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Oscar Charleston Jeremy Beer 2019-11-01 2020 SABR Seymour Medal 2019 CASEY Award for Best Baseball Book of the Year Buck O'Neil once described him as "Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, and Tris Speaker rolled into one." Among experts he is regarded as the best player in Negro Leagues history. During his prime he became a legend in Cuba and one of black America's most popular figures. Yet even among serious sports fans, Oscar Charleston is virtually unknown today. In a long career spanning from 1915 to 1954, Charleston played against, managed, befriended, and occasionally fought men such as Lou Gehrig, Jimmie Foxx, Lefty Grove, Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson, Jesse Owens, Roy Campanella, and Branch Rickey. He displayed tremendous power, speed, and defensive instincts along with a fierce intelligence and commitment to his craft. Charleston's competitive fire sometimes brought him trouble, but more often it led to victories, championships, and profound respect. While Charleston never played in the Major Leagues, he was a trailblazer who became the first black man to work as a scout for a Major League team when Branch Rickey hired him to evaluate players for the Dodgers in the 1940s. From the mid-1920s on, he was a player-manager for several clubs. In 1932 he joined the Pittsburgh Crawfords and would manage the club many consider the finest Negro League team of all time, featuring five future Hall of Famers, including himself, Cool Papa Bell, Josh Gibson, Judy Johnson, and Satchel Paige. Charleston's combined record as a player, manager, and scout makes him the most accomplished figure in black baseball history. His mastery of the quintessentially American sport under the conditions of segregation revealed what was possible for black achievement, bringing hope to millions. Oscar Charleston introduces readers to one of America's greatest and most fascinating athletes.

The Greatest Baseball Players of All Time Michael Rajczak 2019-12-15 What makes a baseball player one of the greatest of all time? Some say a player should be a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame. Others think it has something to do with home runs or strikeouts. Nearly 20,000 people have played Major League Baseball since the first official game in 1871. In this fan-pleasing volume, readers discover amazing facts about great hitters like Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron. Was old-timer Horus Wagner or recently retired Derek Jeter the best shortstop? Readers will decide. Position by position, this fascinating book, replete with action-packed photographs, highlights the best of the best.

Baseball Dynasties Rob Neyer 2000 Assesses the top fifteen baseball teams of the twentieth century, including such legendary squads as the 1927 Yankees and the 1970 Orioles, to determine which team was the greatest of the modern era.

Baseball Madison Parker 2016-08-01 Baseball is one of the most popular sports in the United States. In this title, learn the fundamentals of baseball and how science makes your game better. Get psyched to play baseball!

Legends: the Best Players, Games, and Teams in Football Howard Bryant 2016-08 Offers highlights and entertaining facts from twenty of the greatest Super Bowls in the history of professional football.

The Most Popular Baseball Players - Sports for Kids | Children's Sports & Outdoors Books Baby Professor 2017-05-15 Let's meet some of the most popular baseball players in this sports book for kids! Learn about their lifestyles, where they came from and how they became really popular in this outdoor sport. By knowing these sports stars, your child may be encouraged to take on a more active lifestyle by first leaving the consoles and computers behind. Get a copy of this book today!

Baseball Lori Dittmer 2020-02-18 From baseball fields to volleyball courts, some of the most popular sports can be experienced worldwide. Appealing to sports enthusiasts and young participants, this new series introduces the basic gameplay of six Amazing Sports. Detailed photos and straightforward text examine the featured sport's history, equipment, primary positions, and common rules. Each book also includes a biographical story about a famous player who influenced the sport. Get the ball rolling with this high-interest introduction to baseball, the sport known for its bats and bases. Also included is a biographical story about professional baseball player Ichiro Suzuki.

Baseball and Its Greatest Players Britannica Educational Publishing 2011-05-01 Perhaps the most iconic representation of Americana, baseball captured the hearts of the American public when it first gained traction around the country in the mid-19th century. The sport continues to enthrall audiences both in the United States and around the world through informal games, regional associations, and at the professional level. This volume introduces readers to the history of a sport that in many ways is inextricably tied to the American ethos and surveys the lives of some of its key professional players.

Legends: The Best Players, Games, and Teams in Baseball Howard Bryant
2015-03-03 "With the LEGENDS series, Howard Bryant brings to life the best that sports has to offer—the heroes, the bitter rivalries, the moments that every sports-loving kid should know."—Mike Lupica, #1 bestselling author of *Travel Team*, *Heat*, and *Fantasy League Experience* baseball's most exciting moments, World Series heroics, greatest players, and more! Baseball, America's pastime, is a sport of moments that stand the test of time. It is equally a sport of a new generation of heroes, whose exploits inspire today's young fans. This combination makes for a winning debut in *Legends: The Best Players, Games, and Teams in Baseball*. This is no traditional almanac of mundane statistics, but rather a storyteller's journey through baseball's storied game. Told in fun, accessible chapters and accompanied by iconic photos, a slew of Top Ten lists for kids to chew on and debate, and a Timeline of the 40 Most Important Moments in Baseball History, this collection covers some of the greatest players from Babe Ruth to Hank Aaron; the greatest teams to take the field and swing the bats; the greatest social triggers, such as Jackie Robinson's breaking of the color barrier; the greatest playoff rivalries, including the 2004 showdown between the Red Sox and Yankees that turned into an instant classic; and, of course, the edge-of-your-seat World Series moments that left some cheering while others wept. This is the perfect book for young fans eager to learn more about the sport that will stay with them for a lifetime. Praise for LEGENDS: An Amazon Best Book of the Month! * "A terrific gathering of heroic hacks and legendary near misses."—Kirkus Reviews, STARRED REVIEW * "Each story is engaging and offers readers a glimpse into baseball's past and American history. [A] terrific addition to engage reluctant readers."—School Library Connection, STARRED REVIEW "[T]his is clearly a book for sports lovers. A strong choice for rounding out sports collections, this work knocks it out of the park."—School Library Journal "Any fan of baseball will enjoy this compilation . . . Fans of all ages will find this a useful guide; teachers might find this an interesting mentor text for a student reporting on a particular topic since the approach is unique."—VOYA "[T]his book will attract all manner of analysis and discussion among lovers of America's favorite pastime. Fans of other sports will cheer: this is only the first in a series devoted to sports."—Booklist

The Great Baseball Revolt Robert B. Ross 2016-04 The Players League, formed in 1890, was a short-lived professional baseball league controlled and owned in part by the players themselves, a response to the National League's salary cap and "reserve rule," which bound players for life to one particular team. Led by John Montgomery Ward, the Players League was a star-studded group that included most of the best players of the National League, who bolted not only to gain control of their wages but also to share ownership of the teams. Lasting only a year, the league impacted both the professional sports and the labor politics of athletes and nonathletes alike. The Great Baseball Revolt is a historic overview of the rise and fall of the Players League, which fielded teams in Boston, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. Though it marketed itself as a working-class league, the players were underfunded and had to turn to wealthy capitalists for much of their

startup costs, including the new ballparks. It was in this context that the league intersected with the organized labor movement, and in many ways challenged by organized labor to be by and for the people. In its only season, the Players League outdrew the National League in fan attendance. But when the National League overinflated its numbers and profits, the Players League backers pulled out. The Great Baseball Revolt brings to life a compelling cast of characters and a mostly forgotten but important time in professional sports when labor politics affected both athletes and nonathletes.

The 3,000 Hit Club Fred McMane 2012-05-01 Meet the members of the most exclusive club in Major League Baseball. There is no award, there are no ceremonies, but nothing can compare to the pride and glory felt by a player as he hits that miracle milestone: 3,000. Since Cap Anson first reached the mark in 1897, only twenty-eight baseball players have ever heard the crack of ball and bat over 2,999 times; this newly updated edition of *The 3,000 Hit Club* captures the unique stories and career highlights of each one. In this distinctive collection of history and stats, veteran sportswriter Fred McMane takes readers onto the field and up to the plate with baseball's greatest players. From Pete Rose and Willie Mays to Ricky Henderson and Derek Jeter, *The 3,000 Hit Club* has it all.

Baseball and Softball Gabriel Sanna 2014-11-17 Baseball has earned the title of "America's favorite pastime," and softball is even more popular with amateur players. These two games have a slower pace and less contact than many other famous American team sports, such as football, basketball, and hockey. Each year, however, there are nearly half a million baseball injuries requiring treatment in the United States. This book explains the most common injuries suffered on the diamond. It provides tips on preventing such injuries, and explains how they are treated and overcome. This book also covers such topics as: • baseball's colorful history • exercise routines that help both baseball and softball players avoid injury • players' protective equipment • types of injuries and their treatments • the importance of good nutrition • the risks of using performance-enhancing drugs

Sports Illustrated Baseball's Greatest The Editors of Sports Illustrated 2013-10-08 Who's the greatest slugger of all time, Babe Ruth or Ted Williams? Where do Derek Jeter and Cal Ripken Jr. rank on the list of the best shortstops? At third base, would you rather have Mike Schmidt or Brooks Robinson? Is Fenway or Wrigley the better ballpark? This book will end many arguments-and start some new ones. Sports Illustrated's has polled its Major League Baseball experts to determine the ultimate Top 10 in more than 20 categories. The rankings appear alongside stunning photography and classic stories from SI's archives. This is the best of the best in the major leagues, or, more simply, *Baseball's Greatest*.

The Glory of Their Times Lawrence S. Ritter 2013-07-02 "Easily the best baseball book ever produced by anyone." -Cleveland Plain Dealer "This was the best baseball book published in 1966, it is the best baseball book of its kind

now, and, if it is reissued in 10 years, it will be the best baseball book." – People From Lawrence Ritter (The Image of Their Greatness, The 100 Greatest Baseball Players of All Time), comes one of the bestselling, most acclaimed sports books of all time, The Glory of Their Times—now a Harper Perennial Modern Classic. Baseball was different in earlier days—tougher, more raw, more intimate—when giants like Babe Ruth and Ty Cobb ran the bases. In the monumental classic The Glory of Their Times, the golden era of our national pastime comes alive through the vibrant words of those who played and lived the game. It is a book every baseball fan should read!

The 50 Greatest Players in Philadelphia Phillies History Robert W. Cohen
2022-04-01 In The 50 Greatest Players in Philadelphia Phillies History, sports historian Robert W. Cohen ranks the top 50 players ever to perform for one of Major League Baseball's most iconic and successful franchises. This work includes quotes from the subjects themselves and former teammates, photos, recaps of memorable performances, as well as a statistical summary of each player's career with the Phillies. The team's best are profiled here in what is sure to be a much discussed book among the Phillies' broad fan base. An added bonus are the "honorable mentions," the next 25 players who have contributed to the Phillies' astounding run as one of America's great sports teams.

Errors and Fouls: Inside Baseball's Ninety-Nine Most Popular Myths Peter Handrinos 2014-06-30 Most baseball traditions are wonderful. But not all of them. The games most basic elements have often been misrepresented, misunderstood, and misremembered through the years. All along, fiction has coexisted with fact, hyperbole has mixed with history, and exaggeration has been mistaken for explanation. Meanwhile, baseball's yen for tradition has left many fans and even baseball commentators unduly attached to stale ways of thinking. Peter Handrinos breaks from the past and provides an entertaining antidote to its outmoded ideas and excessive nostalgia.

Sport in American Culture: From Ali to X-Games Joyce D. Duncan 2004-11-19 A unique and timely exploration of the cultural impact of sport on American society, including lifestyles, language, and thinking. Sport in American Culture is the first and only reference work to provide an in-depth and up-to-date exploration of sport and its impact on American culture. Essays from more than 200 scholars, professionals, and sports enthusiasts address how sport has changed our lifestyles, language, and thinking. Arranged alphabetically, the work introduces key sport figures and national icons, with a focus on their cultural impact, examines individual sports and how they have influenced society, and discusses such phenomena as the billion-dollar athletic apparel industry, sport as big business, and the effect of sport on gender, racial views, pride, and nationalism. In addition to expected topics, the work also includes less studied areas such as myths, audience rituals, Wheaties, comic books, the hula hoop, and religion. 400 A–Z entries covering a wealth of topics, including sports heroes, artifacts of sport, culture of consumption, racial discrimination, and gender 200+ distinguished contributors, including academics and professionals from a wide variety of fields Lavish illustrations

and photographs support the subject areas and examples covered Extensive bibliographic information with individual reading suggestions for further study

In the Best Interests of Baseball? Andrew Zimbalist 2006-02-17 "The season's best book so far gets right to the heart of the game's survival at the organizational level." –The Boston Globe "A compelling examination of the national pastime as seen through the prism of the commissioner's office." –The Wall Street Journal "A thoughtful and objective analysis of baseball's labor and economic policy evolution. Interesting, relevant, and a good read." – Randy Levine, President of the New York Yankees and former chief labor negotiator for MLB "A tour de force. It's an incredibly interesting read that ends with a vision for the sport that is squarely on target and a clarion call to our industry." – John Henry, principal owner of the Boston Red Sox and member of the MLB Executive Committee "Those who are determined to have Selig's head on a stick will be disappointed; rational baseball fans will rejoice in this tough but fair view of a decent man in a thankless job." – John Thorn, coauthor of Total Baseball "This thoroughly researched book by one of the foremost authorities on sports business is an oral history of the game through the Office of the Commissioner. Zimbalist provides a fascinating look at the game's history and those who have helped shape it." –mlb.com, April 3, 2006 "The best baseball book I've read in forty years." –Mike Murphy, 670 The Score, Chicago

G.O.A.T. Baseball Shortstops Alexander Lowe 2022-01-01 Prepare to answer one of the toughest questions in baseball: Who is the greatest shortstop of all time? The greatest shortstops of all time played incredible defense, excelled with the bat, and led their teams to championships. Learn about the top shortstops in MLB history and create your own ranking of the best players. Go deep with stats and action-packed text to discover the best pro shortstops of the past and present in a fun, top-ten format. Study the evidence for yourself, and research your own G.O.A.T. list. Then have fun convincing your fellow baseball fans that your list is the best!

Baseball GOATs Bruce Berglund 2022 How do you pick baseball's GOATs? Is Sandy Koufax the greatest pitcher to take the mound? Is Ted Williams the greatest pure hitter the game has seen? It comes down to stats, history, and hunches. Read more about some of the legends of baseball and see if you agree that they're the greatest of all time.

The World's Greatest Baseball Players Matt Doeden 2010-01-01 "Describes the achievements and career statistics of baseball's greatest stars"--Provided by publisher.

Baseball Aaron Derr 2017-01-01 Playing a sport is good exercise and fun, but being part of a team is more fun for everyone when you know the rules of the game and how to be a good sport. Baseball is one of the most popular team sports in North America and the Caribbean nations. In this book, readers learn the history of the game and the role of various positions in the field.

The Sporting News Selects Baseball's 100 Greatest Players Ron Smith 1998
Provides a ranking of the 100 greatest baseball players of the twentieth-century

Got 'Em, Got 'Em, Need 'Em Stephen Laroche 2011-04-01 For over a hundred years, kids of all ages have enjoyed the thrill of collecting sports cards. Whether it was souvenirs from their parents' cigarette packs, pieces that came in bubble gum packages, or the modern dazzlers, the simple formula of pictures and text on cardboard have been a part of North American society for over a century. Now, take a look back at one of the most popular hobbies in history with Got 'Em, Got 'Em, Need 'Em. Covering baseball, basketball, football, hockey, boxing, and golf, this unique book offers a look at the greatest sports cards ever produced, including the players and personalities involved. Relive the days gone by with some of the industry's most well-known experts as we count down the best from the business. Plus, as a special bonus, take a look at the best innovations, the worst blunders, and a special tribute to the hobby's boom era in the 1990s.

The Umpire Is Out Dale Scott 2022-05 Dale Scott's career as a professional baseball umpire spanned nearly forty years, including thirty-three in the Major Leagues, from 1985 to 2017. He worked exactly a thousand games behind the plate, calling balls and strikes at the pinnacle of his profession, working in every Major League Baseball stadium, and interacting with dozens of other top-flight umpires, colorful managers, and hundreds of players, from future Hall of Famers to one-game wonders. Scott has enough stories about his career on the field to fill a dozen books, and there are plenty of those stories here. He's not interested in settling scores, but throughout the book he's honest about managers and players, some of whom weren't always perfect gentlemen. But what makes Scott's book truly different is his unique perspective as the only umpire in the history of professional baseball to come out as gay during his career. Granted, that was after decades of remaining in the closet, and Scott writes vividly and movingly about having to "play the game": maintaining a facade of straightness while privately becoming his true self and building a lasting relationship with his future husband. He navigated this obstacle course at a time when his MLB career was just taking off—and when North America was consumed by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Scott's story isn't only about his leading a sort of double life, then opening himself up to the world and discovering a new generosity of spirit. It's also a baseball story, filled with insights and memorable anecdotes that come so naturally from someone who spent decades among the world's greatest baseball players, managers, and games. Scott's story is fascinating both for his umpiring career and for his being a pioneer for LGBTQ people within baseball and across sports.

Robinson Cano Jon M. Fishman 2016-01-01 Seattle Mariners second baseman Robinson Cano is one of baseball's biggest superstars. In 2009, Robinson helped the New York Yankees win the World Series. He has won the Silver Slugger award as the top-hitting second baseman in the American League an incredible five times and has also been voted to the All-Star Game six times. Robinson joined

the Seattle Mariners in 2014, and he continues to be one of the smoothest-swinging and most popular athletes in the sport. Learn more about the life of this baseball marvel.

The Baseball 100 Joe Posnanski 2021-09-28 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER * Winner of the CASEY Award for Best Baseball Book of the Year "An instant sports classic." –New York Post * "Stellar." –The Wall Street Journal * "A true masterwork...880 pages of sheer baseball bliss." –BookPage (starred review) * "This is a remarkable achievement." –Publishers Weekly (starred review) A magnum opus from acclaimed baseball writer Joe Posnanski, The Baseball 100 is an audacious, singular, and masterly book that took a lifetime to write. The entire story of baseball rings through a countdown of the 100 greatest players in history, with a foreword by George Will. Longer than *Moby-Dick* and nearly as ambitious, The Baseball 100 is a one-of-a-kind work by award-winning sportswriter and lifelong student of the game Joe Posnanski that tells the story of the sport through the remarkable lives of its 100 greatest players. In the book's introduction, Pulitzer Prize-winning commentator George F. Will marvels, "Posnanski must already have lived more than 200 years. How else could he have acquired such a stock of illuminating facts and entertaining stories about the rich history of this endlessly fascinating sport?" Baseball's legends come alive in these pages, which are not merely rankings but vibrant profiles of the game's all-time greats. Posnanski dives into the biographies of iconic Hall of Famers, unfairly forgotten All-Stars, talents of today, and more. He doesn't rely just on records and statistics—he lovingly retraces players' origins, illuminates their characters, and places their accomplishments in the context of baseball's past and present. Just how good a pitcher is Clayton Kershaw in the twenty-first-century game compared to Greg Maddux dueling with the juiced hitters of the nineties? How do the career and influence of Hank Aaron compare to Babe Ruth's? Which player in the top ten most deserves to be resurrected from history? No compendium of baseball's legendary geniuses could be complete without the players of the segregated Negro Leagues, men whose extraordinary careers were largely overlooked by sportswriters at the time and unjustly lost to history. Posnanski writes about the efforts of former Negro Leaguers to restore sidelined Black athletes to their due honor, and draws upon the deep troves of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and extensive interviews with the likes of Buck O'Neil to illuminate the accomplishments of players such as pitchers Satchel Paige and Smokey Joe Williams; outfielders Oscar Charleston, Monte Irvin, and Cool Papa Bell; first baseman Buck Leonard; shortstop Pop Lloyd; catcher Josh Gibson; and many, many more. The Baseball 100 treats readers to the whole rich pageant of baseball history in a single volume. Chapter by chapter, Posnanski invites readers to examine common lore with brand-new eyes and learn stories that have long gone unheard. The epic and often emotional reading experience mirrors Posnanski's personal odyssey to capture the history and glory of baseball like no one else, fueled by his boundless love for the sport. Engrossing, surprising, and heartfelt, The Baseball 100 is a magisterial tribute to the game of baseball and the stars who have played it.

The ESPN Baseball Encyclopedia Peter Palmer 2007 Details statistics from American professional baseball teams and players from 1900 through the previous season, including draft information, lists of award winners and world champion teams, career records, Negro League statistics, and facts about the teams, managers, ballparks, and more. Original.

Crazy About Sports: Volume Iii James Earl Hester, Jr. 2006-10-05 Crazy About Sports is a collection of sports stories about many colorful players, famous teams ad special events during the early and mid stages of sports development in this country ranging from the late 1800s to late 1900s. If you like sports, you are sure to enjoy reading this unique collection of stories by James Earl Hester, Jr.

Real One Hundred Best Baseball Players of All Time-- and why Ken Shouler 1998 Ranks the seventy-five top baseball players and twenty-five top pitchers of all time, based on their career statistics

Lou Gehrig Guernsey Van Riper Jr. 1986-10-31 One of the most popular series ever published for young Americans, these classics have been praised alike by parents, teachers, and librarians.

Positions in Baseball AMY B. ROGERS 2022-07-30 "Baseball is often called "America's Pastime." It's one of the most popular sports in the United States and in many other countries around the world too. Many kids grow up playing baseball. The best baseball players make it to the highest level of the sport in the United States: Major League Baseball (MLB). Whether you want to make it to the MLB someday or just root for your favorite team, it helps to know as much as you can about this sport. Every player on a baseball team as a different job to do, and understanding those jobs can make playing and watching baseball even more fun!"--

Baseball's Greatest Records Andrew Pina 2014-12-15 Which baseball player hit more home runs than any other player? Who holds the record for most stolen bases? What kinds of records can pitchers hold? The answers to these questions and many more are waiting to be discovered by readers, as they learn about the most famous records in one of the world's most popular sports. Colorful photographs and informative biographies of stars from baseball's past and present engage readers, and stat boxes allow them to practice interpreting charts to learn fun facts about baseball.

Juiced Jose Canseco 2006-02-28 When Jose Canseco burst into the Major Leagues in the 1980s, he changed the sport -- in more ways than one. No player before him possessed his mixture of speed and power, which allowed him to become the first man in history to belt more than forty home runs and swipe more than forty bases in the same season. He won Rookie of the Year, Most Valuable Player, and a World Series ring. Canseco shattered the mold of the out-of-shape baseball player and ushered in a new era of superathletes who looked like bodybuilders, made outrageous salaries, and enjoyed rock-star lifestyles. And

the ticket for this ride? Steroids. Behind the gaudy stats and the glamour of his public life, Canseco cultivated a secret just about everyone in MLB knew about, one that would alter the game of baseball and the way we view our heroes forever. Canseco made himself a guinea pig of the performance-enhancing drugs that were only just beginning to infiltrate the American underground. Anabolic steroids, human growth hormones -- Canseco mixed, matched, and experimented to such a degree that he became known throughout the league as "The Chemist." He passed his knowledge on to trainers and fellow players, and before long, performance-enhancing drugs were running rampant throughout Major League Baseball. Sluggers scooping up pitches at their ankles and blasting them out of the park, pitchers cranking fastballs inning after inning -- Canseco showed the players how to customize their doses to sculpt the bodies they wanted, and baseball as we know it was the result. Today, this issue has crept out of the closet and burst into the headlines as players balloon to herculean proportions and hundred-year-old records are not only broken, but also demolished. In this shocking memoir, Canseco sheds light on a life of dizzying highs and debilitating lows, provides the answers to questions about steroids that millions of fans are only now beginning to ask -- and suggests that, far from being a passing trend, the steroid revolution is only a taste of things to come. Who's juiced? According to Canseco's authoritative account, more than you think. And baseball will never be the same.

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Incredible Baseball Stories Ken Samelson 2017-04-04 An incomparable collection of true-life tales from the rich history of America's pastime. Spanning more than a hundred years, and featuring some of the game's iconic stars, the stories in this one-of-a-kind book bring the legends of the baseball diamond to life once more. Fans of all ages will enjoy recalling the great and not-so-great moments of the most popular names in the sport. Found in this collection are timeless tales that enable the reader to: Relive great World Series moments like Kirk Gibson's home run off Dennis Eckersley Find out what it's like to pitch to Ted Williams Witness record-breaking performances by Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron Learn what goes on behind the scenes of drafting stars like Jim Thome and Manny Ramírez With three-dozen photographs that beautifully illustrate the anecdotes, *Incredible Baseball Stories* is the perfect gift for baseball fans of all ages.

Baseball Cathleen Small 2018-07-15 Baseball takes a lot of strength and stamina, but muscle power is only part of the equation when it comes to being a good player. What exactly goes on inside that helps some athletes play better

than the rest? In this fascinating book, readers take a look at the muscular power, the brainpower, and the training behind some of the best baseball players in history. From how players get in the zone to how athletes read their opponent and assess their weaknesses, the main content of this book helps readers get inside the heads of their favorite players in this iconic American sport.

The Science of Hitting Ted Williams 1971 The phenomenal pro baseball player offers a detailed, technical guide to the art of hitting a baseball.

Legends: the Best Players, Games, and Teams in Baseball Howard Bryant 2016-03 "Experience baseball's most exciting moments, World Series heroics, greatest players, and more! Baseball, America's pastime, is a sport of moments that stand the test of time. It is equally a sport of a new generation of heroes, whose exploits inspire today's young fans. ... 'Legends: The Best Players, Games, and Teams in Baseball' ... [is not a] traditional almanac of mundane statistics, but rather a storyteller's journey through baseball's storied game. Told in fun, accessible chapters and accompanied by iconic photos, a slew of Top Ten lists for kids to chew on and debate, and a Timeline of the 40 Most Important Moments in Baseball History, this collection covers some of the greatest players from Babe Ruth to Hank Aaron; the greatest teams to take the field and swing the bats; the greatest social triggers, such as Jackie Robinson's breaking of the color barrier; the greatest playoff rivalries, including the 2004 showdown between the Red Sox and Yankees that turned into an instant classic; and, of course, the edge-of-your-seat World Series moments that left some cheering while others wept. This is the perfect book for young fans eager to learn more about the sport that will stay with them for a lifetime."--Publisher website.

Ball Four Jim Bouton 2012-03-20 The 50th Anniversary edition of "the book that changed baseball" (NPR), chosen by Time magazine as one of the "100 Greatest Non-Fiction" books. When Ball Four was published in 1970, it created a firestorm. Bouton was called a Judas, a Benedict Arnold, and a "social leper" for having violated the "sanctity of the clubhouse." Baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn tried to force Bouton to sign a statement saying the book wasn't true. Ballplayers, most of whom hadn't read it, denounced the book. It was even banned by a few libraries. Almost everyone else, however, loved Ball Four. Fans liked discovering that athletes were real people—often wildly funny people. David Halberstam, who won a Pulitzer for his reporting on Vietnam, wrote a piece in Harper's that said of Bouton: "He has written . . . a book deep in the American vein, so deep in fact that it is by no means a sports book." Today Ball Four has taken on another role—as a time capsule of life in the sixties. "It is not just a diary of Bouton's 1969 season with the Seattle Pilots and Houston Astros," says sportswriter Jim Caple. "It's a vibrant, funny, telling history of an era that seems even further away than four decades. To call it simply a 'tell all book' is like describing The Grapes of Wrath as a book about harvesting peaches in California." Includes a new foreword by Jim Bouton's wife "An irreverent, best-selling book that angered baseball's hierarchy and changed

the way journalists and fans viewed the sports world.” –The Washington Post