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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:



# *Can We Play Baseball, Mr. DeMille?*

by **MARK ANGELO**

Illustrated by Patricia and  
Robin DeWitt



**“An uplifting true story of a determined young boy, his love of a game, and the belief that every child needs a nearby place to play ball.”**

Set in 1958, a young boy and his friends want to be baseball players just like their Dodger idols. There’s just one problem: they don’t have a field to play in. Luckily, the kids know a secret. There’s a mansion around the corner with a yard big enough for an entire ball field and the hedge surrounding it has a gap just big enough to crawl through. Apparently, the owner is a big-time Hollywood mogul. He won’t mind a few ball games, right?

The new children’s book ***Can We Play Baseball, Mr. DeMille?*** (FriesenPress, April 2023, ISBN: 9781039153844, Hardcover) by renowned writer Mark Angelo centers on one young boy’s devotion to baseball and the newly arrived LA team, the Dodgers. With its rich and colorful illustrations, children can join Mark as he and his friends try to find a

place where they can play ball like their heroes. Just when it seems they've found the perfect spot, they run into more trouble—Will their unforgettable encounter with a Hollywood legend end in a foul? Or will Mr. DeMille tell the kids, "Play ball!"?

***Can We Play Baseball, Mr. DeMille?*** is an inspiring, true story that speaks to the nostalgia, joy, and importance of community when it comes to having a place for children to gather & play. There's even a slice of classic Hollywood history! Dedicated to the memory of Angelo's brother Chris and set just as "Dodger-mania" gripped the city of Los Angeles, this sensational true story is full of youthful determination and summer fun. Baseball fans of all ages will enjoy ***Can We Play Baseball, Mr. DeMille?***, whether they're new to the game or just want to pass their life-long love down to younger enthusiasts. Angelo's book is officially licensed through Major League Baseball.

## About the Author

**MARK ANGELO** has been a baseball fan since he was a little boy! He is also a globally renowned river conservationist and the founder of World Rivers Day, now celebrated by millions of people in over one hundred countries. Among his many accolades, Mark is a recipient of the Order of Canada, the country's highest honor. His acclaimed debut children's book, *The Little Creek that Could*, is the true story of a stream that came back to life. Through his work with groups such as the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC, Mark has been a long-time advocate for outdoor spaces for all to enjoy. ***Can We Play Baseball, Mr. DeMille?***, about a young boy's search for a place to play ball, recounts an actual experience from his childhood. Mark lives in Burnaby, British Columbia, with his wife, Kathie.

### ***Can We Play Baseball, Mr. DeMille?***

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