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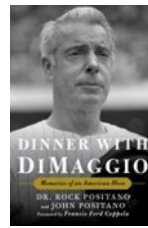
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DINNER WITH DIMAGGIO: MEMORIES OF AN AMERICAN HERO

By Rock Positano and John Positano

BIOG 796.357092 DeMaggio/Positano (2017)

As told by Dr. Rock Positano, DiMaggio's closest confidante in New York during the final years of his life, *Dinner with DiMaggio* is an intimate portrait of one of America's most enduring heroes. This memoir of a decade-long friendship reveals the very private DiMaggio as he really was--sometimes demanding, sometimes big-hearted, always impeccable, loyal, and a true stand-up guy. In 1990, Dr. Positano, the thirty-two-year-old foot and ankle specialist, was introduced to DiMaggio, the pair brought together by a career-ending heel spur injury. An unlikely friendship developed after the doctor successfully treated the baseball champ's heel.

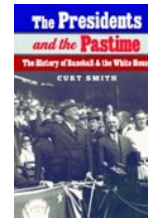


BLOOMER GIRLS: WOMEN BASEBALL PIONEERS

By Debra A. Shattuck

796.3570922 Shattuck (2017)

Though baseball began as a gender-neutral sport, girls and women of the nineteenth century faced many obstacles on their way to the diamond. Yet all-female nines took the field everywhere. Shattuck pulls from newspaper accounts and hard-to-find club archives to reconstruct a forgotten era in baseball history. This social history tracks women players who organized baseball clubs for their own enjoyment and found roster spots on men's teams. Entrepreneurs, packaging women's teams as entertainment, organized leagues and barnstorming tours.



THE PRESIDENTS AND THE PASTIME: THE HISTORY OF BASEBALL AND THE WHITE HOUSE

By Curt Smith

973.099 Smith (2018)

Baseball cemented its reputation as America's pastime in the nineteenth century, such presidents as Lincoln and Johnson playing town ball or giving employees time off to watch. Smith, having interviewed a majority of presidents since Richard Nixon, shares personal stories on each. From Taft as the first president to throw the "first pitch" on Opening Day in 1910 to Obama's "Go Sox!" scrawled in the guest register at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2014, our presidents have deemed it the quintessentially American sport, enriching both their office and the nation.



THE FENS

By Pamela Wechsler

MYSTERY Weschsler (2018)

Boston's chief homicide prosecutor Abby Endicott hasn't had the easiest adjustment to normal life. Her wealthy family cut her off because they don't agree with her dangerous career choice, her new apartment and her musician boyfriend. Abby's personal life is about to be put on hold when the star catcher for the Red Sox goes missing on opening day. Abby quickly realizes this is more than a case of one missing celebrity. Soon, another player turns up dead and the frantic search escalates. When Abby discovers greased baseballs and mysterious sums of cash, she knows that a lot more than the Red Sox's season is in danger.

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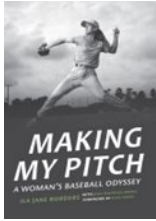
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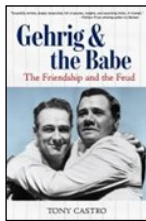
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MAKING MY PITCH: A WOMAN'S BASEBALL ODYSSEY
By Ila Jane Borders
796.357092 Borders (2018)
Making My Pitch tells the story of Ila Jane Borders, who despite formidable obstacles became a Little League prodigy, MVP of her otherwise all-male middle school and high school teams, the first woman awarded a baseball scholarship, and the first to pitch and win a complete men's collegiate game. After Mike Veeck signed Borders in May 1997 to pitch for his St. Paul Saints of the independent Northern League, she accomplished what no woman had done since the Negro Leagues era: play men's professional baseball. Borders played four professional seasons and in 1998 became the first woman in the modern era to win a professional ball game.



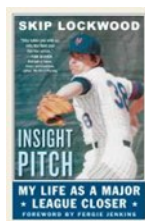
THE SHIFT: THE NEXT EVOLUTION IN BASEBALL THINKING
By Russell A Carleton
795.357 Carleton (2018)
With its three-hour-long contests, 162 -game seasons, and countless measurable variables, baseball is a sport which lends itself to self-reflection and obsessive analysis. It's a thinking game. It's also a shifting game. Nowhere is this more evident than in the statistical revolution which has swept through the pastime in recent years, bringing metrics like WAR, OPS, and BABIP into front offices and living rooms alike.



GEHRIG AND THE BABE: THE FRIENDSHIP AND THE FEUD
By Tony Castro
796.3570922 Castro (2018)
Much has been written about the two men as teammates, but Ruth and Gehrig's relationship away from the field is rarely, if ever, explored. Tony Castro portrays Ruth and Gehrig for what they were: American icons who were remarkably different men. Theirs's was a friendship driven apart, an enduring feud which wove its way in and out of their Yankees glory years and chilled their interactions until July 4, 1939--Lou Gehrig Day at Yankee Stadium--when Gehrig's famous farewell address thawed out their stone silence.



THE BIG FELLA: BABE RUTH AND THE WORLD HE CREATED
By Jane Leavy
BIOG 796.357092 Ruth/Leavy (2018)
Ruth drafted the blueprint for modern athletic stardom. His was a life of journeys and itineraries, from uncouth to couth, spartan to spendthrift, abandoned to abandon; from Baltimore to Boston to New York, and back to Boston at the end of his career for a finale with the only team that would have him. There were road trips and hunting trips; grand tours of foreign capitals and post-season promotional tours. Drawing from more than 250 interviews, a trove of previously untapped documents, and Ruth family records, Leavy breaks through the mythology that has obscured the legend and delivers the man.



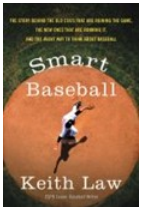
INSIGHT PITCH: MY LIFE AS A MAJOR LEAGUE CLOSER
By Skip Lockwood
BIOG 796.357641 Lockwood (2018)
Retired Major League Baseball pitcher Skip Lockwood tells anecdotes from throughout his career as a ballplayer, starting with his days as a Little Leaguer through his professional tenure with the Kansas City Athletics, Seattle Pilots, Milwaukee Brewers, California Angels, New York Mets, and Boston Red Sox, before his retirement in 1980. Along the way, he details both the on- and off-the-field shenanigans as well as the enormous psychological process that he underwent each and every time he took the mound.



POWER BALL: ANATOMY OF A MODERN BASEBALL GAME
By Rob Neyer
796.35764 Neyer (2018)
Neyer, a former ESPN columnist, recreates an action-packed 2017 game between the Oakland A's and eventual World Series Champion Houston Astros to reveal the myriad ways in which Major League Baseball has changed over the last few decades. Over the past twenty years, power and analytics have taken over the game, driving carefully calibrated teams like the Astros to victory. Seemingly every pitcher now throws mid-90s heat and studiously compares their mechanics against the ideal. Every batter can crack homers and knows their launch angles. Neyer considers the players and managers, the front office machinations, the role of sabermetrics, and the current thinking about what it takes to build a great team.



PAPI: MY STORY
By David Ortiz with Michael Holley
BIOG 796.357092 Ortiz/Holley (2017)
David "Big Papi" Ortiz is a baseball icon and one of the most popular figures ever to play the game. As a key part of the Boston Red Sox for 14 years, David helped the team win 3 World Series, bringing back a storied franchise from "never wins" to "always wins." And capturing the imagination of millions of fans along the way. He made Boston and the Red Sox his home, his place of work, and his legacy. Now, looking back at the end of his legendary career, Ortiz opens up fully for the first time about his last two decades in the game, former team mates, opponents, coaches and the problems he sees in Major League Baseball.



SMART BASEBALL
By Keith Law
796.357 Law (2017)
ESPN veteran writer and statistical analyst Keith Law looks at the numbers game of baseball. For decades, statistics such as batting average, saves recorded, and pitching won-lost records have been used to measure individual players' and teams' potential and success. In the past fifteen years, sabermetrics has been embraced by front offices in Major League Baseball and among fantasy baseball enthusiasts. While sabermetrics is recognized as being smarter and more accurate, many traditionalists believe that the "old" way is still the best.