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Take me out to the ballgame! Celebrate the sights of baseball's grand ballparks with this exclusive coloring book. Featuring every Major League Baseball stadium, fans of all ages are sure to feel like they're part of the crowd. Play ball (and color)!

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The Lords of the Realm

BLOOPER: BALL SQUIRTS THROUGH BILLY BUCKNER'S LEGS. BLUNDER: BILLY BUCKNER'S MANAGER LEFT HIM IN THE GAME. Baseball bloopers are fun; they're funny, even. A pitcher slips on the mound and his pitch sails over the backstop. An infielder camps under a pop-up and the ball lands ten feet away. An outfielder tosses a souvenir to a fan but that was just the second out, and runners are circling the bases (and laughing). Without these moments, the highlight reels wouldn't be nearly as entertaining. Baseball blunders, however, can be tragic, and they will leave diehard fans asking whywhywhy? Rob Neyer's Big Book of Baseball Blunders does its best to answer all those whys, exploring the worst decisions and stupidest moments of managers, general managers,

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owners, and even commissioners. As he did in his Big Book of Baseball Lineups, Rob Neyer provides readers with a fascinating examination of baseball's rich history, this time through the lens of the game's sometimes hilarious, often depressing, and always perplexing blunders. · Which ill-fated move cost the Chicago White Sox a great hitter and the 1919 World Series? · What was Babe Ruth thinking when he became the first (and still the only) player to end a World Series by getting caught trying to steal? · Did playing one-armed Pete Gray in 1945 cost the Browns a pennant? · How did winning a coin toss lead to the Dodgers losing the National League pennant on Bobby Thomson's "Shot Heard 'round the World"? · How damaging was the Frank Robinson-for-Milt Pappas deal, really? · Which of Red Sox manager Don Zimmer's mistakes in 1978 was the worst? · Which Yankees trade was even worse than swapping Jay Buhner for Ken Phelps? · What non-move cost Buck Showalter a job and gave Joe Torre the opportunity of a lifetime? · Game 7, 2003 ALCS: Pedro winds up to throw his 123rd pitch what were you thinking? These are just a few of the legendary (and not-so-legendary) blunders that Neyer analyzes, always with an eye on what happened, why it happened, and how it changed the fickle course of history. And in separate chapters, Neyer also reviews some of the game's worst trades and draft picks and closely examines all the teams that fell just short of first place. Another in the series of Neyer's Big Books of baseball history, Baseball Blunders should win a place in every devoted fan's library.

Rob Neyer's Big Book of Baseball Lineups

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

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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.

The Game

Describes the kinds of things that major league baseball players do, such as catching balls and hitting home runs, and discusses the training needed to become a baseball player.

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2019 Official Rules of Major League Baseball

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

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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.

How to Snag Major League Baseballs

A Baseball Coloring Book that Both Kids and Adults Love! You're on deck, and the bases are loaded! Experience the thrill and joy of playing for the Major Leagues, as you color in all of your favorite baseball logos, stats, and uniforms. This Jam-packed coloring book with over 60+ exciting illustrations will captivate any baseball fan for hours! Inside you'll find: Ready-to-color illustrations of your favorite team's logos, and stats. Designed to capture the excitement and energy of Major League Baseball. Beginner-friendly designs that don't require any experience and are perfect for any age. High-quality, sturdy binding that withstands years of wear and tear. Premium, thick paper that ensures your markers and pens don't bleed-through. One-side only printing allows you to tear out pages easily for display. Dozens of Amazing Illustrations In

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this book, you'll find the official logos, stats, and uniforms for all 30 MLB Baseball Teams. A stellar grand slam! A Perfect Gift for Any Baseball Fan Bring the magic of baseball indoors! It's guaranteed to steal the imagination of any baseball fan. This fantastic coloring book lets you unleash your love for baseball and your inner creativity. Designed for all ages and levels of expertise High Quality Design Made with high quality paper and sturdy binding, you can freely decorate this coloring book with crayons, colored pencils, and so much more. Each illustration is printed only on one side and easy to tear out, so you will minimize the worry about bleed-through and can display your art around the house. Coloring is fun for everyone! Especially when you're coloring iconic logos from America's greatest past time. From the Boston Red Sox to Los Angeles Dodgers, you'll find something to entertain and delight you. Click now to add to your cart. Enjoy the fun!

Throwback

The incredible inside story of power, money, and baseball's last twenty years In the fall of 1992, America's National Pastime is in crisis and already on the path to the unthinkable: cancelling a World Series for the first time in history. The owners are at war with each other, their decades-long battle with the players has turned America against both sides, and the players' growing addiction to steroids will threaten the game's very foundation. It is a tipping point for baseball, a crucial moment in the game's history that catalyzes a struggle for power by three

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strong-willed men: Commissioner Bud Selig, Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, and union leader Don Fehr. It's their uneasy alliance at the end of decades of struggle that pulls the game back from the brink and turns it into a money-making powerhouse that enriches them all. This is the real story of baseball, played out against a tableau of stunning athletic feats, high-stakes public battles, and backroom political deals--with a supporting cast that includes Barry Bonds and Mark McGwire, Joe Torre and Derek Jeter, George Bush and George Mitchell, and many more. Drawing from hundreds of extensive, exclusive interviews throughout baseball, *The Game* is a stunning achievement: a rigorously reported book and the must-read, fly-on-the-wall, definitive account of how an enormous struggle for power turns disaster into baseball's Golden Age.

The Ultimate Major League Baseball MLB Coloring Book

A behind-the-scenes look at one of the greatest baseball movies ever. If you love watching "Major League," you'll be fascinated by this inside story. Based on interviews with all major cast members plus crew and producers, it tells how writer/director David S. Ward battled the Hollywood system to turn his own love of the underdog Cleveland Indians into a classic screwball comedy. Learn how a tight-knit group of rising young stars (and a few wily veterans) had a blast pretending to play ball while creating several iconic characters. Filled with little-known facts and personal recollections about outtakes and inside

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jokes, batting practice and script changes, all-night location shoots, bar hopping and more, this is the ultimate guide to the film that reinvented the baseball movie and inspired a generation of belly laughs. Includes rare photos, storyboard illustrations, script excerpts, and more. With a foreword by Charlie Sheen.

Big League Ballparks

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The ESPN Baseball Encyclopedia

The author, who has acquired more than 1000 baseballs at major league baseball games, offers advice on the many ways to get balls at games.

Vindicated

Nick Garcia was born in Key West, Florida in 1968. He attended Vanderbilt University and received a B.S. in accounting from Auburn University and a Law Degree from Georgia State University. He currently practices law in Fayetteville, Georgia where he lives with his wife Myra and their four children. The revolutionary Theory of Roidactivity has at long last cracked Major League Baseballs Steroid Code. Who were the first

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players to taste baseballs forbidden fruit? Nick Garcias A League of Their Own is a shocking, irreverent romp that illuminates the ghosts of baseballs past, present and future. Strap yourself in and be prepared for the most controversial ride the Major League circus has ever seen. More awe inspiring than a Mark Mcgwire home run and more poignant than a Roger Clemens fastball to the temple, A League Of Their Own is Major League Baseballs bitter little pill.

Ultimate Baseball Road Trip

Doug Lennox, the world champion of trivia, is back to score touchdowns, hit homers, and knock in holes-in-one every time with a colossal compendium of Q&A athletics that has all anyone could possibly want to know about sports, from archery and cycling to skiing and wrestling and everything in between.

Long-Range Goals

For the Good of the Game

A minor league pitcher deals with both the lighter and darker sides of a life at the edge of the pro ranks where he refuses to quit and eventually finds himself playing for the league championship.

A Very Big League of Their Own

All over the world, soccer is known as "the Beautiful

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Game" and is the most popular sport. But in the United States, professional soccer still has a hard time catching on. It has had some successes here. The American Soccer League of the 1920s, Pél  and other international stars in the North American Soccer League's glamorous 1970s, the indoor soccer phenomenon of the 1980s, and the U.S. women's win in the Women's World Cup of 1999 all hinted that the American public is ready to embrace pro soccer. In its short history, Major League Soccer (MLS) has survived and even started to thrive, drawing steady crowds and loyal fans. In *Long-Range Goals*, Beau Dure profiles teams and players, including D.C. United, the Los Angeles Galaxy, Landon Donovan, Freddy Adu, and Coach Bruce Arena, who are all vital to MLS. Some of the triumphs include an expansion of the league and its ownership group, the contribution of MLS players to a strong U.S. World Cup showing in 2002, and the construction of soccer stadiums nationwide. At the same time, MLS has occasionally stumbled, during costly legal battles with players and seeing two teams fold, but its investors have remained strong, figured out how to make money, and support the league. From the league's formation in 1993 to the David Beckham era, this book reveals all the action on and off the pitch: the politics, the lawsuits, the management of its teams, and the savvy business deals that helped MLS rebound. It also reveals in the big personalities of its stars, the grace of its utility players, and the obstacles the league faces in meeting its long-range goals.

Major League Baseball: The Big Coloring

Book of Ballparks

Initial print run of 5k, contains over 400 images, each individually spot varnished, complemented by over 60k words. Contains features from writers such as Roger Kahn, Robert Creamer, Tim Kurkjian & Jayson Stark. Weighing 26lbs(12kg) its 428 pages & bookbound in leather, with metallic lettering and comes in a silk clamshell case. Pages are 18 x 13 inches wide.

The Big Book of Baseball Brainteasers

Ever Wonder What's Being Said at Home Plate? How a Team Silently Communicates? What Goes on in the Clubhouse Behind Closed Doors? America's pastime has always left fans and amateur players alike yearning for the answers to questions about how pros play the game. Jason Kendall is an All-Star catcher who has seen just about everything during his years with the Pittsburgh Pirates, Oakland Athletics, Chicago Cubs, Milwaukee Brewers, and Kansas City Royals. He's a player's player, a guy with true grit--a throwback to another time with a unique view on the game that so many love. Jason Kendall and sportswriter Lee Judge team up to bring you the fan, player, coach, or curious statistician an insider's view of the game from a player's perspective. This is a book about pre-game rituals, what to look for when a pitcher warms up between innings, the signs a catcher uses to communicate with the pitcher, and so much more. Some of baseball wisdom you will find inside: * What to look for during batting practice. *

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The right way to hit a batter. * Who's a tough guy and who's just posing. * How to spot a dirty slide. * Why you don't look at the umpire while you're arguing. Based on Kendall's 15 years of professional MLB experience, THROWBACK is an informative, hilarious, and illuminating look into the world of professional baseball-and in a way that no one has ever seen before.

The Extra 2%

The challenging puzzlers presented here will have you playing armchair manager or umpire; reading about strange, unusual, and trick plays; and matching up quotes with the people who originated them.

Becoming Big League

Explains how Billy Beene, the general manager of the Oakland Athletics, is using a new kind of thinking to build a successful and winning baseball team without spending enormous sums of money.

If I Were a Major League Baseball Player

In 2005, Jose Canseco blew the lid off Major League Baseball's steroid scandal--and no one believed him. His New York Times bestselling memoir Juiced met a firestorm of criticism and outrage from the media, coaches, clubs, and players, many of whom Canseco had personally introduced to steroids--with a needle in the ass. Baseball's former golden boy, Rookie of the Year, onetime Most Valuable Player, and owner of two

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World Series rings was called a liar. In *Vindicated*, Canseco picks up where *Juiced* left off, revealing details even more shocking than in his controversial first book. He spills never-before-implicated names--arguably the biggest in the game of baseball--and explores the mystery of one celebrated player about whom key information was suddenly excised from *Juiced* at the last minute. He talks candidly about what the Mitchell Report did--and didn't--get right, why steroid use became so rampant, and how his life has changed since he tore the lid off Pandora's box.--From publisher description.

Major League Baseball: The Big Book of Activities

At Westish College, a small school on the shore of Lake Michigan, baseball star Henry Skrimshander seems destined for big league stardom. But when a routine throw goes disastrously off course, the fates of five people are upended. Henry's fight against self-doubt threatens to ruin his future. College president Guert Affenlight, a longtime bachelor, has fallen unexpectedly and helplessly in love. Owen Dunne, Henry's gay roommate and teammate, becomes caught up in a dangerous affair. Mike Schwartz, the Harpooners' team captain and Henry's best friend, realizes he has guided Henry's career at the expense of his own. And Pella Affenlight, Guert's daughter, returns to Westish after escaping an ill-fated marriage, determined to start a new life. As the season counts down to its climactic final game, these five are forced to confront their deepest hopes,

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anxieties, and secrets. In the process they forge new bonds, and help one another find their true paths. Written with boundless intelligence and filled with the tenderness of youth, *The Art of Fielding* is an expansive, warmhearted novel about ambition and its limits, about family and friendship and love, and about commitment--to oneself and to others.

The Making of Major League

Doug Lennox is back with a treasure trove of his favourite trivia culled from his four previous *Now You Know* books plus 125 brand new questions answered by the master of Q & A. Lennox dispenses knowledge concisely, never losing sight of the joy and fun of discovering the why or ordinary things. He covers a wide range of topics from sports to war, from crime to religion, from pop culture to politics. Answers to questions and the origins of hundreds of expressions and customs are brought together in this fascinating compilation. Thanks to Doug, you'll learn the answers to: Why do humans kiss? Why is a miserly person called a "cheapskate"? Why is an evil adversary called a "villain"? Why is football played on a "gridiron" and a leg injury called a "charley horse"? Why is confetti thrown at a wedding? Why do golf courses have 18 holes? Why do the British drive on the left and North Americans on the right? Why is a road called a "highway" and the ocean the "high seas"?

50 Moments That Defined Major League Baseball

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The most entertaining and comprehensive guide to every baseball fan's dream road trip—including every new ballpark since the 2004 edition—revised and completely updated!

Now You Know Big Book of Answers

This book recounts the 50 most incredible and iconic moments that shaped baseball as it moved from the Dead Ball Era, through World War II, and on to the modern era. Author Rocco Constantino also shares interviews with over 40 former Major League Baseball players, providing fresh insight and perspectives to these unforgettable moments.

The Art of Fielding

Extensive guide to all 30 big-league ballparks detailing the best and worst seats in the park, inside scoop on concessions, where to stay, and how to make the most out of your baseball experience.

The Bullpen Gospels

How good was Negro League Baseball (1920-1948)? Some experts maintain that the quality of play was equal to that of the American and National Leagues. Some believe the Negro Leagues should be part of Major League Baseball's official record and that more Negro League players should be in the Hall of Fame. Skeptics contend that while many players could be rated highly, NL organizations were minor league at best. Drawing on the most comprehensive data

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available, including stats from more than 2,000 interracial games, this study finds that black baseball was very good indeed. Negro leaguers beat the big leaguers more than half the time in head-to-head contests, demonstrated stronger metrics within their own leagues and excelled when finally allowed into the majors. The authors document the often duplicitous manner in which MLB has dealt with the legacy of the Negro Leagues, and an appendix includes the scores and statistics from every known contest between Negro League and Major League teams.

The Big Book of Jewish Baseball

Rob Neyer's Big Book of Baseball Blunders

An important resource for umpires, coaches, leagues, and serious fans of Major League Baseball (MLB), this handbook lists the dos and don'ts of the national pastime. Fully up-to-date, this book contains the official and sanctioned MLB rules and their interpretations per the Playing Rules Committee, the sole group that determines baseball's regulations.

Big League, Big Time

A case study of effective business practices demonstrated by a champion sports organization traces the Tampa Bay Devil Rays takeover by two former Goldman Sachs partners and the subsequent

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rebranding and executive strategies that rendered the team a model franchise.

Big Leagues Bigger Heart

"The ultimate chronicle of the games behind the game."—The New York Times Book Review Baseball has always inspired rhapsodic elegies on the glory of man and golden memories of wonderful times. But what you see on the field is only half the game. In this fascinating, colorful chronicle—based on hundreds of interviews and years of research and digging—John Helyar brings to vivid life the extraordinary people and dramatic events that shaped America's favorite pastime, from the dead-ball days at the turn of the century through the great strike of 1994. Witness zealous Judge Landis banish eight players, including Shoeless Joe Jackson, after the infamous "Black Sox" scandal; the flamboyant A's owner Charlie Finley wheel and deal his star players, Vida Blue and Rollie Fingers, like a deck of cards; the hysterical bidding war of coveted free agent Catfish Hunter; the chain-smoking romantic, A. Bartlett Giamatti, locking horns with Pete Rose during his gambling days of summer; and much more. Praise for *The Lords of the Realm* "A must-read for baseball fans . . . reads like a suspense novel."—Kirkus Reviews "Refreshingly hard-headed . . . the only book you'll need to read on the subject."—Newsday "Lots of stories . . . well told, amusing . . . edifying."—The Washington Post

Indiana-Born Major League Baseball Players

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Are you ready to label the parts of a baseball field? Connect the dots to find a hidden image? Unscramble a secret message? Fill in a baseball-themed crossword puzzle? If you said "yes," then you must be a Major League Baseball fan! This enormous activity book features activities based around every team. This dynamic, engaging activity book is perfect for the five to ten-year-old baseball-loving kid in your life.

Juiced

Becoming Big League is the story of Seattle's relationship with major league baseball from the 1962 World's Fair to the completion of the Kingdome in 1976 and beyond. Bill Mullins focuses on the acquisition and loss, after only one year, of the Seattle Pilots and documents their on-the-field exploits in lively play-by-play sections. The Pilots' underfunded ownership, led by Seattle's Dewey and Max Soriano and William Daley of Cleveland, struggled to make the team a success. They were savvy baseball men, but they made mistakes and wrangled with the city. By the end of the first season, the team was in bankruptcy. The Pilots were sold to a contingent from Milwaukee led by Bud Selig, who moved the franchise to Wisconsin and rechristened the team the Brewers. Becoming Big League describes the character of Seattle in the 1960s and 1970s, explains how the operation of a major league baseball franchise fits into the life of a city, charts Seattle's long history of fraught stadium politics, and examines the business of baseball. Watch the trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hwhl5sLoQs&list>

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Out of My League:

The first comprehensive, encyclopaedic work devoted exclusively to every Jewish contributor, large and small, to Major League Baseball. Its packed with: Rare photographs of players on and off the field; Full player statistics; Rare memorabilia; Exclusive original interviews. Jews who impacted upon the Great American Pastime extend far beyond the record strikeouts and round trippers of the legendary Sandy Koufax and Hank Greenberg. And there are scores of ballplayers like Lipman Pike, Shawn Green, Cal Abrams and Eddie Zosky whose little-known Baseball stories will touch or amuse readers of any background. Beyond life-time batting averages, there are intriguing players like catcher Moe Berg who served his country as a secret agent during WWII. While the tragic life of Bruce Gardner may bring tears to readers eyes, the exploits of 'Clown Princes' Al Schacht and Max Patkin will have fans rolling with laughter. Nowhere else will one read tributes to great Jewish baseball executives and owners whose vision built some of historys most successful teams. Al Rosen may have gone from the All-Star team to the front-office Hall of Fame, but some of the most famous self-made success stories of this century honed their competitive spirit on the stickball courts of Jewish ghettos. This one-of-a-kind book will be much-in-demand by both baseball and Judaica book buyers.

The Negro Leagues Were Major Leagues

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.

Great Rookies of the Major Leagues

A former major league pitcher discusses a devastating injury that changed that way he looked at life. Original.

Moneyball (Movie Tie-in Edition) (Movie Tie-in Editions)

"A humorous, candid and insightful memoir of Hayhurst's rookie season in the majors. . .Grade: Home Run." --Cleveland Plain Dealer After six years in the minors, pitcher Dirk Hayhurst hopes 2008 is the year he breaks into the big leagues. But every time Dirk looks up, the bases are loaded with challenges--a wedding balancing on a blind hope, a family in chaos, and paychecks that beg Dirk to answer, "How long can I afford to keep doing this?" Then it finally happens--Dirk gets called up to the Majors, to play for the San Diego Padres. A dream comes true when he takes the mound against the San Francisco Giants, kicking off forty insane days and nights in the Bigs. Like the classic games of baseball's history, Out of My League entertains from the first pitch to the last out,

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capturing the gritty realities of playing on the big stage, the comedy and camaraderie in the dugouts and locker rooms, and the hard-fought, personal journeys that drive our love of America's favorite pastime. "A rare gem of a baseball book." --Tom Verducci, Sports Illustrated "A fun read. . . This book shows why baseball is so often used as a metaphor for life." --Keith Olbermann "Entertaining and engaging. . . reminiscent of Jim Bouton's Ball Four." --Booklist "Observant, insightful, human, and hilarious." --Bob Costas

Official Major League Baseball Opus

Indiana boasts a rich baseball tradition, with 10 native sons enshrined in Cooperstown. This biographical dictionary provides a close look at the lives of all 364 Hoosier big leaguers, who include New York City's first baseball superstar; the first rookie pitcher to win three games in a World Series; the man who caught most of Cy Young's record 511 career wins; one of the game's first star relievers; the player who held the record for consecutive games played before Lou Gehrig; an obscure infielder mentioned in Charles Schulz's Peanuts comic strip; baseball's only one-legged pitcher; Indiana's first Mr. Basketball, who became one of baseball's greatest pinch-hitters; the first African American to play for the Cincinnati Reds; the only pitcher to throw a perfect game in the World Series; the skipper of the 1969 "Miracle Mets"; the pitcher for whom a ground-breaking surgical procedure is named; and the only two men to have played in both the World Series and the Final Four of

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the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

Bigger Than the Game

The author exposes the workings of sports marketing in America through an in-depth look at the creation of a Major League baseball franchise, the Arizona Diamondbacks

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