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The Dodgers have played more than 10,000 games as a franchise. Their 50 greatest games span two coasts and three centuries worth of baseball. They include: • A doubleheader that lasted six and a half innings combined • A single game that featured three teams on the field • A game in which the Dodgers didn't record a hit - and won • The games in which the single-season and career home run records were broken • Three perfect games and two no-hitters • The longest game in major league history • The first major league game ever televised • A game in which the Dodgers' pitcher lost consciousness on the field • An exhibition game that drew 93,103 spectators • The first integrated game in major league history

The 50 Greatest Dodgers Games features all the best players to don the uniform: Sandy Koufax, Jackie Robinson, Kirk Gibson, Zack Wheat, Fernando Valenzuela, Orel Hershiser, Duke Snider, Roy Campanella, Clayton Kershaw, Steve Garvey, Don Drysdale, Pee Wee Reese and more. It also features some of the unsung heroes of baseball history, like Cookie Lavagetto, Vic Davalillo, Sandy Amoros, Al Gionfriddo and Joe McGinnity. For the first time, their performances are laid side-by-side in this account of the greatest Dodgers games ever played. Which game ranks number one? Baseball, our national pastime. Every fan has memories of their team's incredible victories and anguishing defeats. We remember the home runs, the walk-off wins, and the moments that will last a lifetime. We also remember those things which we wish we could forget: the errors, the mental mistakes . . . and the ugly uniforms. In an ode to those eyesores, Todd Radom has collected and chronicled some of the swing-and-misses we've ever seen on the baseball diamond. Remember when the Chicago White Sox thought wearing shorts in 1977 was a good idea? How about when the Baltimore Orioles wore their all-orange jerseys in 1971? Do you remember the 1999 "Turn Ahead the Clock" campaign? Or the most recent all-camo jerseys of San Diego Padres? Yes, there is much to talk about when it comes to the odd uniform decisions teams have made over the years. But just like there's love out there for French bulldogs or Christmas sweaters, ugly uniforms hold a warm place in the heart of all baseball fans. Sure they didn't affect wins and losses (unless you mention Chris Sale), but a fan's love and ire goes well beyond the current standings. So whether your team appears in Ugly Baseball Uniforms or not, fans of the sport will enjoy reliving the moments most teams would like to forget. A grand slam of a book. The sequel to the bestselling *Baseball's Greatest Insults*, with hilarious put-downs and outrageous wisecracks about America's national pastime. There are no lyrical passages here, no fond reminiscences about childhood games, no tributes to "inspiring" players. Too much real stuff has happened since Kevin Nelson collected *Baseball's Greatest Insults* in 1984. This hilarious all-star review reveals how the players, managers, umpires, owners, and the sports media really feel about one another. On July 24, 1983, during the finale of a heated four-game series between the dynastic New York Yankees and small-town Kansas City Royals, umpires nullified a go-ahead home run based on an obscure rule, when Yankees manager Billy Martin pointed out an illegal amount of pine tar, the sticky substance used for a better grip, on Royals third baseman George Brett's bat. Brett wildly charged out of the dugout and chaos ensued. The call temporarily cost the Royals the game, but the decision was eventually overturned, resulting in a resumption of the game several weeks later that created its own hysteria. The Pine Tar Game chronicles this watershed moment, marking a pivot in the sport, when benign cheating tactics, like spitballs, Superball bats, and a couple extra inches of tar on an ash bat, gave way to era of soaring salaries, labor struggles, and rampant use of performance-enhancing drugs. Filip Bondy paints a portrait of the Yankees and Royals of that era, featuring two diametrically opposed owners, in George Steinbrenner and Ewing Kauffman; a host of bad actors and phenomenal athletes; and lots of yelling. Players and club officials like Brett, Goose Gossage, Willie Randolph, Ron Guidry, Sparky Lyle, David Cone, and John Schuerholz offer fresh commentary on the events along with their take on a rivalry that culminated in one of the most iconic baseball tantrums of all time. Rush Limbaugh, employed by the Royals at the time as a promotions director, offers his own insider's perspective. Through this one fateful game, the ensuing protest, and ultimate fallout, *The Pine Tar Game* examines a more innocent time in professional sports, as well as the shifting tide that gave us today's modern iteration of baseball. Baseball books span the spectrum from the All-Stars to the has-beens but invariably overlook the endless string of things that could have happened but didn't. *Baseball's Memorable Misses* fills that void, pointing out little-known facts perfect for both rabid and casual fans. Who knew that Willie Mays never won an RBI crown or that Stan Musial hit the most home runs in one day but never led his league in a season? Nolan Ryan had zero Cy Young Awards despite owning records for strikeouts and no-hitters. Roger Clemens, on the other hand, had a record seven Cy Youngs and two 20-strikeout games but zero no-hitters. There were also zero no-hitters by Greg Maddux, who has more wins than any living pitcher. Players took zeroes and sometimes double-zeroes as uniform numbers. Veteran baseball writer Dan Schlossberg delves into the previously-unknown world of baseball zeroes, exploring everything from Christy Mathewson's zero runs allowed in the 1905 World Series to the three perfect games pitched in Yankee Stadium. This book also reveals that there were zero no-hitters pitched by Pirates at Pittsburgh's Forbes Field even though visiting pitchers did not fall victim to that hex. There have been zero players who hit five home runs in one game but two who have hit five in one day. This is a book of *Almost But Not Quite* (ABNQ for short) but also a book that suggests baseball's second century can be almost as intriguing as its first. With the help of author Doug Lyons, who wrote the foreword, and celebrated baseball cartoonist Ronnie Joyner, this is also a utilitarian volume, perfect for the living room coffee table or even the bathroom. Like the game itself, *Baseball's Memorable Misses* is fun--and perfect for rain delays in season or off-season enjoyment. From the genesis of baseball in the 1840s, when so-called "kranks" cheered the teams of their choice, fans have been an ever-present component of the sport. As the number of fans has increased over the years, their influence has increased proportionally. Following the evolution of the game and its fans over more than a century, this book examines the role fans have played in the formation of modern baseball and the part the sport has played in the lives of its devotees. How have fans influenced, reacted to, or been affected by baseball's changes through history? How do fans determine player popularity? Are there famous fans—and how do they manifest that interest? How has the evolution of baseball in the media, including newspapers, radio, and television, affected the fan base? The answers to these questions and more give a lively feel to this baseball history from a fan's perspective. The final chapter sums up the fan's importance to the sport of baseball. Baseball has been as much of a national pastime to Cuba as it has to the U.S., due in no small part to Fidel Castro's love of the game. This book chronicles the central role Castro played in transforming the sport from professional to amateur status in the small island country, which has produced dozens, if not hundreds, of baseball stars. In this book, we have hand-picked the most sophisticated, unanticipated, absorbing (if not at times crackpot!), original and musing book reviews of "Fantasyland: A Season on Baseball's Lunatic Fringe." Don't say we didn't warn you: these reviews are known to shock with their

unconventionality or intimacy. Some may be startled by their biting sincerity; others may be spellbound by their unbridled flights of fantasy. Don't buy this book if: 1. You don't have nerves of steel. 2. You expect to get pregnant in the next five minutes. 3. You've heard it all. When the members of the first baseball players' union formed their own league in open revolt against the reserve clause and other restrictive practices of the National League, baseball journalism became less of a "curiosity shop" phenomenon and moved into the mainstream. Baseball writers Henry Chadwick, T.H. Murnane, and Ella Black covered the labor struggle on the field and in the front offices—and took sides: one as a mouthpiece for the capitalist owners, one as a supporter of the cooperatively operated Players' League, and one as a voice for female journalists. Through a close examination of their work, this book charts the rise of sports journalism in response to the famed Brotherhood War of 1890. Edd Roush was once ejected from a game for falling asleep in the outfield. Dan Friend played left field while dressed in a bathrobe. Outfielder Len Koenecke was killed attempting history's first skyjacking. Pitchers Fritz Peterson and Mike Kekich swapped not only their wives but also their children, station wagons, and pets. Baseball history is brimming with the weird, the bizarre, and the hard to believe. *Baseball's Most Wanted™* chronicles 700 of the most outlandish players, managers, and owners throughout baseball history. Its seventy lists describe in humorous detail baseball's top-ten inept players, strange plays, bad practical jokes, bizarre nicknames, murderers, politicians, Don Juans, unusual contracts, notable nicknames, curses, worst trades, freak injuries, unsolved mysteries, least-known records, and more. Many of these anecdotes have been published here for the first time. Collects sarcastic, witty, and satirical comments about baseball teams, players, umpires, managers, writers, and announcers Steve Psycho Lyons uses his patented Psycho-Meter to break down the 100 most famous and infamous moments in baseball history. And who better to chronicle baseball's history of outrageous personalities, plays, and pranks, than Lyons, the man who dropped his pants at first base and created perhaps the most outrageous moment of all time? Digging in and dusting off the annals of baseball history, he has researched the craziest moments in baseball ever, ranging from the hilarious to the ridiculous, from the incredible to the heroic, including Randy Johnson's unexpected and unbelievable exploding bird, Clemens v. Piazza--rounds 1 and 2, the infamous Disco Demolition Night in Chicago, and the George Brett pine tar incident. From Babe Ruth's called home-run shot to the Steve Bartman fiasco, from Pete Rose bowling over Ray Fosse to Joba Chamberlain being attacked by insects, and from Pedro Martinez body slamming Don Zimmer to a team turning a triple play without ever touching the ball, *The Psycho 100* has it all. A sportswriter and lifelong student of the game, Posnanski that tells the story of baseball through the lives of its greatest players. His choices include iconic Hall of Famers, unfairly forgotten All-Stars, talents of today, and more. Rather than relying on records and statistics, he retraces players' origins, illuminates their characters, and places their accomplishments in the context of baseball's past and present. The result is a rich pageant of baseball history, and stories that have long gone unheard. -- adapted from jacket This collection of essays explores activist performances, all connected to theater or performance training, that have changed the Americas—from Canada to the Southern Cone. Through the study of specific examples from numerous countries, the authors of this volume demonstrate a crucial, shared outlook: they affirm that ordinary people change the direction of history through performance. This project offers concrete, compelling cases that emulate the modus operandi of people like historian Howard Zinn. In the same spirit, the chapters treat marginal groups whose stories underscore the potentially unstoppable and transformative power of united, embodied voices. This book will be of great interest to students and scholars of theatre, performance, art and politics. This humorous Donald Trump Gag Gift for Baseball Players is better than a card and is sure to be a hit with Pro Trump supporters and rightwing conservatives who support the Republican party and plan to vote for Trump in the next presidential election 2020. Funny Baseball Team gift for Father's Day, Birthday or Christmas. Journal cover says Believe Me. You're An Amazing Baseball Player. Great, Really Great. Very Awesome. Really Terrific. Fantastic. Other Baseball Players? Real Losers. Total Disasters. Ask Anyone. Any bball player is sure to laugh when they open this present. This useful 6x9" lined journal notebook features 120 pages with date at the top and blank lined pages to use as a diary, daily journal, schedule, to-do list, school notebook, grocery lists, meeting notebook or doodle pad. The New York Mets Encyclopedia provides the full and exciting story of modern-era baseball's most popular expansion-age franchise. From those lovable losers of 1962 and 1963, to the Miracle Mets of 1969 and 1973, and on to year-in and year-out contenders of the 1980s and 1990s, New York's National League Mets have written some of the most exciting and colorful pages in Major League history. This is the team that captured the hearts of fans everywhere with its often-laughable antics under colorful and celebrated manager Casey Stengel. Only half a dozen years later, the Mets reached baseball's pinnacle under gifted manager Gil Hodges. This colorful volume combines detailed narrative history with archival photographs, rich statistical data, and intimate portraits of the team's most memorable personalities. This is also a franchise that has been home to many of the game's biggest on-field stars. Among them are such unforgettable diamond characters as reckless slugger Darryl Strawberry; glue-fingered first sacker Keith Hernandez; baseball's all-world catcher, Mike Piazza; pitching ace Johan Santana; and record-breaking third baseman David Wright. The full scope of the Mets' fifty-plus-year history is discussed in an expansive chapter that gives the reader a historical detailed overview and features a year-by-year Mets chronology and season-by-season opening-day lineups. This newly revised edition offers insight on everything a Mets fan would want or need to know. Before the "Bronx Zoo" of George Steinbrenner and Billy Martin, there were the Oakland Athletics of the early 1970s, one of the most successful, most colorful-and most chaotic-baseball teams of all time. They were all of those things because of Charlie Finley. Not only the A's owner, he was also the general manager, personally assembling his team, deciding his players' salaries, and making player moves during the season-a level of involvement no other owner, not even Steinbrenner, engaged in. Drawing on interviews with dozens of Finley's players, family members, and colleagues, G. Michael Green and Roger D. Launius present "Baseball's Super Showman" (Time magazine's description of Finley on the cover of an August 1975 issue) in all his contradictions: generous yet vengeful, inventive yet destructive. The stories surrounding him are as colorful as the life he led, the chronicle of which fills an important gap in baseball's literature. *Baseball: An Encyclopedia of Popular Culture* looks at American society through the prism of its favorite pastime, discussing not only the game itself but a variety of topics with significance beyond the diamond. Its 269 entries, which vary in length from two hundred to twenty-five hundred words, explore the game's intersection with race, gender, art, drug abuse, entertainment, business, gambling, movies, and the shift from rural to urban society. ø Filled with larger-than-life characters, baseball legends, sports facts and firsts, important milestones, and observations about daily life and popular culture, this encyclopedia is not only an excellent reference source but also an enjoyable book to browse. From 1985 to 1992, *The Baseball Hall of Shame* series chronicled more than 100 years of baseball goofs and gaffes, selling more than 700,000 copies. Now, the authors of the most offbeat baseball books ever written are back, featuring their looniest lineup of classic stories and inducting their first new class of Hall of Shamers in twenty years. 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Filled with more than 200 stories and packed with photos, *The Baseball Hall of Shame: The Best of Blooperstown* is the most hilarious homage to the national pastime ever assembled, and a fitting testament to the Hall's motto: "Fame and shame are part of the game." The untold story of baseball's nineteenth-century origins: "a delightful look at a young nation creating a pastime that was love from the first crack of the bat" (Paul Dickson, *The Wall Street Journal*). You may have heard that Abner Doubleday or Alexander Cartwright invented baseball. Neither did. You may have been told that a club called the Knickerbockers played the first baseball game in 1846. They didn't. Perhaps you've read that baseball's color line was first crossed by Jackie Robinson in 1947. Nope. Baseball's true founders don't have plaques in Cooperstown. They were hundreds of uncredited, ordinary people who played without gloves, facemasks, or performance incentives. Unlike today's pro athletes, they lived full lives outside of sports. They worked, built businesses, and fought against the South in the Civil War. In this myth-busting history, Thomas W. Gilbert reveals the true beginnings of baseball. Through newspaper accounts, diaries, and other accounts, he explains how it evolved through the mid-nineteenth century into a modern sport of championships, media coverage, and famous stars—all before the first professional league was formed in 1871. Winner of

the Casey Award: Best Baseball Book of the Year *The Seventh Inning Stretch*, by noted baseball expert Josh Pahigian addresses all of the most interesting baseball arguments, however frivolous, that fans have been engaging in for decades, and even a few they may have never stopped to consider before. There is no more thrilling moment in the game of baseball than the seconds before the ball flies out of the park, never to be seen again. As Greg Maddux famously said, chicks dig 'em, and men fantasize about hitting them. Now, *The Complete History of the Home Run* told decade by decade, traces this ultimate macho symbol. Mark Ribowsky looks at how the big hit evolved from a rarity to centerpiece because of Babe Ruth's prowess. Baseball fans will also learn how the home run has been mythologized, written about, and discussed in the media, baseball literature, and in bars all across the county. Featured are such epic swings as: -- Ruth's #60, Roger Maris's #61, Mark McGwire's #70, Barry Bonds's #73, Hank Aaron's K -- Ted Williams's All-Star Game Blast off Rip Sewell; -- Bobby Thomson's Shot Heard Around the World; -- Mickey Mantle's 565-footer in Washington; -- Bill Mazeroski's and Joe Carter's Series-ender; -- Reggie Jackson's Series trio; -- The Tino/Jeter/Brosius trinity. Including commentary on the men who hit these long balls -- Willie Mays, Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Hank Aaron, Barry Bonds, and Ted Williams -- the book also brings out the facts and statistics. Readers will find out the truth behind Ruth's Called Shot, Josh Gibson's alleged blast out of Yankee Stadium, who had the best-ever power season, the myth of the lively ball era, the science of the home run, and why yesterday's hits will always be better than today's. Baseball has produced some notably strange plays--like Randy Johnson's fastball dismantling a bird--yet there have been many that defy belief. Beginning with Todd Frazier tricking umpires into calling an out with a rubber ball and culminating in Al "The Mad Hungarian" Hrabosky pitching into a scrum of two batters and a manager at home plate, this book describes the 150 most bizarre plays in the history of the game. Baserunners going in the wrong direction, outfielders kicking the ball, three runners meeting at one base, two balls in play, players ejected for dancing and many other anomalies are presented with detailed commentary. The Baseball is a salute to the ball, filled with insider trivia, anecdotes, and generations of ball-induced insanity—from Zack Hample, the bestselling author of *Watching Baseball Smarter* • Which Hall of Famer once caught a ball dropped from an airplane? • Why do balls get stamped with invisible ink? • What's the best ticket to buy for catching a foul ball? • Which part of the ball once came from dog food companies? • How could a 10,000-year-old glacier help a pitcher grip the ball? In this enlightening, entertaining, and often wildly funny book, Zack Hample shares ballpark legends and lore, explores the history of the baseball souvenir craze, and also details the evolution of the ball. Finally, Hample—who has snagged more than 4,600 balls from 48 different major league stadiums—offers up his secret methods for snagging your own ball from major league games. Features a ballhawk glossary, profiles of legendary ballhawks, top 10 lists, and black-and-white photos throughout. In ongoing appreciation of ... the best fights! The sneakiest tricks! The wildest pitches! America's favorite pastime at its wonderful worst! In addition to mining the National Baseball Hall of Fame Library in Cooperstown, New York, and the Sporting News archives, Regalado conducted interviews with some twenty-five Latin baseball stars, among them Felipe Alou, Orlando Cepeda, and Tony Oliva. An irreverent look at a side of baseball not usually found on the sports pages, with more than 700 entries and 70 lists No sports fans are more in touch with the history and ephemera of their game than baseball fans. Hitting the sweet spot of our national pastime, *The Baseball Fans Bucket List* presents a list of 162 absolute must things to do, see, get, and experience before you kick the bucket. Entries range from visiting Elysian Fields in Hoboken, NJ (site of the first pro baseball game), to starting a baseball card collection; experiencing Opening Day; attending your favorite teams Fantasy Camp; reading classic books like *Ball Four*, and much more! Each entry includes interesting facts, entertaining trivia, and practical information about the activity, item, or travel destination. Also included is a complete checklist so the reader can keep a running tally of their Bucket-List achievements. With today's tabloid stories of steroid abuse and off-the-field shenanigans encroaching on baseball's idyllic charm, this unique guidebook encourages readers to celebrate all that's good about being a fan. At the end of the 1883 baseball season, things looked rosy--attendance had skyrocketed and the National League and American Association were at peace. A year later, however, the sport was in total disarray. A third major league, the Union Association, had come on the scene and waged a bitter war that rocked the baseball world. By the dawn of the 1885 season, the UA had dissolved in a sea of red ink, the AA had dropped four teams, and the minor leagues were desperately hoping to make it through the season. Amid the chaos of 1884 were some historic moments. Iron-man pitcher Hoss Radbourn won 59 games and led the Providence Grays to victory over the New York Metropolitans in the first World Series. Fleet Walker broke baseball's first color line. There were a record eight no-hitters and a cast of fascinating figures--some famous, some lost to history--like Radbourn, Hustling Horace Phillips, Dan O'Leary, and Edward (The Only) Nolan. This book tells the story of the momentous yet overshadowed 1884 season. The definitive chronicle of a chaotic and unforgettable season, featuring a heartfelt foreword from Opening Day starter and lifelong Yankee fan Gerrit Cole The New York Yankees are unprecedented. With more than twice as many World Series titles as their closest competitor, the most MVPs and the most Hall of Fame inductees, there's never been anything quite like the franchise's storied history. Then the 2020 season took place, and the greatest team in American sports found out what "unprecedented" really means. The Bronx Zoom provides an intimate and engaging look behind the scenes of a year unlike any other. Veteran reporter Bryan Hoch guides readers through dizzying twists and turns as the Yankees navigate a season amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, historic movements for equality and social justice, and a bitterly contested presidential election. From a spring training cut short to the postseason's final out, new insights and anecdotes emerge from countless interviews with players, executives and Yankees personalities, providing personal perspectives on the challenges and joys of the 2020 season. Go behind the scenes with the talented roster, as manager Aaron Boone pairs his new big-ticket ace with a powerhouse offense alternating between torrid stretches and lengthy slumps. Relive the bizarre final showdown against the upstart Tampa Bay Rays, where the American League East rivals found themselves occupying the same Southern California hotel while putting championship aspirations on the line in an empty ballpark. The Bronx Zoom is a thoroughly reported narrative of a monumental and defining era of our lives, told with humor and pathos through the familiar lens of Yankees baseball. No baseball lover or Yankee fan's library is complete without it. A round up of the most outrageous group of malcontents, characters, rebels, nut jobs, reprobates, wing-nuts, wackos, space cadets, head cases, goofs, free thinkers, and oddballs who ever livened up the grand old game of baseball, this collection not only describes their most bizarre antics in often-hilarious detail, but also includes the unique thoughts of Bill "Spaceman" Lee, a man known for his colorful quotes and offbeat personality. Baseball has so many stars and scrubs, quotables and notables - so many that one book just isn't enough to cover them all. Enter *Baseball's Most Wanted™ II*. Starting where *Baseball's Most Wanted™* left off, version 2.0 introduces even more colorful characters, inept fielders and hitters, and forgotten stars as well as all the teams, fans, managers, and even announcers who are a vibrant part of baseball's past, present, and future. You'll read top-ten lists of the best and worst hitters and pitchers, the most unique memorabilia, and the most obsessed fans. Learn which president vowed to never play the game again after he got shelled in a semipro game. Find out if Tony Suck lived up to his name or rose above it. Discover the secret lure of the no-hitter and how even usually inept pitchers can catch lightning in a bottle and reach Nirvana. You'll read about these as well as hundreds of other people, places, and events. With more than sixty lists of trivia to amuse and amaze, *Baseball's Most Wanted™ II* is a wonderful celebration of America's love of baseball, warts and all. Baseball is set apart from other sports by many things, but few are more distinctive than the intricate systems of coded language that govern action on the field and give baseball its unique appeal. During a nine-inning game, more than 1,000 silent instructions are given--from catcher to pitcher, coach to batter, fielder to fielder, umpire to umpire--and without this speechless communication the game would simply not be the same. Baseball historian Paul Dickson examines for the first time the rich legacy of baseball's hidden language, offering fans everywhere a smorgasbord of history and anecdote. Whether detailing the origins of the hit-and-run, the true story behind the home run that gave "Home Run" Baker his nickname, Bob Feller's sign-stealing telescope, Casey Stengel's improbable method of signaling his bullpen, the impact of sign stealing on the Giants' miraculous comeback in 1951, or the pitches Andy Pettitte tipped off that altered the momentum of the 2001 World Series, Dickson's research is as thorough as his stories are entertaining. A roster of baseball's greatest names and games, past and present, echoes throughout, making *The Hidden Language of Baseball* a unique window on the history of our national pastime. Most fans don't know how far the Jewish presence in baseball extends beyond a few famous players such as Greenberg, Rosen, Koufax, Holtzman, Green, Ausmus, Youkilis, Braun, and Kinsler. In fact, that presence extends to the baseball commissioner Bud Selig, labor leaders Marvin Miller and Don Fehr, owners Jerry Reinsdorf and Stuart Sternberg, officials Theo Epstein and Mark Shapiro, sportswriters Murray Chass, Ross Newhan, Ira Berkow, and Roger Kahn, and even famous Jewish baseball fans like Alan Dershowitz and Barney Frank. The life stories of these

and many others, on and off the field, have been compiled from nearly fifty in-depth interviews and arranged by decade in this edifying and entertaining work of oral and cultural history. In American Jews and America's Game each person talks about growing up Jewish and dealing with Jewish identity, assimilation, intermarriage, future viability, religious observance, anti-Semitism, and Israel. Each tells about being in the midst of the colorful pantheon of players who, over the past seventy-five years or more, have made baseball what it is. Their stories tell, as no previous book has, the history of the larger-than-life role of Jews in America's pastime. In the tradition of Ron Luciano's bestselling "The Umpire Strikes Back", Durwood Merrill, baseball's most outspoken umpire offers two decades' worth of his sometimes hilarious, always controversial opinions on managers, life on the diamond, the players, and more. of photos. From 1985 to 1992, The Baseball Hall of Shame series chronicled more than 100 years of baseball goofs and gaffes, selling more than 700,000 copies. Now, the authors of the most offbeat baseball books ever written are back, featuring their looniest lineup of classic stories and inducting their first new class of Hall of Shamers in twenty years. Bruce Nash and Allan Zullo cover everything from the battiest batters and craziest fielding fiascoes to the dumbest ballpark promotions and screwiest fan behavior. Hall of Shamers include outfielder Lou "The Mad Russian" Novikoff, who insisted his wife taunt him from the stands because it made him a better hitter... Pitcher Burleigh Grimes, who was so mean that he threw a beanball at the on-deck hitter... Outfielder Ping Bodie, who out-ate Percy the ostrich for the spaghetti-eating championship of the world... and Babe Ruth, who wore ladies' silk stockings for good luck. Among the new inductees are Ken Griffey Jr., who put a cow in manager Lou Piniella's office to pay off a steak dinner bet... Manny Ramirez, who abandoned left field to go to the bathroom during a game... and David "Big Papi" Ortiz, whose underwear was smeared with peanut butter as payback for the pranks he pulled on teammates. Filled with more than 200 stories and packed with photos, The Baseball Hall of Shame: The Best of Blooperstown is the most hilarious homage to the national pastime ever assembled, and a fitting testament to the Hall's motto: "Fame and shame are part of the game." One of America's finest poets joins forces with one of baseball's most outrageous pitchers to paint a revealing portrait of our national game. Donald Hall's forceful, yet elegant, prose brings together all the elements of Dock Ellis's story into a seamless whole. The two of them, the pitcher and the poet, give us remarkable insight into the customs and culture of this closed clannish world. Dock's keen vision, filtered through Hall's extraordinary voice, shows us the hardships and problems of the thinking athlete in an unthinking world.

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