
The Boys Of Summer Roger Kahn

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SIU Press

As star players for the 1955 World Champion Brooklyn Dodgers, and prior to that as the first black players to be candidates to break professional baseball's color barrier, Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella would seem to be natural allies. But the two men were divided by a rivalry going far beyond the personality differences and petty jealousies of competitive teammates. Behind the bitterness were deep and differing beliefs about the fight for civil rights. Robinson, the more aggressive and intense of the two, thought Jim Crow should be attacked head-on; Campanella, more passive and easygoing, believed that ability, not militancy, was the key to racial equality. Drawing on interviews with former players such as Monte Irvin, Hank Aaron, Carl Erskine, and Don Zimmer,

Jackie and Campy offers a closer look at these two players and their place in a historical movement torn between active defiance and passive resistance.

William C. Kashatus deepens our understanding of these two baseball icons and civil rights pioneers and provides a clearer picture of their time and our own.

The Head Game Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Discusses how a small group of Chicago business leaders built a thriving neighborhood, Dearborn Park, in an abandoned rail yard in the South Loop area.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time Anchor Described by Richard William of The Guardian as 'the best sports book of 2013, and the best sports book of all time', The Boys of Summer is the story of the young men who learned to play baseball during the 1930s and 1940s, and went on to play for one of the

most exciting major-league ball clubs ever fielded, the Brooklyn Dodgers team that broke the colour barrier with Jackie Robinson. It is a book by and about a sportswriter who grew up near Ebbets Field, and who had the good fortune in the 1950s to cover the Dodgers for The Herald Tribune. A story about what happened to Jackie, Carl Erskine, Pee Wee Reese, and the others when the glory days were behind them, it is also a book about fathers and sons and the making of modern America.

Lord of the Flies McFarland Skydiving and drug smuggling pioneer Roger Nelson lives life out of the box. Fueled by a love for adrenaline and adventure, Roger goes after everything he wants with gusto. But now Roger is ready to retire from smuggling. With a parachute center to run and a family to raise, Roger knows it is time to stop the cat-and-mouse games he has been playing with the authorities for years. He and his longtime

partner, Hanoi, plan one final run to Belize, where they intend to fill their Douglas DC-3 with enough cannabis to set them up for life. But then Hanoi dies in a plane crash in an attempt to make some “legitimate bucks” flying fish in Alaska while they wait for the growing season to end. Left without a partner or plane, Roger remains determined to return to his family for good. To do so, he decides to stay true to himself and follow through with his retirement run. Roger must rely on a colorful cast of characters and the most unlikely airplane for a gig ever—Sugar Alpha, the legendary DC-3 with the secret fuel tanks and not-so-secret paint job—to help him complete the most daring run in the history of smuggling.

October 1964 Courier Corporation

"A moving elegy . . . [to] the best team the majors ever saw . . . the Brooklyn Dodgers of the 1950s."

— New York Times The classic narrative of growing up within shouting distance of Ebbets Field, covering the Jackie Robinson Dodgers, and what 's happened to everybody since. This is a book about young men who learned to play baseball during the 1930s and 1940s, and then went on to play for one of the most exciting major-league ball clubs ever fielded, the team that broke the color barrier with Jackie Robinson. It is a book by and about a sportswriter who grew up near Ebbets Field, and who had the good fortune in the 1950s to cover the Dodgers for The Herald Tribune. This is a book about what happened to Jackie, Carl Erskine, Pee Wee Reese, and the others when their glory days were behind them. In short, it is a book about America, about fathers and sons, prejudice and courage, triumph and disaster, and told with warmth, humor, wit, candor, and love.

The Seventh Game Diversion Books

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most exciting major-league ball clubs ever fielded, the team that broke the colour barrier with Jackie Robinson. It is a book by and about a sportswriter who grew up near Ebbets Field, and who had the good fortune in the 1950s to cover the Dodgers for the Herald Tribune. This is a book about what happened to Jackie, Carl Erskine, Pee Wee Reese, and the others when their glory days were behind them. In short, it is a book fathers and sons and about the making of modern America. 'At a point in life when one is through with boyhood, but has not yet discovered how to be a man, it was my fortune to travel with the most marvelously appealing of teams.' Sentimental because it holds such promise, and bittersweet because that promise is past, the first sentence of this masterpiece of sporting literature, first published in the early '70s, sets its tone. The team is the mid-20th-century Brooklyn Dodgers, the team of Robinson and Snyder and Hodges and Reese, a team of great triumph and historical import composed of men whose fragile lives were filled with dignity and pathos. Roger

Kahn, who covered that team for the New York Herald Tribune, makes understandable humans of his heroes as he chronicles the dreams and exploits of their young lives, beautifully intertwining them with his own, then recounts how so many of those sweet dreams curdled as the body of these once shining stars grew rusty with age and battered by experience.

The Life and Trials of Roger

Clemens Simon and Schuster

The true story of a year in the life of the Utica Blue Sox, a minor league baseball team in upstate New York, by the acclaimed author of *The Boys of Summer*. Roger Kahn's *The Boys of Summer* immortalized the 1950s Brooklyn Dodgers. Good Enough to Dream does the same for players whose moment in the sun has not yet arrived. Here, Kahn tells the story of his year as owner of the Class A, very minor league Utica Blue Sox. Most of the Blue Sox never made it to the majors, but they all shared the dream that links

the small child in the sandlot with the superstar who has just smacked one out of the stadium. This is a look at the heart of America's pastime, a game still sweet enough to lure grown men to leagues where first-class transportation was an old school bus and the infield was likely to be the consistency of thick soup. It is a funny and poignant story of one season, and one special team, that will make us hesitate before we ever call anything "bush league" again. Praise for Roger Kahn "As a kid, I loved sports first and writing second, and loved everything Roger Kahn wrote. As an adult, I love writing first and sports second, and love Roger Kahn even more." —David Maraniss, Pulitzer Prize winner "He can epitomize a player with a single swing of the pen." —Time "Roger Kahn is the best baseball writer in the business." —Stephen Jay Gould, *The New York Review of Books*

Good Enough to Dream Open Road Media

A bestselling modern classic—both poignant and funny—narrated by a fifteen year old autistic savant obsessed with Sherlock Holmes, this dazzling novel weaves together an old-fashioned mystery, a contemporary coming-of-age story, and a fascinating excursion into a mind incapable of processing emotions.

Christopher John Francis

Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. Although gifted with a superbly logical brain, Christopher is autistic.

Everyday interactions and admonishments have little meaning for him. At fifteen, Christopher 's carefully constructed world falls apart when he finds his neighbour 's dog Wellington impaled on a garden fork, and he is initially blamed for the killing.

Christopher decides that he will

track down the real killer, and turns to his favourite fictional character, the impeccably logical Sherlock Holmes, for inspiration. But the investigation leads him down some unexpected paths and ultimately brings him face to face with the dissolution of his parents ' marriage. As Christopher tries to deal with the crisis within his own family, the narrative draws readers into the workings of Christopher 's mind. And herein lies the key to the brilliance of Mark Haddon 's choice of narrator: The most wrenching of emotional moments are chronicled by a boy who cannot fathom emotions. The effect is dazzling, making for one of the freshest debut in years: a comedy, a tearjerker, a mystery story, a novel of exceptional literary merit that is great fun to read. The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian Doubleday Books

The legendary sportswriter 's

memoir of Brooklyn, baseball, and a life in journalism:

“ Simply put, this is a marvelous book ” (Kirkus Reviews). In this book, the bestselling author of *The Boys of Summer* shares stories of his Depression-era Brooklyn childhood, his career during a golden era of sports, and his personal acquaintances with a wide range of great ballplayers. His father had a passion for the Dodgers; his mother ’ s passion was for poetry. Young Roger managed to blend both loves in a career that encompassed writing about sports for the *New York Herald Tribune*, *Sports Illustrated*, the *Saturday Evening Post*, *Esquire*, and *Time*. Kahn recalls the great personalities—Leo Durocher, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, Jackie Robinson, Red Smith, Dick Young, and many more—and recollects the wittiest lines from forty years in dugouts, press boxes, and newsrooms. “ A master at

evoking a sense of the past . . . A pleasing potpourri of autobiography, professional memoir, and anecdotal baseball history . . . Of special note to journalism buffs is Kahn ’ s account of his role in the inception of *Sports Illustrated*. ” —Booklist “ As a kid, I loved sports first and writing second, and loved everything Roger Kahn wrote. As an adult, I love writing first and sports second, and love Roger Kahn even more. ” —David Maraniss, Pulitzer Prize – winning journalist and author “ Roger Kahn is the best baseball writer in the business. ” —Stephen Jay Gould, *New York Review of Books* Rickey & Robinson Grand Central Publishing Selected as one of baseball literature's Golden Dozen by Roger Kahn, *Man on Spikes* is an uncompromisingly realistic novel about a baseball player who struggles through sixteen years of personal crises and

professional ordeals before finally appearing in a major league game. In a preface to this new edition, Eliot Asinof reveals the long-suffering ballplayer and friend upon which the novel is based.

Into My Own Diversion Books
Detailing the characters, events, and cultural forces behind the American bicentennial celebration, this chronicle of America and baseball reveals how this was the year that both the nation and its national pastime were revolutionized. Beyond the Boys of Summer
Open Road Media

This New York Times bestseller “takes you into the heart of baseball as it was in the 1960s, conveyed with humor and insight” (Tim McCarver, *The Wall Street Journal*). Acclaimed New Yorker writer Roger Angell’s first book on baseball, *The Summer Game*, originally published in 1972,

is a stunning collection of his essays on the major leagues, covering a span of ten seasons. Angell brilliantly captures the nation’s most beloved sport through the 1960s, spanning both the winning teams and the “horrendous losers,” and including famed players Sandy Koufax, Bob Gibson, Brooks Robinson, Frank Robinson, Willie Mays, and more. With the panache of a seasoned sportswriter and the energy of an avid baseball fan, Angell’s sports journalism is an insightful and compelling look at the great American pastime.

At Home in the Loop U of Nebraska Press

It's been over 50 years since they moved to Los Angeles, but the Brooklyn Dodgers remain ingrained in the fabric of our national pastime.

Golenbock's oral history of

these "lovable losers" tells the team's tale through the words of Pee Wee Reese, Leo Durocher, Duke Snider, and other Brooklyn greats.

The Little Red Book of Baseball Wisdom Houghton Mifflin

The “compelling” New York Times bestseller by the Pulitzer Prize – winning journalist, capturing the 1964 World Series between the Yankees and Cardinals (Newsweek). David Halberstam, an avid sports writer with an investigative reporter’s tenacity, superbly details the end of the fifteen-year reign of the New York Yankees in October 1964. That October found the Yankees going head-to-head with the St. Louis Cardinals for the World Series pennant. Expertly weaving the narrative threads of both teams’ seasons, Halberstam

brings the major personalities on the field—from switch-hitter Mickey Mantle to pitcher Bob Gibson—to life. Using the teams’

subcultures, Halberstam also analyzes the cultural shifts of the sixties. The result is a unique blend of sports writing and cultural history as engrossing as it is insightful.

This ebook features an extended biography of David Halberstam.

Why Time Begins on Opening Day Diversion Books

Recounts one of the great summers of baseball history, 1978--the year the Yankees won the World Series after a tumultuous season.

Where Nobody Knows Your Name Diversion Books

The novel that inspired *Field of Dreams*: “A lyrical, seductive, and altogether winning concoction.” —The New York Times Book Review One of Sports Illustrated’s 100 Greatest Sports Books “If you build it, he will

come. ” When Ray Kinsella hears these mysterious words spoken in the voice of an Iowa baseball announcer, he is inspired to carve a baseball diamond in his cornfield. It is a tribute to his hero, the legendary Shoeless Joe Jackson, whose reputation was forever tarnished by the scandalous 1919 World Series. What follows is a timeless story that is “ not so much about baseball as it is about dreams, magic, life, and what is quintessentially American ” (The Philadelphia Inquirer). “ A triumph of hope. ” —The Boston Globe “ A moonlit novel about baseball, dreams, family, the land, and literature. ” —Sports Illustrated

Pete Rose Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Hidden far from sight, deep in the thick underbrush of the North Florida woods are the ghostly graves of more than thirty unidentified bodies, some of which are thought to be children who were beaten to death at the old Florida Industrial School for Boys at Marianna. It is suspected that

many more bodies will be found in the fields and swamplands surrounding the institution. Investigations into the unmarked graves have compelled many grown men to come forward and share their stories of the abuses they endured and the atrocities they witnessed in the 1950s and 1960s at the institution. The White House Boys: An American Tragedy is the true story of the horrors recalled by Roger Dean Kiser, one of the boys incarcerated at the facility in the late fifties for the crime of being a confused, unwanted, and wayward child. In a style reminiscent of the works of Mark Twain, Kiser recollects the horrifying verbal, sexual, and physical abuse he and other innocent young boys endured at the hands of their "caretakers." Questions remain unanswered and theories abound, but Roger and the other 'White House Boys' are determined to learn the truth and see justice served.

**The Boys of Summer U of
Nebraska Press**

A collection of quotes from the sport's most legendary figures covers topics ranging from hitting, fielding, and managing to superstars and the media.

The Summer Game Aurum

Minor league baseball is quintessentially American: small towns, small stadiums, \$5 tickets, \$2 hot dogs, the never-ending possibility of making it big. But looming above it all is always the real deal: Major League Baseball.

John Feinstein takes the reader behind the curtain into the guarded world of the minor leagues, like no other writer can. **Where Nobody Knows Your Name** explores the trials and travails of the inhabitants of Triple-A, focusing on nine men, including players, managers and umpires, among many colorful characters, living on the cusp of the dream. The book tells the stories of former World Series hero Scott Podsednik, giving it one more shot; Durham Bulls manager Charlie Montoya, shepherding generations across

the line; and designated hitter Jon Lindsey, a lifelong minor leaguer, waiting for his day to come. From Raleigh to Pawtucket, from Lehigh Valley to Indianapolis and beyond, this is an intimate and exciting look at life in the minor leagues, where you 're either waiting for the call or just passing through.

**Memories of Summer
Rosetta Books**

Angell 's absorbing collection traces the highs and lows of major-league baseball in the 1980s. Roger Angell once again journeys through five seasons of America 's national pastime—chronicling the larger-than-life narratives and on-field intricacies of baseball from 1982 to 1987. Angell 's collected New Yorker essays, written in his unique voice as a fan and baseball aficionado, cover the development of the game both on the diamond and off. While diving into subjects such as Sparky

Anderson ' s ' 84 Detroit
Tigers, the legendary 1986
World Series and the Curse of
the Bambino, and the
increasingly pervasive issue of
player drug use, Angell reveals
the craft and technique of the
game, and the unforgettable
stories of those who played it.