



**'Twas the
Night
Before
Cubbies**

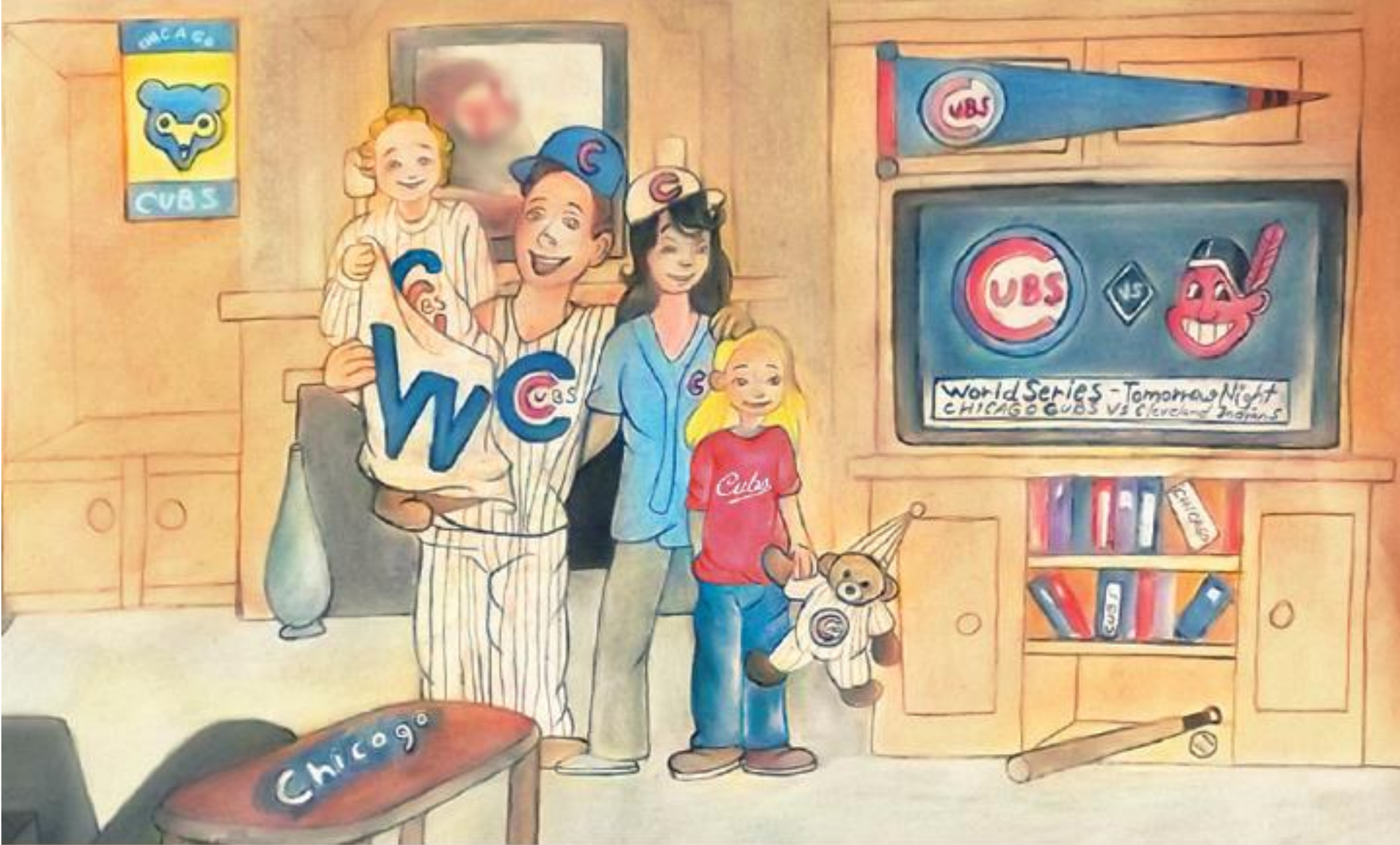
Dedication

**To all Cubs Fans
Here and Everywhere
Now and Forever**

The
World
Series
Dream
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True

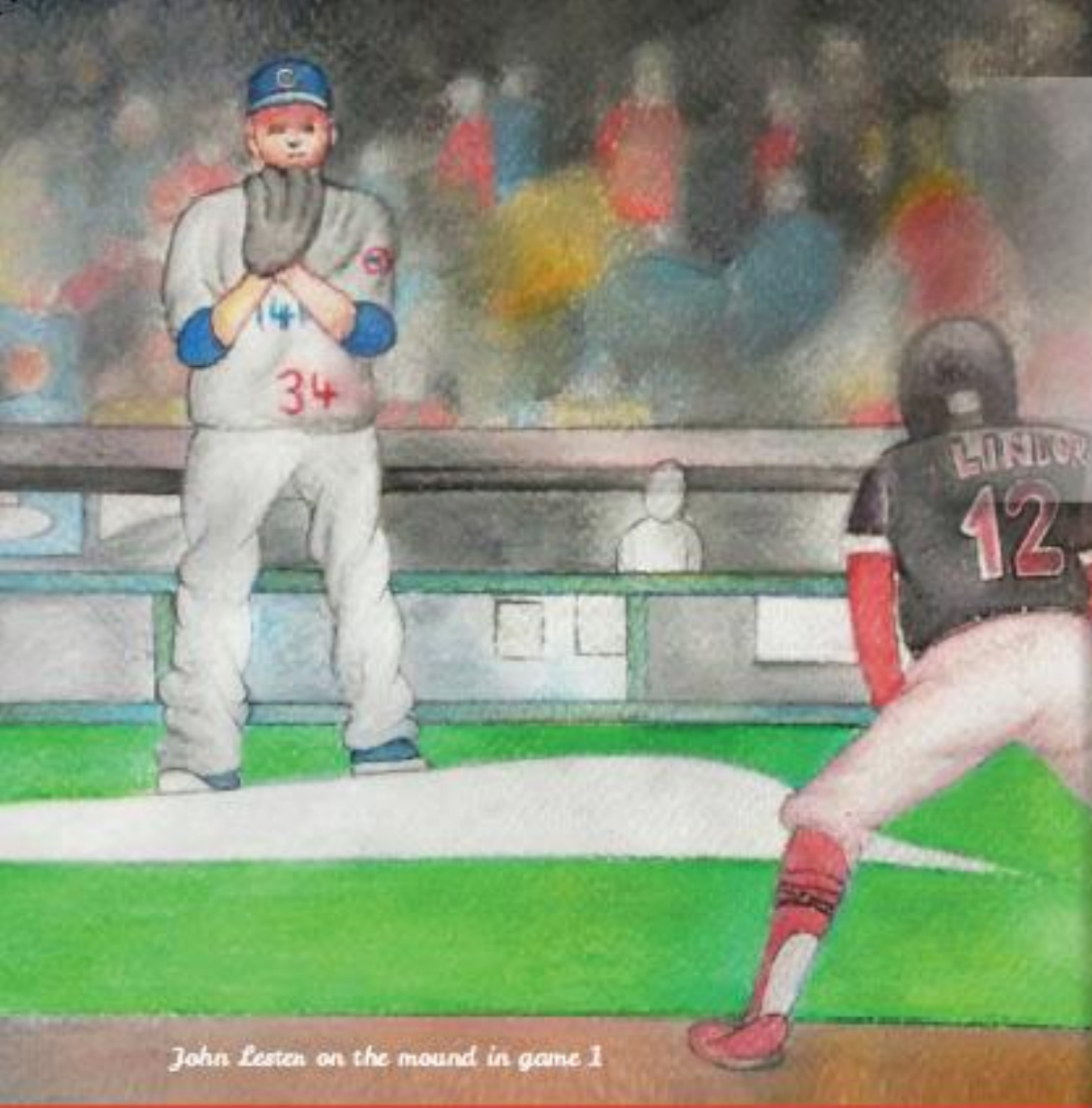
**Go Cubs Go!
Fly the W!**

Sam O. Barlow



'Twas the night before our Cubbies—in year twenty-sixteen—
Played in the World Series—this wasn't a dream!
How many years have our fans had to wait?
I ask . . . can you count to one hundred and eight?

I donned my Cubs hat and my wife wore hers too,
Our kids in Cubs PJs of red and of blue.
We each fell asleep with big grins on our face,
Dreaming of home runs that soon would take place.



John Lester on the mound in game 1

The morning came swiftly like an Arrieta slider,
We woke from our slumbers all anxious, excited.
Game One was in Cleveland where Indians play,
But nothing would stop us from cheering this day.

Jon Lester, our ace, took the mound in this game,
But many a Tribe hit he could not contain.
Their ace Cory Kluber pitched well, that's for sure,
And six runs to none was the game's final score.



Manager Joe Maddon makes a pitching change

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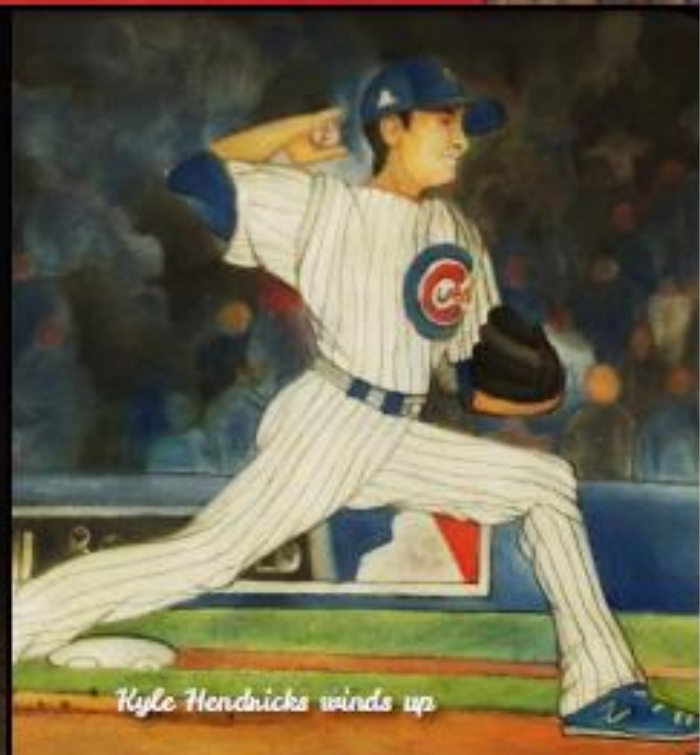
Go *Cubs* Go!

And now back to Wrigley, our Cubbies sweet home,
Where many a fan has moaned many a moan.
Where some say a Billy goat started a curse,
And a black cat is haunting, what could be worse?

Game Three came along and our Cubbies looked tight,
Not one single run could they score on this night.
Hendricks pitched well—a real pitcher's duel
And losing one-zip, you could say was just cruel.



*"Welcome to the friendly
confines of Wrigley Field"*



Kyle Hendricks winds up

*Anthony Rizzo
drives in Dexter Fowler*



Now Game Four was next, and we had our hopes high,
When Fowler scored on Rizzo's great RBI.
But once again Cleveland scored too many runs,
Seven to two was the game's final sum.

Oh goodness, oh my, I have to confess,
That Billy goat curse put my faith to the test.
Three games to one, our Cubs sinking fast,
One more game in Wrigley, would it be the last?



William "Billy" Sionis and his pet Billy goat Murphy

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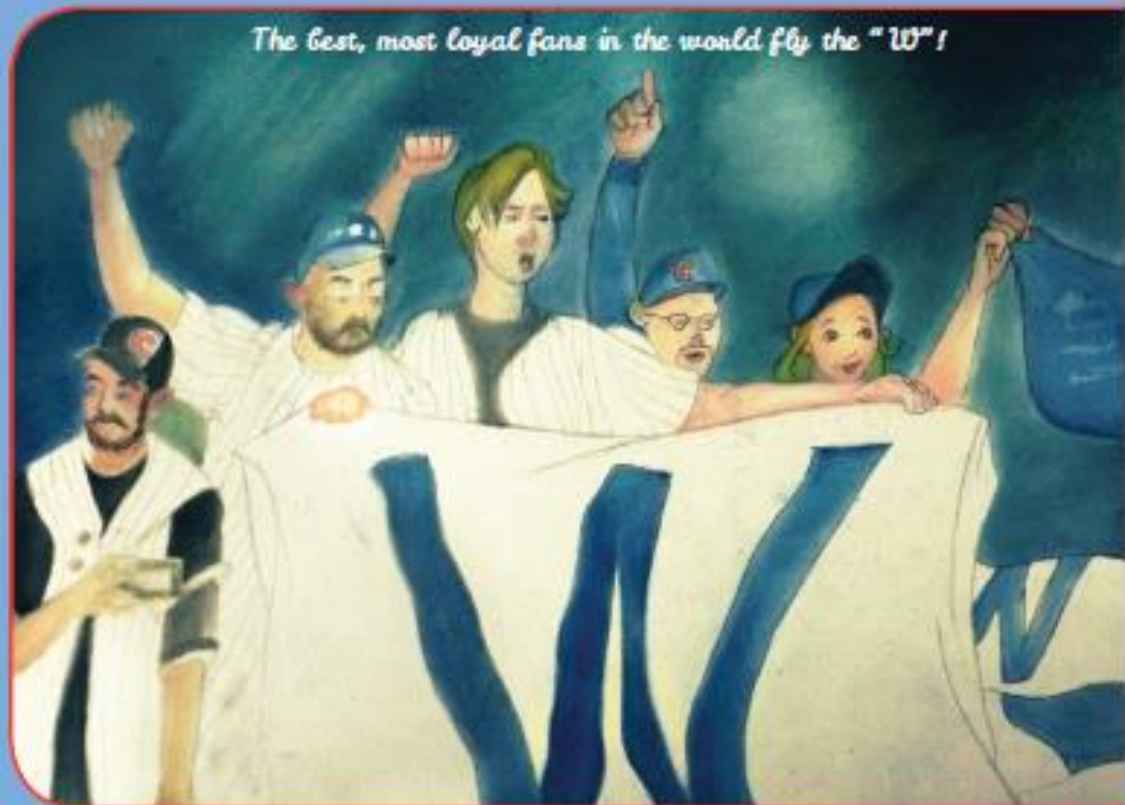
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Now don't get me wrong, yes, please get this right . . .
The ball club from Cleveland fought with all their might.
They scratched and they clawed making many great plays,
And held their heads high at the end of the day.

But was this our time? Could the "W" really happen?
Could Chicago play well in the final Game Seven?
I wish I could tell you that I had good feelings,
But too many times my heart's been sent reeling.



Right off the bat Fowler took Kluber deep,
A sac fly by Russell made Cleveland fans weep.
A homer to right Baez hit in the fifth,
And Rizzo's smash double summed another run's worth!

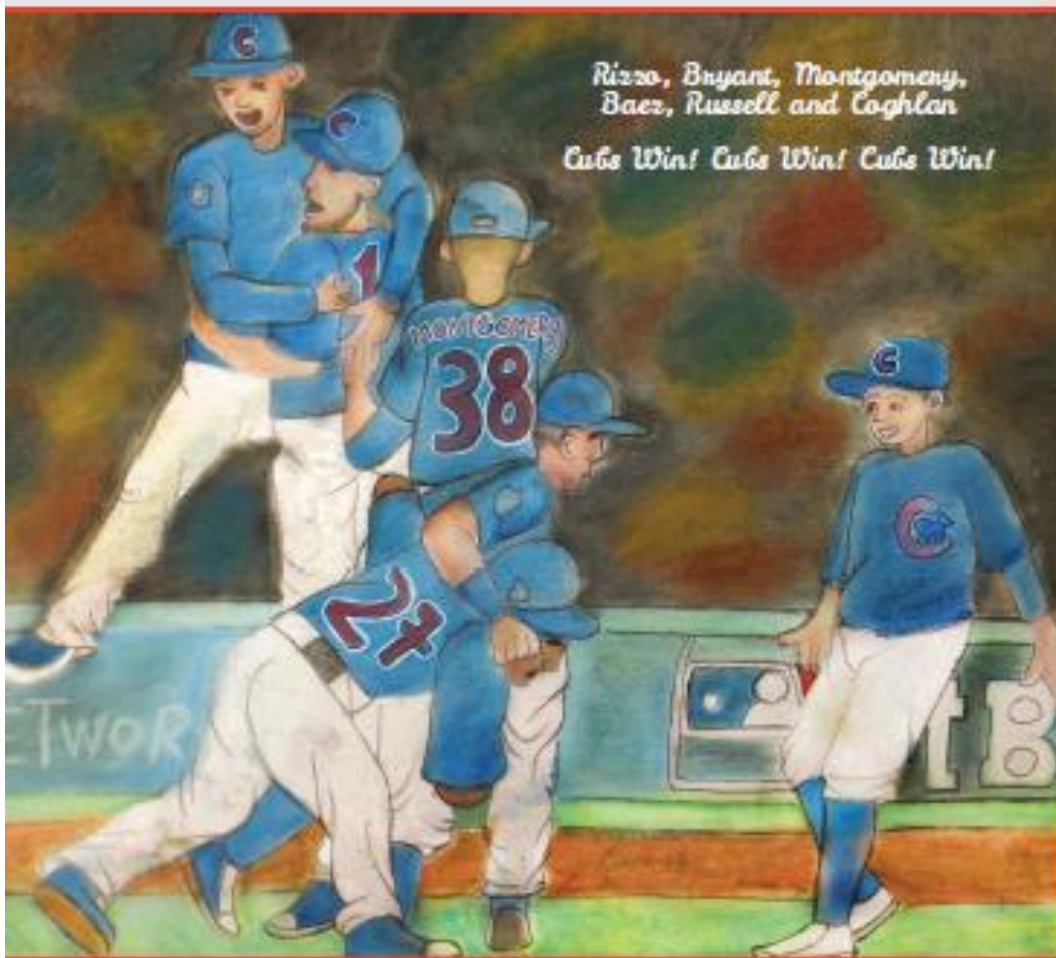
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World Series Champs, did you hear what I said?
World Series Champs made of blue and of red!
Lifetimes of hoping and praying has ended,
Millions of our broken hearts have been mended.



We jumped and we hollered, we hugged all around,
We danced and we cried knowing we are each bound
By baseball and caring and loving each other,
Bound by the truth we're all sisters and brothers.

World Series Champs for the whole world to see,
With World Series Fans who would always believe,
That **Someday We'll Go All The Way** and we'll win.
Well someday is this day, let the good times begin!



So as the night waned and the fans shuffled home,
I hugged my dear wife and my kids all alone.
And whispered my feelings straight up to the sky,
"Thank you so much," with a tear in my eye.

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Go *Cubs* Go!

World Series 2016

October 25 – November 2

Chicago Cubs vs Cleveland Indians

Chicago Cubs Roster

MANAGER

Joe Maddon – all star

PITCHERS (11)

Jake Arrieta – all star
Aroldis Chapman
Carl Edwards Jr.
Justin Grimm
Kyle Hendricks
John Lackey
Jon Lester – all star
Mike Montgomery
Hector Rondon
Pedro Strop
Travis Wood

CATCHERS (3)

Miguel Montero
David Ross
Wilson Contreras

INFELDERS (5)

Javier Baez – 2nd base
Kris Bryant – 3rd base, all star
League MVP
Anthony Rizzo – 1st base, all star
Addison Russell – Shortstop, all star
Ben Zobrist – 2nd base, outfield, all star
World Series MVP

OUTFIELDERS (6)

Albert Almora Jr.
Chris Coghlan
Dexter Fowler – all star
Jason Heyward
Kyle Schwarber
Jorge Soler

Season Record

103 Wins 58 losses

Cleveland Indians Roster

MANAGER

Terry Francona

PITCHERS (12)

Cody Allen
Trevor Bauer
Mike Clevinger
Corey Kluber – all star
Jeff Manship
Zach McAllister
Ryan Merritt
Andrew Miller
Dan Otero
Danny Salazar
Bryan Shaw
Josh Tomlin

CATCHERS (2)

Yan Gomes
Roberto Perez

INFELDERS (6)

Jason Kipnis – 2nd base
Francisco Lindor - short stop, all star
Michael Martinez
Mike Napoli – 1st base
Jose Ramirez – 3rd base
Carlos Santana

OUTFIELDERS (5)

Lonnie Chisenhall
Coco Crisp
Rajai Davis
Brandon Guyer
Tyler Naquin

Season Record

94 Wins 67 losses

Game Line Scores

Game 1, October 25 – Cleveland

Chicago Cubs 0
Cleveland Indians 6
W - Corey Kluber
L - Jon Lester

Game 2, October 26 – Cleveland

Chicago Cubs 5
Cleveland Indians 1
W - Jake Arrieta
L - Trevor Bauer

Game 3, October 28 – Chicago

Cleveland Indians 1
Chicago Cubs 0
W - Andrew Miller
L - Carl Edwards
S - Cody Allen

Game 4, October 29 – Chicago

Cleveland Indians 7
Chicago Cubs 2
W - Corey Kluber
L - John Lackey

Game 5, October 30 – Chicago

Cleveland Indians 2
Chicago Cubs 3
W - Jon Lester
L - Trevor Bauer
S - Aroldis Chapman

Game 6, November 1 – Cleveland

Chicago Cubs 9
Cleveland Indians 3
W - Jake Arrieta
L - Josh Tomlin

Game 7, November 2 – Cleveland

Chicago Cubs 8
Cleveland Indians 7 (10)
W - Aroldis Chapman
L - Bryan Shaw
S - Mike Montgomery

Series Composite Score

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	H	E
Cubs	6	0	5	5	5	1	0	1	2	2	27	61	5
Indians	2	3	2	2	3	3	4	6	1	1	27	55	6



The World Series Trophy is finally ours! Go Cubs Go!

Home runs

Chicago: Kris Bryant (2), Dexter Fowler (2), Addison Russell (1), Anthony Rizzo (1), Javier Baez (1), David Ross (1)

Cleveland: Roberto Perez (2), Jason Kipnis (2), Carlos Santana (1), Jose Ramirez (1), Rajai Davis (1)

Total attendance: 277,603
Average attendance: 39,658

Game 7 of the 2016 World Series between the Chicago Cubs and Cleveland Indians ended at 12:48 a.m., November 3, 2016, at Progressive Field, Cleveland Ohio, after a 17 minute rain delay. It's the first time a team came back to win the World Series after a 3-1 deficit by winning two games on the road. Many Cubs fans believe the brief rain storm was divine intervention. Some say the rain washed away the silly goal and black cat. I would say they are right.

Final game attendance: 38,104

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Thank you Cubs fans!
You are the GREATEST!

Good Night Chicago

'Twas the life when our Cubbies
Played a World Series Classic
It touched all our lives
And I'm so glad it happened

Now resting in peace
Will be so so much better
That feeling of winning
Will last me forever

To all the passed fans
Waiting more than a lifetime
I salute you for putting
Your Cubs heart on the line

Some may think it's corny
"Just a game" they may say
But this goes much deeper
Than just a ball game

Life lessons are many
And commitments are real
When there's broken hearts
Friends and family can heal

So teach all your children
Hope will always remain
That trying your best
Is the name of the game

I thank you dear Cubbies
Holy cow, what a ride
Us fans can now hold
Our heads extra high

And good night Chicago
Where dreams get their start
I love you Chicago
With all of my heart

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