



RALLY AROUND RALLY CAPS, A STORY OF BASEBALL, FRIENDSHIP & INSPIRATION

by former Baltimoreans Stephen J. Cutler with his daughter
Jodi Cutler Del Dottore, now of Grosseto, Italy

Rally Cap: A baseball cap worn inside-out or in another unconventional manner by players or fans in order to will a team into a come-from-behind rally late in the game.

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Rally Caps is a humorous, fun-filled baseball and camp story. Ten year old Jordan is injured in an unfortunate and frightening accident while trying out for the Little League Travel team. At summer camp he struggles to conquer his anxiety and fear in order to return to his beloved game of baseball. He forms a friendship with a deaf Italian boy, Luca, who wears a cochlear implant.

Luca's compelling positive *nothing is impossible* attitude, along with the inspiration he draws from his idol, Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr., gives Jordan the courage to return to baseball with a passion. Find out what happens as "Rally Caps" are raised in the bottom of the final inning in the biggest game of Jordan's life. Reading Level: Ages 9-12

Rally Caps is a "must-read" for girls and boys alike, for fans of baseball (especially the Baltimore Orioles!) and for anyone looking for a story of encouragement and spirit. The book draws its inspiration from the authors' personal history and love of baseball as well as their admiration for baseball greats Cal Ripken, Jr. and Curtis Pride, the only deaf player in modern major league baseball. The character of Luca is based on Jodi Cutler Del Dottore's son Jordan, who is hearing impaired, wears a cochlear implant and continues the family tradition of playing baseball. Jordan received his cochlear implant from doctors in Pisa when he was eight years old. "Italy saved my son," says Jodi.

Authors Stephen J. Cutler and his daughter Jodi Cutler Del Dottore are Baltimoreans with a strong Italian connection. As a Pikesville High School student in the late 1980's, Jodi Cutler participated in the study exchange program to Grosseto, Italy created by Italian Consul in Baltimore, Dr. Francesco Legaluppi. That experience led to romance and ultimately marriage to Italian native, Luca Del Dottore. Today, Jodi and Luca live with their two children, Jordan and Sofia, in Grosseto.

Support these hometown authors by attending one of their book signings. And learn how Italian medicine changed the life of their grandson/son.