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Baseball players from the 1947-1964 era share their firsthand oral histories, remembrances, opinions, and gripes, from pitching no-hitters to alcoholism, groupies, race problems, and fights on and off the field Part sports journalism, part history, part memoir, this

many-sided narrative follows one season with the Blue Devils of Moscow, Idaho--a rural American Legion baseball team. Showcasing baseball's enduring place in American life, the author draws on the lore of the game, and conversations with diverse fans and players--an outdoorsman juggling his son's schedule of games with bear hunting; a bewildered German college student, holding a baseball for the first time; former St. Louis Cardinal pitcher & Yale baseball coach John Stuper; the proud owner of a Derek Jeter jersey in Hokendauqua, Pennsylvania, to name a few. Analysis of the complex mysteries of baseball's ancestry Most baseball fans, players and even team executives assume that the National Pastime's infatuation with statistics is simply a byproduct of the information age, a phenomenon that blossomed only after the arrival of Bill James and computers in the 1980s. They couldn't be more wrong. In this unprecedented new book, Alan Schwarz - whom bestselling *Moneyball* author Michael Lewis calls "one of today's best baseball journalists" - provides the first-ever history of baseball statistics, showing how baseball and its numbers have been inseparable ever since the pastime's birth in

1845. He tells the history of this obsession through the lives of the people who felt it most: Henry Chadwick, the 19th-century writer who invented the first box score and harped endlessly about which statistics mattered and which did not; Allan Roth, Branch Rickey's right-hand numbers man with the late-1940s Brooklyn Dodgers; Earnshaw Cook, a scientist and Manhattan Project veteran who retired to pursue inventing the perfect baseball statistic; John Dewan, a former Strat-O-Matic maven who built STATS Inc. into a multimillion-dollar powerhouse for statistics over the Internet; and dozens more. Almost every baseball fan for 150 years has been drawn to the game by its statistics, whether through newspaper box scores, the backs of Topps baseball cards, *The Baseball Encyclopedia*, or fantasy leagues. Today's most ardent stat scientists, known as "sabermetricians," spend hundreds of hours coming up with new ways to capture the game in numbers, and engage in holy wars over which statistics are best. Some of these men - and women -- are even being hired by major league teams to bring an understanding of statistics to a sport that for so long shunned it. Taken together, Schwarz paints a history not just of

baseball statistics, but of the soul of the sport itself. The Numbers Game will be an invaluable part of any fan's library and go down as one of the sport's classic books. An expert, concise overview of 175 years of baseball, showing how the game has reflected and contributed to changes in American society. First published in 1984, *The Hidden Game of Baseball* ushered in the sabermetric revolution by demonstrating that we were thinking about baseball stats--and thus the game itself--all wrong. This brand-new edition retains the body of the original, with its rich, accessible analysis rooted in a deep love of baseball, while adding a new introduction by the authors tracing the book's influence over the years. By focusing on a single game in 1982, the author dissects the game of baseball, looking at the pitching, the batting, the owners, the players, and much more. Reprint. The author shares his funny, insightful vision into the game of baseball, discussing a wide variety of topics, from the birth of the Mets and the classic Pirates vs. Orioles 1971 World Series to the great players in the 1960s and 1970s. Reprint. The Detroit Tigers, an umpire, a pitcher, and a mistake—one of the “classic, human, baseball stories” (Ken Burns, creator of the PBS mini-series *Baseball*). The perfect game is one of the rarest accomplishments in sports. In nearly four hundred thousand contests in over 130 years, it has happened only twenty times. On June 2, 2010, Armando Galarraga threw

baseball's twenty-first. Except that's not how it entered the record books. That's because Jim Joyce, voted the best umpire in the game in 2010 and 2011, missed the call on the final out. But rather than throwing a tantrum, Galarraga simply turned and smiled, went back to the mound, and finished the game. “Nobody's perfect,” he said later in the locker room. “You might think everything that could have been said, replayed, and revealed about that night has already been uttered, logged, and exposed. You would, however, be as wrong as the unfortunate Mr. Joyce” (*The Detroit News*). In *Nobody's Perfect*, Galarraga and Joyce come together to tell the personal story of a remarkable game that will live forever in baseball lore, and to trace their fascinating lives in sports. The result is “a masterpiece”, an absorbing insider's look at two careers in baseball, a tremendous achievement, and an enduring moment of pure grace and sportsmanship (*The Huffington Post*). Long before baseball became America's national pastime, English citizens of all ages, genders, and classes of society were playing a game called baseball. It had the same basic elements as modern American baseball, such as pitching and striking the ball, running bases, and fielding, but was played with a soft ball on a smaller playing field and, instead of a bat, the ball was typically struck by the palm of the hand. There is no doubt, however, that this simpler English version of baseball was the original form

of the pastime and was the immediate forerunner of its better-known American offspring. Strictly a social game, English baseball was played for nearly two hundred years before fading away at the beginning of the twentieth century. Despite its longevity and its important role in baseball's evolution, however, today it has been completely forgotten. In *Pastime Lost* David Block unearths baseball's buried history and brings it back to life, illustrating how English baseball was embraced by all sectors of English society and exploring some of the personalities, such as Jane Austen and King George III, who played the game in their childhoods. While rigorously documenting his sources, Block also brings a light touch to his story, inviting us to follow him on some of the adventures that led to his most important discoveries. Purchase the audio edition. *The Complete Mental Game* is a comprehensive instructional system to guide the baseball player --- at any competitive level--- to take charge of the process of playing the game, on and off the baseball diamond. Through this book, the baseball player will learn to establish a consistent approach to their continuous development and improvement, not only as a player but also as a person. The book includes guidelines methods and procedures so that the baseball player will learn how to do the following: * Understand their personality, core values, strong points and limitations--- the player as a

Person * Cope effectively with negative people, places, and things that can put them at risk, while developing a positive support system---the player as a "Coper" * Buy into something larger than the individual-- the player as a Teammate * Engage productively in preparing for each game, take their preparation into the game, be an accurate self evaluator, and make effective adjustments -- the player as a Performer One of the great bards of America's Grand Old Game gives a rousing account of baseball, from its pre-Republic roots to the present day. Vecsey casts a fresh eye on the sport, illuminates its foibles and triumphs, and makes a classic story seem refreshingly new. This book is a narrative of America's can-do spirit, in which stalwart immigrants could transplant cricket and rounders in the fertile American culture and die-hard unionist players could later become the tightfisted avatars of the game's big-money establishment. It's a celebration of champions and underdogs. But most of all, it is a testament to the unbreakable bond between our nation's pastime and the fans, who've remained loyal through the fifty-year-long interdict on black athletes, the Black Sox scandal, franchise relocation, and the use of performance-enhancing drugs by some major stars.--From publisher description. In *Taking in a Game*, Joseph A. Reaves examines the development of baseball in Korea, the Philippines, Mainland China, and Taiwan, as well as the

more widely known story of baseball in Japan. In this entertaining and informed account, Reaves covers everything from baseball in Qing Dynasty China in the nineteenth century to the 2000 Sydney Olympics bronze-medal match between Japan and Korea. Reaves guides the reader through a history of Asian baseball, the cultures that surround it, and the future of what has become a great Asian game. In this book, authors H.A. Dorfman and Karl Kuehl present their practical and proven strategy for developing the mental skills needed to achieve peak performance at every level of the game. The theory and applications are illustrated by anecdotes and insights from major and minor league players, who at some point discovered the importance of mastering the inner game in order to play baseball as it should be played. Intended for players, managers, coaches, agents, and administrators as well as fans who want a more in-depth look at the makeup of the complete baseball player. "A kid-friendly exploration of how math and statistics are used in baseball"-- In this groundbreaking book, Keith Law, baseball writer for *The Athletic* and author of the acclaimed *Smart Baseball*, offers an era-spanning dissection of some of the best and worst decisions in modern baseball, explaining what motivated them, what can be learned from them, and how their legacy has shaped the game. For years, Daniel Kahneman's iconic work of

behavioral science *Thinking Fast and Slow* has been required reading in front offices across Major League Baseball. In this smart, incisive, and eye-opening book, Keith Law applies Kahneman's ideas about decision making to the game itself. Baseball is a sport of decisions. Some are so small and routine they become the building blocks of the game itself—what pitch to throw or when to swing away. Others are so huge they dictate the future of franchises—when to make a strategic trade for a chance to win now, or when to offer a millions and a multi-year contract for a twenty-eight-year-old star. These decisions have long shaped the behavior of players, managers, and entire franchises. But as those choices have become more complex and data-driven, knowing what's behind them has become key to understanding the sport. This fascinating, revelatory work explores as never before the essential question: What were they thinking? Combining behavioral science and interviews with executives, managers, and players, Keith Law analyzes baseball's biggest decision making successes and failures, looking at how gambles and calculated risks of all sizes and scales have shaped the sport, and how the game's ongoing data revolution is rewriting decades of accepted decision making. In the process, he explores questions that have long been debated, from whether throwing harder really increases a player's risk of serious injury to whether teams

actually “overvalue” trade prospects. Bringing his analytical and combative style to some of baseball’s longest running debates, Law deepens our knowledge of the sport in this entertaining work that is both fun and deeply informative. The popular sportscaster for the Red Sox draws on his own career as a player to describe the subtle nuances and complexities of the sport, covering such topics as managerial strategy, player execution, and other colorful issues. Original. A New York Times bestseller Foreword by Doris Kearns Goodwin The longtime Commissioner of Major League Baseball provides an unprecedented look inside professional baseball today, focusing on how he helped bring the game into the modern age and revealing his interactions with players, managers, fellow owners, and fans nationwide. More than a century old, the game of baseball is resistant to change—owners, managers, players, and fans all hate it. Yet, now more than ever, baseball needs to evolve—to compete with other professional sports, stay relevant, and remain America’s Pastime it must adapt. Perhaps no one knows this better than Bud Selig who, as the head of MLB for more than twenty years, ushered in some of the most important, and controversial, changes in the game’s history—modernizing a sport that had remained unchanged since the 1960s. In this enlightening and surprising book, Selig goes inside the most difficult

decisions and moments of his career, looking at how he worked to balance baseball’s storied history with the pressures of the twenty-first century to ensure its future. Part baseball story, part business saga, and part memoir, *For the Good of the Game* chronicles Selig’s career, takes fans inside locker rooms and board rooms, and offers an intimate, fascinating account of the frequently messy process involved in transforming an American institution. Featuring an all-star lineup of the biggest names from the last forty years of baseball, Selig recalls the vital games, private moments, and tense conversations he’s shared with Hall of Fame players and managers and the contentious calls he’s made. He also speaks candidly about hot-button issues the steroid scandal that threatened to destroy the game, telling his side of the story in full and for the first time. As he looks back and forward, Selig outlines the stakes for baseball’s continued transformation—and why the changes he helped usher in must only be the beginning. Illustrated with sixteen pages of photographs. "This book provides practical strategies for developing the mental skills which help speed you to your full potential."---Dave Winfield What does it mean to play heads-up baseball? A heads-up player has confidence in his ability, keeps control in pressure situations, and focuses on one pitch at a time. His mental skills enable him to play consistently at or near his best despite the adversity baseball presents each day.

"My ability to fully focus on what I had to do on a daily basis was what made me the successful player I was. Sure I had some natural ability, but that only gets you so far. I think I learned how to focus; it wasn't something that I was necessarily born with." -- Hank Aaron "Developing and refining my mental game has played a critical role in my success in baseball. For years players have had to develop these skills on their own. This book provides practical strategies for developing the mental skills that will help speed you toward your full potential." -- Dave Winfield First serialized in 1920, the Sultan of Swat's breezy account of his early life is rich with recollections of his childhood, his transition from pitcher to outfielder, and the blockbuster trade that sent him from the Red Sox to the Yankees. This original edition features new notes and photographs plus an Introduction by sports historian Paul Dickson. ESPN’s Tim Kurkjian has spent more than twenty-five years covering almost three thousand major league baseball games and interviewing about that many players, coaches, managers, and executives. In *Is This a Great Game, or What?*, Kurkjian combines his years of experience, uncanny knowledge, and deep love of the game, to create a book filled with some of the most fascinating insight into Major League Baseball this side of Jim Bouton’s bestseller, *Ball Four*. Whether he’s explaining what goes through a ballplayer’s mind when he faces a fastball

in the chapter "My Face Was Crushed by a Bowling Ball Going 90 MPH," detailing bizarre rituals and superstitions performed by baseball's greatest players, or taking us into the locker room to see what transpires in the clubhouse of a major league team, Kurkjian's tales are at times hilarious, other times horrifying, yet always entertaining. Kurkjian has spoken to some of the greatest ballplayers ever over the years, and they have revealed details about themselves and the game they love with a candor that readers won't find anywhere else. Filled with anecdotes and fascinating insights, this is an essential book for baseball fans or anyone curious about America's pastime. In the spirit of *Field of Dreams*, a remarkable book about baseball and the meaning of life. A game between the Iowa Cubs and the Nashville Sounds at an AAA park in Nashville provides the lens through which Robert Benson explores the game of baseball and the meaning of life in *The Game*. It is an ordinary week night game in the early part of the season between two teams that will finish far out of first place in the Pacific League. But Benson shows us how in this average game of baseball, just as in our everyday lives, the routine plays—the seemingly minor yet vital moves, empty of bravado—eventually win the game. In beautifully measured prose, Benson links events in his life to the innings in this baseball game. Married to a woman who can quote baseball stats with the best of them, and with two

children who share his love for the game (his teenage daughter made the decision early on that she would be the first woman to play for the Yankees), Benson explores the ways in which baseball has always somehow shaped and defined his life. *The Game* is an extraordinary testament to the everlasting wonder and magic of the great American pastime. *Game Worn: Baseball Treasures from the Game's Greatest Heroes and Moments* is a richly illustrated exploration and first-of-its-kind compendium study of the world's most coveted and precious baseball uniforms worn by Major League ballplayers during the twentieth century. This coffee-table book features many of the most historically significant uniforms, jackets, hats, as well as other treasured baseball collectibles that tell us as much about the history and soul of America as they do about the game and the players. Some of the extraordinary highlights featured in this book include: Babe Ruth's road jersey from his first season with the New York Yankees (1920), the sole surviving uniform from the infamous 1919 World Series, Joe DiMaggio's rookie uniform from 1936, the Boston Red Sox road uniform Ted Williams wore during his epic 1941 season, Jackie Robinson's Brooklyn Dodgers home jersey from the 1952 season, Bill Mazeroski's Pittsburgh Pirates home uniform worn to hit the game-winning home run in game 7 of the 1960 World Series, and a visual feast of rare uniform styles. Each of the

71 entries includes sumptuous photography of the uniform and associated memorabilia, as well as a poignant and lively narrative highlighting its significance. The book also features a first-of-its-kind illustrated compendium with elaborate definitions of relevant terms that every baseball fan and collector needs to know, ranging from the All Star Game Uniform to the Zig-Zag Stitch. This book is an absolute must-have for anyone who has ever loved the game of baseball. The authors of *Little Things Win Big Games* were tutored by some of the best baseball minds in the country, and were taught from a very young age. They have played the sport (or a derivative—softball) for over 60 years, from early grade school to present day. That's over 120 years of combined experience. They were exposed to the "right way" to play the game and learned very well. Luckily, they are also proficient in sharing their knowledge of the game of baseball so splendidly in this book. *Little Things Wins Big Games* is copiously illustrated to demonstrate exactly what the narrative is explaining. A professional photographer took 2000+ pictures, of which the authors used only the very best. In addition, five other baseball experts (mostly coaches) reviewed a draft manuscript for content to spot any errors or omissions. The result is a volume that covers basic fundamentals of baseball, from hitting to defense, including physical and mental preparation. Every conceivable

situation is covered comprehensively, including a position-by-position description for each player. You will know exactly what to do or to look for when there are runners on base, the score is close, whether you are at bat or playing defense. Advance readers of this book declare it, "an easy read that is simple to understand." Those comments came from folks who know little about baseball. Of the several coaches involved in the review process, one of these experts said, "This book should become the Holy Grail for teaching young men now to play the game of baseball the right way. I wish it had been available when I was growing up. I would have read it over and over, as I did the few books that I could find on baseball fundamentals." If you are looking to improve your game, or to teach the young boys the game of baseball the right way, or simply to enhance your knowledge of baseball to get more out of watching, then *Little Things Win Big Games* will be a big help. If you have children or grand children or neighbor kids who are playing baseball but aren't getting the type of coaching one might hope for, *Little Things Win big Games* will be the foundation that will set your youngsters apart from their peers. It will be readily apparent to baseball people that these youngsters are players with a good understanding of the game. Through *Little Things Win Big Games* the serious reader will be able to gain a competitive edge for himself and his team. In short, it captures the many

little things that the authors have learned in over 60 years of playing the game, things that aren't being taught to kids today, even at higher levels of play. The authors wrote *Little Things Win Big Games* because they didn't want key fundamentals of baseball to fade away with passing generations. The teams that win are the teams that do the "little things" better than their competitors. That is true in baseball, basketball, or football and also in the game of life! National Bestseller A Globe and Mail Best Book A National Post Best Book of the Year A passionate ode to baseball, its culture, and its community, which both celebrates and challenges the game - and reminds us why it really matters. For Stacey May Fowles, the game of baseball is one of "long pauses punctuated by tiny miracles." In this entertaining and thoughtful book, Fowles gives us a refreshingly candid and personal perspective on subjects ranging from bat flips to bandwagoners, from the romance of spring training to the politics of booing, from the necessity of taking a hard look at players' injuries and mental health issues to finding solace at the ballpark. Fowles confronts head-on the stereotype that female fans lack real knowledge about the game, and also calls out the "boys will be boys" attitude and its implications both on and off the field. She also shares her reverence for the no-hitter, her memories of going to the ballpark with her dad, and the challenges of falling in love

with someone who didn't like baseball. Throughout the book, she offers exhilarating snapshots of the Toronto Blue Jays' 2015 and 2016 seasons, and gathers a selection of inspiring "baseball life advice" quotes from players and others that provide unexpected insight into how we could all live better lives. With remarkable verve, intelligence, and an unabashed enthusiasm, Fowles explores how we can use the lens of baseball to examine who we are. And in this passionate ode to the game, its culture, and its community, she reminds us that although baseball can break your heart, it will always find a way to make it whole again. The jungle animals enjoy a rousing game of baseball. A history of baseball in America provides in a second edition the author's commentary on the sport in the 1990s, from the influence of Latino players and the building of retro parks to the race for new home-run records. Simultaneous. In the numbers-obsessed sport of baseball, statistics don't merely record what players, managers, and owners have done. Properly understood, they can tell us how the teams we root for could employ better strategies, put more effective players on the field, and win more games. The revolution in baseball statistics that began in the 1970s is a controversial subject that professionals and fans alike argue over without end. Despite this fundamental change in the way we watch and understand the sport, no one has written the book that reveals, across every area of strategy and management, how

the best practitioners of statistical analysis in baseball—people like Bill James, Billy Beane, and Theo Epstein—think about numbers and the game. *Baseball Between the Numbers* is that book. In separate chapters covering every aspect of the game, from hitting, pitching, and fielding to roster construction and the scouting and drafting of players, the experts at *Baseball Prospectus* examine the subtle, hidden aspects of the game, bring them out into the open, and show us how our favorite teams could win more games. This is a book that every fan, every follower of sports radio, every fantasy player, every coach, and every player, at every level, can learn from and enjoy. Presents the mathematical concepts involved with the sport of baseball. Jesus Christ, the greatest teacher who ever lived, was able to connect so well with His audience because He used unique parables, metaphors, and similes that related to the lives of His students. Farmers, fisherman, tax collectors, and shepherds were given the 'Keys to the Kingdom' through a clearer understanding of truth. This book is designed for today's baseball player to understand Christianity in a new and profound way through the teaching of the Bible through the game of baseball. Baseball players will be given a new strategy and approach to live for Christ through the game of baseball. Play, watch, and understand America's favorite pastime. Baseball continues to be a popular game both as a spectator sport and as a

pastime. Since the publication of *Baseball For Dummies*, 3rd Edition, baseball teams have changed, new MLB stadiums have been built, and rules have been updated. This updated 4th Edition brings you the latest information on the players, the places, and above all, the game. *Baseball For Dummies* is for baseball fans at all levels, from players and coaches to spectators who love the game. Baseball Hall of Fame player Joe Morgan explains baseball with remarkable insight, using down-to-earth language so everyone from the casual observer to the die-hard fan can gain a fuller appreciation of the sport. Improve your hitting, pitching, and fielding. Find a baseball team to play on, from Little League on up. Evaluate stats, players, and records. Coach baseball or umpire effectively. Get more out of a trip to the ballpark. The latest on baseball stats and sabermetrics. Complete with Morgan's personal lists of top-ten toughest pitchers, smartest players, and most strategic managers, *Baseball For Dummies* gives you all the inside tips, facts, and stats so you can have Major League fun! Through extensive interviews and archival research, Joe Clark has uncovered the engaging details of Australian baseball's unique, and often turbulent, 125-year history, and for the first time the dynamic story of Australian baseball is told. Initially accepted only grudgingly in the late nineteenth century as an off-season substitute for cricket, baseball in Australia steadily rose in prominence.

Starting with neighborhood games played between improvised teams, the sport grew to include state and national leagues and a spirited international competition. Both the shortcomings and the triumphs of Australian baseball are revealed in *A History of Australian Baseball: Time and Game*, from an ill-fated late-nineteenth-century baseball tour of America and the political firestorm surrounding the formation of the Australian Baseball League in the 1990s, to the amazing defeat of the powerhouse Cuban team in the Intercontinental Cup of 1999. A history of the rise and fall of baseball in America challenges popular beliefs about the game's evolution while revealing how it reflects popular culture, citing the roles of such contributing factors as gambling and religion. Stefan Fatsis sends his "stunningly perfect, consummately perfect, why-would-anyone-use-anything-else? perfect" glove to be restored by the glove designer at Rawlings. Frank Deford makes the case that the baseball cap may be the most universal article of clothing ever designed. Roger Angell considers why it is that pitchers are "so much livelier and more garrulous than hitters." George Plimpton reflects on the slow demotion of aging or slumping players from pitcher, to first base, to the outfield. United by the authors' fervent love of the game, each chapter in this book reminds us of the unique role baseball plays in our national history and collective imagination. In addition to the

writers mentioned above, the lineup includes: • Kevin Baker • Jeff Greenfield • Katherine A. Powers • Michael Shapiro • John Thorn • Sean Wilentz • And more! Published previously as *Anatomy of Baseball and Great Baseball Stories*, this wide-ranging collection now includes pieces by A. Bartlett Giamatti, Gay Talese, Matthew McGough, and George Vecsey. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Sports Publishing imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in sports—books about baseball, pro football, college football, pro and college basketball, hockey, or soccer, we have a book about your sport or your team. Whether you are a New York Yankees fan or hail from Red Sox nation; whether you are a die-hard Green Bay Packers or Dallas Cowboys fan; whether you root for the Kentucky Wildcats, Louisville Cardinals, UCLA Bruins, or Kansas Jayhawks; whether you route for the Boston Bruins, Toronto Maple Leafs, Montreal Canadiens, or Los Angeles Kings; we have a book for you. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to publishing books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked by other publishers and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home. An encyclopedia of the national pastime that will surprise, delight, and educate even the most knowledgeable fan. It illuminates the origin of items from catchers' masks to hook slides to intentional walks to

baseball's reserve clause. In the spirit of *Moneyball*, the voice of the Toronto Blue Jays offers cutting insights on baseball. Buck Martinez has been in and around professional baseball for nearly fifty years as a player, manager and broadcaster. Currently the play-by-play announcer for the Toronto Blue Jays, Martinez has witnessed enormous change in the game he loves, as it has morphed from a grassroots pastime to big business. Not all of the change has been for the better, and today's fans struggle to connect to their on-the-field heroes as loyalty to club and player wavers and free agency constantly changes the face of every team's roster. In *Change Up*, Martinez offers his unique insights into how Major League Baseball might reconnect with its fanbase, how the clubs might train and prepare their players for their time in "The Show," and how players might approach the sport in a time of sagging fan interest. Martinez isn't shy with his opinions, whether they be on pitch count, how to develop players through the minor-league system, and even if there should be a minor-league system at all. Always entertaining, ever insightful, Martinez shares brilliant insights and inside pitches about summer's favourite game. The late Commissioner of Baseball reflects on the wider significance of baseball, the business of the game, and his decision to suspend Pete Rose. Celebrate the unheralded people and stories that helped shape the game of baseball! Meet unsung pioneers, like

John "Bud" Fowler, William Edward White, and brothers Moses Fleetwood Walker and Weld Walker, four African Americans who integrated white teams decades before Jackie Robinson. Discover unforgettable moments, like the time a 17-year old girl named Jackie Mitchell struck out Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. Marvel at records. Did you know that Japanese superstar Sadaharu Oh has a whopping 113 more career homers than Hank Aaron? And that's just for starters! This lively illustrated collection of shiny nuggets of baseball lore will transform you into a superfan who knows the game better than anyone else. Someone who's got game. The complete history of the game. "Describes various activities and people who work behind the scenes during a Major League Baseball game"-- Provided by publisher.

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