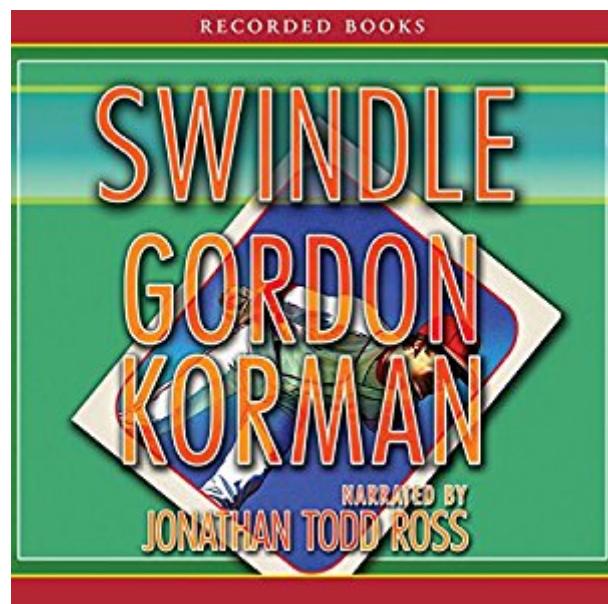


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# Swindle



## **Synopsis**

FOR USE IN SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES ONLY. After a mean collector named Swindle cons him out of his most valuable baseball card, Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Swindle's compound and recapture the card. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

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## **Customer Reviews**

When Griffin Bing, "The Man With the Plan," invites some of his buddies to spend the night at the Old Rockford House --- which is reported to be haunted and is slated for demolition the following day --- only his best friend Ben Slovak shows up. After Ben falls asleep, Griffin is left alone with his thoughts --- and worries. Lately his parents have been talking about selling the house and moving to a less expensive neighborhood. Griffin will do anything to stay in his home and not leave his friends. To pass time until morning, Griffin decides to investigate the old house. When he does, he stumbles across an old-fashioned desk with a tiny drawer that won't budge. But when he finds a small button and presses it, the locked drawer pops open. Wedged in the back of the drawer is a faded old card with a baseball player named GEORGE HERMAN (BABE) RUTH. Griffin immediately realizes that the card is valuable, and he hopes that by selling it, he can solve his family's financial problems. The next morning, after avoiding disaster with a wrecking ball, he shows the card to Ben, who questions if it belongs to Griffin or the owner of the old house. After some discussion, the boys decide to take it to "Palomino's Emporium of Collectibles and Memorabilia" for appraisal. The Emporium owner, S. Wendell (Swindle) Palomino, examines the card and convinces the boys that it's a replica --- a 40-year-old reproduction of an original Babe Ruth baseball card --- and not worth much. He gives them \$120 for the card. After the transaction, Griffin watches Swindle

lock the card in a portable safe behind the counter. Griffin suspects that it's worth much more, but Swindle has an explanation for everything.

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