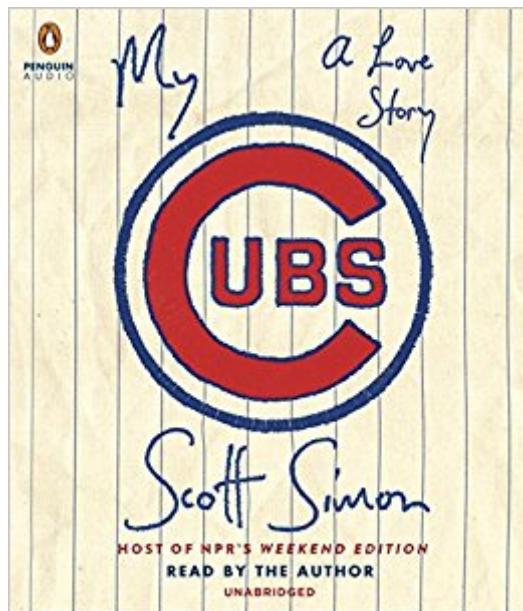


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# My Cubs: A Love Story



## Synopsis

NPR's Scott Simon's personal, heartfelt reflections on his beloved Chicago Cubs, replete with club lore, memorable anecdotes, frenetic fandom and wise and adoring intimacy that have made the world champion Cubbies baseball's most tortured— and now triumphant— franchise. Heartbreak and hope. Charmed and haunted. My Cubs is Scott Simon's love letter to his Chicago Cubs, World Series winners for the first time in over a century. Replete with personal reflections, club lore, memorable anecdotes, and tales of frenetic fandom, My Cubs recounts the franchise's pivotal moments with the wise and adoring intimacy of a long-suffering devotee and Chicago native. Simon illustrates how the condition of "Cubness" has defined the life of so many Chicagoans and how the team's fortunes became intertwined with the aspirations of its faithful. With the curse finally broken on November 2, 2016, My Cubs is the perfect portrayal of paradise lost and found.

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"Scott Simon's *My Cubs: A Love Story* provides the emotional 108-year backstory. He lays out the context of suffering, of losses, of communal connections and religious devotion. His view—the fan's perspective—is no doubt crucial to understanding the significance of last year's World Series. Rick Maese, *The Washington Post* "[My Cubs] reads more like a memoir or a journal of sorts, at times wistfully cathartic and at others joyously nostalgic." "Cubs Insider" "The author is a solid stylist, and his descriptions of Cubs'

players, managers, and owners resonate, as do his anecdotes about his wife and daughters as they try to understand his mania." *Kirkus Reviews* "A short and heartfelt memoir about his lifelong love for the Chicago Cubs...Simon gives readers a wonderful look at how a Cubs fan...indeed, any devoted fan of any team...has a feeling of 'love, not loyalty.'"*Publishers Weekly* "A brisk, sweet romp through Cubs history to the glorious present." *BookPage* --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Scott Simon is the host of NPR's Weekend Edition with Scott Simon. He has reported stories from all fifty states and every continent, and has won every major award in broadcasting. He is also a special contributor to CBS Sunday Morning and is the author of several books, including the novels *Pretty Birds* and *Windy City*, and the memoir *Unforgettable*. He used to list his hobbies as including, "bleeding for the Chicago Cubs," but no more.

WOW. This book was a Father's Day gift for my dad, but I read it too and oh my goodness gracious, this book has details that even I, a lifelong diehard Cubbie fanatic, had NO idea about. I also really had to laugh at the "Santa Cub in Nam" story. If you read the book, I think you'll know exactly what I am talking about, but that was kinda hilarious to read. Scott Simon has a way of spinning a tale that makes this book a must-have for any and all Cubs fans who want to know more about the history of their beloved sports team other than the drought of 108 years that got broken last fall. The history is seriously fascinating, and made my first visit to Cooperstown this past weekend that much more meaningful. Great job, sir.

I bought this as a gift for my husband. He loves it and highly recommends it for any Cubs fan.

Simon's devotion to the Cubs, known to anyone who listens to him on NPR, shines through in this entertaining book.

These books were for my husband and his brother, both of whom grew up in a Chicago suburb, and are dyed-in-the-wool Cubs fans. Both now live on the East coast. My husband loved the book, and I would hear him laughing aloud while reading it, and he stopped several times to read a sentence or two out of it to me. So yes, we are very pleased with the book. Nora Root

Gift to Cub fan son. He liked it.

An old Cub fan sees the redemption of the team, well described in this fine book.

Another winner from the City of Champs and native son, Scott Simon. Here he brings back memories of the sights, sounds, smells and feel of Chicago and Wrigley Field. His love for the City and the Cubs comes shining through with charm and grace. A pure delight!

True Cub fans thrilled with Scott's thoughtful ode.

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