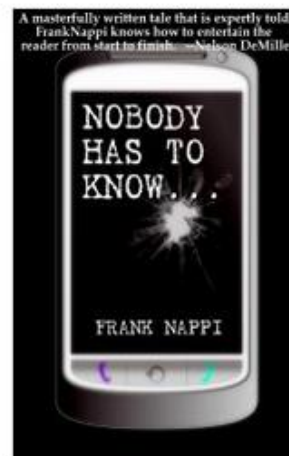
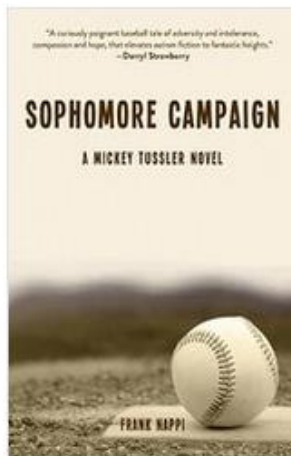
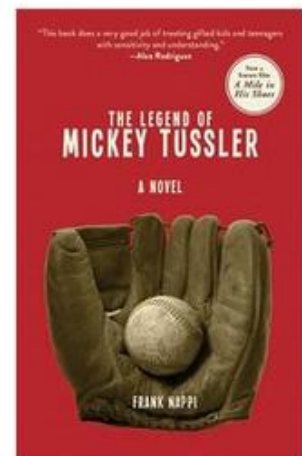


Frank Nappi has taught high school English and Creative Writing for over twenty five years. His debut novel, *Echoes From The Infantry*, received national attention, including MWSA's silver medal for outstanding fiction. His follow-up novel, *The Legend of Mickey Tussler*, garnered rave reviews as well, including a movie adaptation of the touching story "A Mile in His Shoes" starring Dean Cain and Luke Schroder. Nappi continues to produce quality work, including *Sophomore Campaign*, the intriguing sequel to the much heralded original story and the thriller, *NOBODY HAS TO KNOW*, which received an endorsement from #1 New York Times bestselling author Nelson DeMille. The third installment of Nappi's Mickey Tussler series, *WELCOME TO THE SHOW*, is due out in the spring of 2016, and he is currently working on his next thriller, *AS LONG AS WE BOTH SHALL LIVE*. Nappi lives on Long Island with his wife Julia and their two sons, Nicholas and Anthony.



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THE LEGEND OF MICKEY TUSSLER

A NOVEL



In the late 1940s, the minor league Milwaukee Brewers are foundering yet again and manager Arthur Murphy is desperate. When he sees seventeen-year old Mickey Tussler throwing apples into a barrel, he knows he has found the next pitching phenom. But not everyone is so hopeful. Mickey's autism—a disorder still not truly understood even today—has alienated the boy from the world, and he is berated by other players and fans. Mickey faces immense trials in the harsh and competitive world of baseball while coping with the challenges inherent to his disorder. An honest and knowledgeable book about overcoming adversity, and the basis for the television movie *A Mile in His Shoes*, Mickey's powerful story shows that with support and determination anyone can be triumphant, even when the odds are stacked against him.

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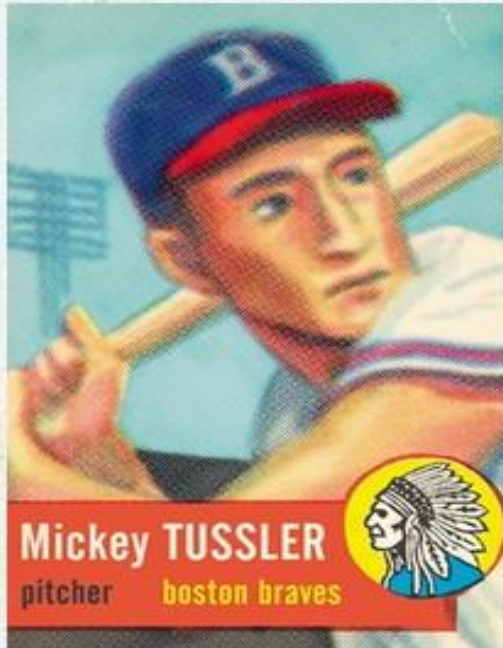
SOPHOMORE CAMPAIGN

A MICKEY TUSSLER NOVEL



It's 1949 and eighteen-year-old pitching phenom Mickey Tussler is back with the rejuvenated minor league Brewers in the sequel to *The Legend of Mickey Tussler* (the basis for the television movie *A Mile in His Shoes*). Despite Mickey's proclamation that he will never play baseball again after last season's violent conclusion, his manager—and now surrogate father—Arthur Murphy cajoles the emotionally fragile, socially awkward boy with autism into giving it another shot. Mickey reluctantly returns to the field and must once again cope with the violence and hatred around him. When a young African American player joins the team, the entire team is subjected to racial threats and episodes of violence, one of which Mickey witnesses firsthand. Struggling to understand such ugliness and hatred, and fearful of reprisal should he tell anyone about what he has seen, the boy's performance on the field suffers. Mickey now must deal with a side of human nature he scarcely comprehends.

COMING SOON - WELCOME TO THE SHOW



The dramatic conclusion to the Legend of Mickey Tussler series.

The recent success that the minor league Milwaukee Brewers have enjoyed has turned a few heads for sure, and now Mickey, Murph and Lester find themselves heading to Bean Town to play for the Boston Braves in the third installment of The Legend of Mickey Tussler series, Welcome to the Show. While the call up to the “show” is indeed exciting and filled with countless opportunities for the trio, the bright lights of Boston also hold a new series of challenges and hardships. They have each other to lean on, and a

new group of fans that are swept away with pennant fever, but balancing everything may prove to be the biggest challenge of all.

It is refreshing to read a series of books that celebrate the extraordinary talent that a very special young man with Autism possesses. These books also show the real challenges those touched by Autism must endure. The saga of Mickey Tussler spoke to me as a former professional athlete and as also a parent of another special young man with Autism.

Olie Kolzig, Former NHL goaltender

Speaks powerfully, brilliantly to anyone who loves baseball or anyone who loves a special person who is dealing with the rigors and challenges related to autism. —*Autism Speaks*

In my work with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America I see all kinds of challenges facing kids today, and this book does a very good job of treating gifted kids and teenagers with sensitivity and understanding in coping with and meeting these challenges. --*Alex Rodriguez*

A curiously poignant baseball tale of adversity and intolerance, compassion and hope, that elevates autism fiction to fantastic heights. —*Darryl Strawberry*

A touching story of finding one's dream even when the cards dealt to one are poor. -- *Midwest Book Review*

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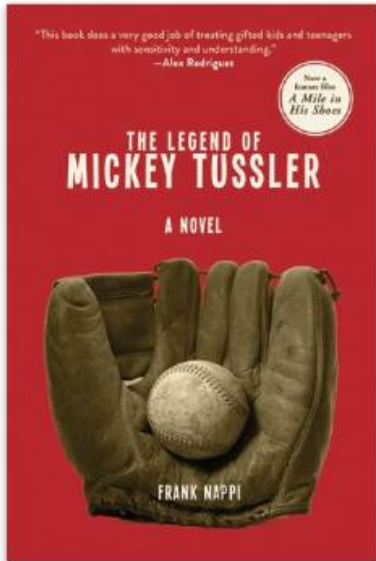
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SPORTS

**'Tussler' author to speak at Hall**

A lifelong baseball fan and English teacher for 25 years, it's no surprise Massapequa native Frank Nappi is a critically acclaimed author for his baseball novel "The Legend of Mickey Tussler," which deals with a boy with Aspergers who ends up on the Brewers' minor league team after he was discovered accidentally on a scouting trip.

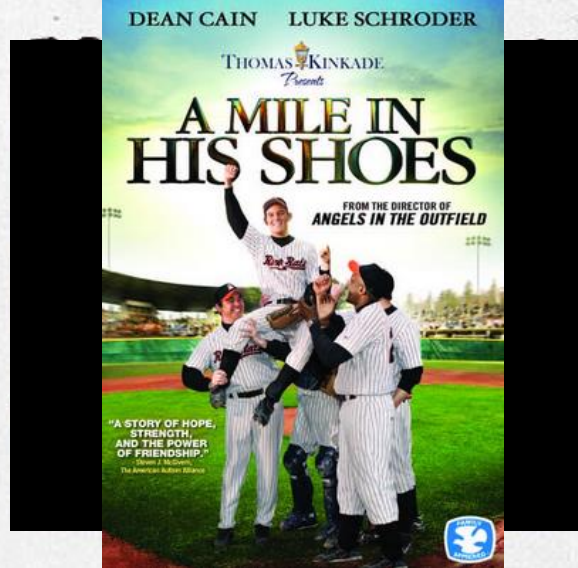
The book and subsequent novel "Sophomore Campaign" take the reader through Mickey's experience in the minor leagues and the hardships he faces even from his teammates due to his illness.

On Aug. 28, Nappi will get the ultimate honor, getting to speak at the National Baseball Hall of Fame about his novels. The third and final novel in the Mickey Tussler series is scheduled to come out in April 2016.

"The inclusion of my 'Mickey Tussler' series in the archives of the Baseball Hall of Fame, and the opportunity to speak in Cooperstown at the Hall of Fame about what the books mean to baseball and baseball fans, is incredibly gratifying — truly an unexpected honor," Nappi said. For more information, visit franknappi.com.

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