

A MIDWEST CONNECTIONS PICK

Mudville

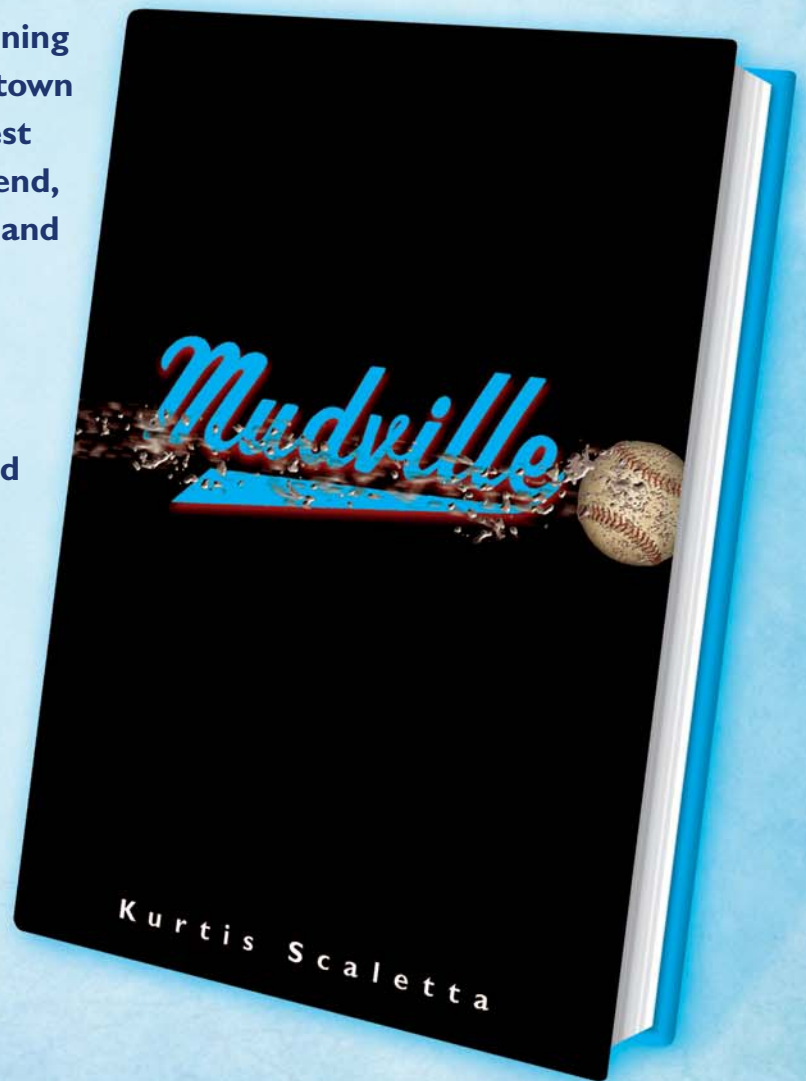


by **Kurtis Scaletta**

Welcome to Moundville, where it's been raining for over two decades. Most people say the town is cursed—right in the middle of their biggest baseball game against rival town Sinister Bend, it started to rain. That was 22 years ago . . . and it's still pouring.

Baseball camp is over, and Roy knows he's in for a soggy summer in Moundville. But when he returns home, Roy finds a foster kid named Sturgis sprawled out on his couch. Even weirder, just a few days after Sturgis's arrival, the rain stops. No one can explain why it's finally sunny, but as far as Roy's concerned, it's time to play some baseball. He and Sturgis get a team together to finish what was started 22 years ago.

Kurtis Scaletta makes his literary debut with this witty, heartfelt novel about fathers and sons, brothers and baseball, and a whole lot of rain.



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