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The Franchise: New York Yankees Da Capo Press, Incorporated

In *Tumultuous Times in America's Game: From Jackie Robinson's Breakthrough to the War over Free Agency*, Bryan Soderholm-Difatte provides a comprehensive examination of major developments and key figures in Major League Baseball from the integration of Jackie Robinson in 1947 to the owners-instigated catastrophic players' strike of 1994-95. While many fans will recall those decades with fond remembrances of the baseball stars who played then—from Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, Mickey Mantle, and Willie Mays to Roberto Clemente, Pete Rose, Reggie Jackson, and Cal Ripken—they were also a time of substantial challenges that upended more than half a century of tradition that was the backbone of the major leagues. *Tumultuous Times in America's Game* includes histories of each of the major league franchises, presented alongside Soderholm-Difatte's detailed examination of the controversies, developments, and innovations from these significant decades in professional baseball. Recaps of several of baseball's most exciting pennant races round out the narrative, making this book a valuable read for fans and historians of the national pastime.

[Doc, Donnie, the Kid, and Billy Brawl](#) Da Capo Press

Set against the backdrop of a racially charged nation and a still predominantly all-white major league landscape, seven years removed from Jackie Robinson's breaking of the color line, 1954 tells the story of the first time in major league history that two black players led their respective teams to the World Series.

Steinbrenner Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Few political figures of the modern age have been so vilified as Fidel Castro, and both the vilification and worship generated by the Cuban leader have combined to distort the true image of

Castro. The baseball myths attached to Fidel have loomed every bit as large as the skewed political notions that surround him. Castro was never a major league pitching prospect, nor did he destroy the Cuban national pastime in 1962. In *Fidel Castro and Baseball: The Untold Story*, Peter C. Bjarkman dispels numerous myths about the Cuban leader and his association with baseball. In this groundbreaking study, Bjarkman establishes how Fidel constructed, rather than dismantled, Cuba's true baseball Golden Age—one that followed rather than preceded the 1959 revolution. Bjarkman also demonstrates that Fidel was not at all unique in "politicizing" baseball as often maintained, since the island sport traces its roots to the 19th-century revolution. Fidel's avowed devotion to a non-materialist society would ultimately sow the seeds of collapse for the baseball empire he built over more than a half-century, just as the same obsession would finally dismantle the larger social revolution he had painstakingly authored. A fascinating look at a controversial figure and his impact on a major sport, this volume reveals many intriguing insights about Castro and how his love of the game was tied to Cuba's identity. *Fidel Castro and Baseball* will appeal to fans of the sport as well as to those interested in Cuba's enduring association with baseball.

[How the Yankees Explain New York](#) John Wiley & Sons

America loves sports. This book examines and details the proof of this fascination seen throughout American society—in our literature, film, and music; our clothing and food; and the iconography of the nation. This momentous four-volume work examines and details the cultural aspects of sport and how sport pervasively reflects—and affects—myriad aspects of American society from the early 1900s to the present day. Written in a straightforward, readable manner, the entries cover both historical and contemporary aspects of sport and American culture. Unlike purely historical encyclopedias on sports, the contributions within these volumes cover related subject matter such as poetry, novels, music, films, plays, television shows, art and artists, mythologies, artifacts, and people. While this encyclopedia set is ideal for general readers who need information on the diverse aspects of sport in

American culture for research purposes or are merely reading for enjoyment, the detailed nature of the entries will also prove useful as an initial source for scholars of sport and American culture. Each entry provides a number of both print and online resources for further investigation of the topic.

The Reshaping of America's Game Triumph Books

Examining the connection between baseball and our society as a whole, *How Baseball Explains America* is a fascinating, one-of-a-kind journey through America's pastime. Longtime USA TODAY baseball editor and columnist Hal Bodley explores just how essential baseball is to understanding the American experience. He takes readers into the Oval Office with George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton as the former presidents share their thoughts on the game, he looks at the changes that America's Greatest Generation ushered in, as well as examining baseball's struggle with performance enhancing drugs alongside America's war on drugs. An unabashedly celebratory explanation of America's love affair with baseball and the men who make it possible, this work sheds light on topics such as the role Jackie Robinson's signing with the Dodgers played in the civil rights movement, how baseball's westward expansion mirrored the growth of our national economy, labor strife, baseball families, the international explosion of the game, and even the myriad ways in which movies, music, and baseball are intrinsically tied. It is a must read for anyone interested in more fully understanding not only the game but also the nation in which it thrives.

Hebrew Hammer Arcadia Publishing

This first biography of four-time all-star Al Rosen covers the career of perhaps the best player on the fabulous Cleveland Indians' teams of the 1950s. From 1951 to 1956, the Tribe won one American League pennant (1954) and finished second to New York the other five seasons. Rosen was selected as the League's Most Valuable Player in 1953, the last Indians player to be so honored. He led the League in home runs (43) and RBI (145). Washington's Mickey Vernon edged Rosen by a single percentage point (.337 to .336) for the league batting championship. His play between the white lines was not the only place where Rosen left his mark on the game. He spent 14 seasons as a president or general manager for the New York Yankees (1978-1979), Houston Astros (1981-1985) and the San Francisco Giants (1986-1992). Under his guidance, those teams won two pennants and one world championship. Rosen is the only person in Major League Baseball history to win an MVP award as a player and to be recognized as Executive of the Year by The Sporting News (1987).

Joe and Marilyn Rowman & Littlefield

The past 25 years have been the most dynamic in the history of Major League Baseball, from the league's recovery after the players' strike to the growth of analytics and the rise of new World Series contenders. In *The Reshaping of America's Game: Major League Baseball after the Players' Strike*, Bryan Soderholm-Difatte reflects on the factors and challenges that have changed major league baseball since the 1994-1995 players' strike. He examines the consolidation of power in the Commissioner's Office, the influx of Latin and Asian players, the boom in new stadiums, the influence of analytics in reshaping how rosters are constructed, the relationship between managers and the front office, and the rise of the power-game between pitchers and batters that has led to unprecedented strikeouts and home run totals. While Major League Baseball continues to develop and grow, the league has had to grapple with repeated steroids scandals, the struggle of small-market teams to remain

competitive, and the "forever" unfinished business between players and owners over free agency and fair compensation. *The Reshaping of America's Game* provides a detailed and intriguing review of the many issues affecting the national pastime during the liveliest years in MLB history. *The Reshaping of America's Game*, together with Soderholm-Difatte's *America's Game*, *Tumultuous Times in America's Game*, and *America's Game in the Wild-Card Era*, form the author's complete, definitive history of Major League Baseball.

Almost Yankees Triumph Books

Provides instructions and advice for new users of the iPad computer, including getting it ready to use, Internet searches, e-mail, applications, audio, video, photographs, electronic books, settings, troubleshooting, and accessories.

501 Baseball Books Fans Must Read Before They Die Rowman & Littlefield

Every New York Yankees fan has a bucket list of activities to take part in at some point in their lives. But even the most die-hard fans haven't done everything there is to experience in and around the Bronx. From visiting Stan's Sports Bar to sitting in the bleachers for the roll call, author Mark Feinsand provides ideas, recommendations, and insider tips for must-see places and can't-miss activities near Yankee Stadium. But not every experience requires a trip to New York; long-distance Yankees fans can cross some items off their list from the comfort of their own homes. Whether you're attending every home game or supporting the Yanks from afar, there's something for every fan to do in *The New York Yankees Fans' Bucket List*.

Chumps to Champs Doubleday

Cleveland sports history goes well beyond *The Shot*, *The Fumble*, *The Drive* and so many other ignoble moments. Many of the city's most illustrious sports tales are long-forgotten chapters of tribulations and tragedy, of fleeting fame and enduring milestones. There are forgotten firsts, such as football's first pass and the invention of baseball's slider having ties to Cleveland. There are overshadowed tragedies like a fatal crash involving an Indians pitcher occurring the same year two of the team's hurlers were killed in a high-profile boating accident. And then there are the near misses--like George Steinbrenner coming within seconds of owning the Indians and a famous musician who almost became a Cleveland Brown. From basketball to boxing, hockey to Heisman, journalist Marc Bona chronicles more than a century of unremembered tales.

Bill Virdon Houghton Mifflin

A firsthand, behind-the-scenes account of the turmoil that pervaded the New York Yankee franchise in the late 1970s, this book discusses George Steinbrenner's purchase and continual rebuilding of the team--alongside a colorful cast of players and businessmen. Not merely a look at the time spent in Yankee Stadium, this chronicle also describes the team's public arguments, practical jokes, drunken excess, self-aggrandizing publicity efforts, and the ups and downs that accompanied the Yankees and George Steinbrenner through the 1970s and beyond.

Steinbrenner McFarland

Longtime columnist Peter Botte recounts the living history of the team, counting down from No. 50 to No. 1. Learn about and revisit the remarkable stories, featuring greats like Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, Lou Gehrig, Derek Jeter, and Aaron Judge.

Tumultuous Times in America's Game Page Street Publishing

No other team has come close to dominating baseball like the New York Yankees, with 26 World Series wins and 38 American League championships. No wonder no other team has a fraction of

baseball books published about them. Bill Madden adds another to the lengthy list with *Pride of October: What it Was to Be Young and a Yankee*. From Phil Rizzuto and Whitey Ford to Lou Piniella and Paul O'Neil, 17 former Yankees and one Yankee widow, reveal their memories about their careers. The wide range of Yankee seasons is reflected in all the players selected, so questions range from the reality of Babe Ruth's "called home run," to Pichard the shocking final inning of the 2001 World Series loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks with the "unbeatable" Yankee reliever Mario Rivera on the mound. In the pregame clubhouse meetings, the normally reserved Rivera surprised his teammates by saying "We're going to win, but no matter what happens, it's in God's hands." Don Mattingly reflects on his 13 fine seasons with the Yanks without a single World Series ring to show for it. Yogi Berra, Madden claims, when asked directions to his home for the interview replies, "When you get to the house, you'll see it."

Split Season: 1981 Simon and Schuster

Army Rangers are known as more elite soldiers—that is, they are specially selected, better trained, and fight harder than any other soldier. The Ranger ethos is one of courage, tenacity, relentless leadership, and honor. Indeed, these timeless principles have allowed Rangers to dominate on the battlefield and in life for centuries. Now, *A More Elite Man* makes those principles accessible to men everywhere and shows them how to win as leaders in their marriages, their homes, their organizations, and their communities. Through the lens of peace, righteousness, and legacy, *A More Elite Man* prepares and equips men to impact the world around them with God's wisdom and hope.

National Pastime U of Nebraska Press

A Unique Perspective on One of the Greatest Players of All Time Baseball Immortal Derek Jeter takes you on a remarkable forty-year journey, letting you step inside the great Yankee shortstop's life and career through his own words and those of the people who have known him best personally and in the sports community. The result is an incredible, insightful look at what made him not only an amazing ballplayer but also an intriguing and complex personality. Baseball fans will relive classic moments from his stumbles in the minor leagues all the way to his magical last major league game at Yankee Stadium in 2014, and learn about the influence of his parents, his inspiring work ethic, his constant drive to win, his leadership, his unrelenting optimism and more.

Everyone has something to say about Derek Jeter—the player known as the face of baseball for two decades, the greatest Yankee of his generation, a man of few public words but uncompromising integrity. The book is packed with quotes by Jeter's parents, friends, teachers and mentors, coaches, scouts, teammates, opposing players, his fans and critics, celebrities, elite athletes like Michael Jordan, writers and broadcasters, managers - including Joe Torre and Joe Girardi - outspoken Yankees owner George Steinbrenner and even two presidents. The big surprise comes from the revealing quotes from Derek Jeter himself, who, during his career, constantly frustrated journalists by keeping his thoughts to himself. This book provides a remarkable 360-degree view of a future Hall of Fame shortstop, Yankees captain and champion who continues to be an inspiration to baseball players and fans across the nation.

Modern Coliseum U of Nebraska Press

An examination of the unique parallels between New York City's evolution and that of the New York Yankees, *How the Yankees Explain New York* illustrates how the storied history of the Bronx Bombers mirrors that of the Big Apple itself. The oldest professional sports franchise in the city, the Yankees have played in front of sold out crowds in the

Bronx for nearly a century, and this work explores the relationship between Wall Street high-rollers and the Yankees' record-setting payroll, describes the "city that never sleeps" through the nighttime antics of Mickey Mantle and Billy Martin, revisits the healing effect of the Yankees' World Series run in the aftermath of 9/11, and much more. Entertaining and insightful, this book is sure to be popular amongst one of sports' most passionate fan bases.

IPad For Dummies Triumph Books

From its modest beginnings in rural America to its current status as an entertainment industry in postindustrial America enjoyed worldwide by millions each season, the linkages between baseball's evolution and our nation's history are undeniable.

Through war, depression, times of tumultuous upheaval and of great prosperity – baseball has been held up as our national pastime: the single greatest expression of America's values and ideals. Combining a comprehensive history of the game with broader analyses of America's historical and cultural developments, *National Pastime* encapsulates the values that have allowed it to endure: hope, tradition, escape, revolution. While nostalgia, scandal, malaise and triumph are contained within the study of any American historical moment, we see in this book that the tensions and developments within the game of baseball afford the best window into a deeper understanding of America's past, its purpose, and its principles.

Lou Harper Collins

Propounding his "small ball theory" of sports literature, George Plimpton proposed that "the smaller the ball, the more formidable the literature." Of course he had the relatively small baseball in mind, because its literature is formidable--vast and varied, instructive, often wildly entertaining, and occasionally brilliant. From this bewildering array of baseball books, Ron Kaplan has chosen 501 of the best, making it easier for fans to find just the books to suit them (or to know what they're missing). From biography, history, fiction, and instruction to books about ballparks, business, and rules, anyone who loves to read about baseball will find in this book a companionable guide, far more fun than a reference work has any right to be.

1954 University of Pennsylvania Press

One of the most underrated players in baseball history, Bill Virdon went on to successfully manage four Major League teams. Rookie of the Year with the 1955 St. Louis Cardinals, he played center field for 10 seasons with the Pittsburgh Pirates, next to right fielder Roberto Clemente. Virdon's key plays clinched the Pirates' victory over the New York Yankees in the 1960 World Series. He was instrumental in coaching the "Bucs" during the 1971 Series against the Baltimore Orioles, and later that year became their manager, Virdon was American League Manager of the Year with the Yankees in 1974, and National League Manager of the Year with the Houston Astros in 1980. In 1984 he ended his MLB managerial career while with the Montreal Expos yet continued to coach through the 2002 season. This first-ever biography covers his remarkable career, with previously untold stories from Virdon and his wife, Shirley.

Yogi McFarland

In *Modern Coliseum*, Benjamin D. Lisle tracks changes in stadium design and culture since World War II. Featuring over seventy-five images documenting the transformation of the American stadium over time, *Modern Coliseum* will be of interest to a variety of readers, from urban and architectural historians to sports fans.