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Baseball Prospectus 2010 Norwood House Press

A graphic novel-style history of baseball, providing an illustrated look at the major games, players, and rule changes that shaped the sport. This graphic novel steps up to the plate and covers all the bases in illustrating the origin of America's national pastime, presenting a complete look at the beginnings (both real and legendary), developments, triumphs, and tragedies of baseball. It also breaks down the cultural impact and significance of the sport both in America and overseas (including Japan, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic), from the early days of America to the flying W outside Wrigley Field in 2016. Featuring members of Baseball's Hall of Fame and modern day stand-outs—including Cy Young, Babe Ruth, Jackie Robinson, Hank Aaron, the 1930s New York Yankees, the 2004 Boston Red Sox, the 2016 Chicago Cubs, and more—The Comic Book Story of Baseball spotlights the players, teams, games, and moments that built the sport's legacy and

ensured its popularity.

Jim Kaat: Good As Gold Lulu.com

Jackson is ready for his first baseball game, but a pesky bee might just ruin his big day. This Starting Line Reader is sure to be a home run for every new reader.

*Fantasy Baseball* Ten Speed Press

Luke Thorson is a good baseball player and a good student, but he is not as popular as his older half-brother Jake who is the team's captain and power hitter--can the two put aside their rivalry and work together to win the championship?

*The Everything Kids' Baseball Book* Taylor & Francis

Boys and girls enthusiastically warm up with special exercises and drills. The players throw the ball back and forth, jog, bat, catch, and pitch. Finally, the players divide up into two teams. The coach, as umpire, makes calls as they catch pop flies, run the bases, and slide feet first into home plate. Practice ends with the kids showing that teamwork makes them better players.

Powerful, mixed-media illustrations with dramatic, up-close perspectives interpret the rhythmic text and capture the intensity

and exuberance of baseball practice.

Spotlight Soccer Simon and Schuster

Jared Richards is great at baseball video games, but when he loses a bet to his best friend Jared is forced to tryout for his school's baseball team--and finds out that playing the game for real is very different from virtual reality.

*The Lords of the Realm* Capstone

What position did Babe Ruth play for the Red Sox? Who is credited with organizing baseball's rules? (Hint: it's not Abner Doubleday.) How much does an official baseball weigh? Where and when was Major League Baseball's first night game played? Discover the answers to these and dozens of other trivia questions related to America's favorite pastime with this playful book. Young baseball fans are sure to pick up some interesting stats while having nine innings of fun with these 39 winning activities. Crossword puzzles, mazes, find-the-differences, and other challenges offer fascinating facts related to the game and its players. No need to worry about striking out — complete solutions appear at the end.

*The Baseball 100* Capstone

Baseball's Greatest Series details what many believe to be the most exciting postseason series in baseball history: the 1995 Division Series between the New York Yankees and the Seattle Mariners. This division series was not simply about two teams playing five postseason games. It was about Ken Griffey Jr., Lou Piniella, Buck Showalter, Gene Michael, Jim Leyritz, Randy Johnson, Wade Boggs, Tony Fernandez, Pat Kelly, Dion James, Darryl Strawberry and many others who changed the course of baseball history . . . A team playing to keep baseball alive in the

Pacific Northwest A manager who was literally managing for his job A New York sports icon who for one week reminded everybody of the dominating player he had been a decade earlier Chris Donnelly's replay of this entire season reminds readers that it was a time when grown men cried their eyes out after defeat, and others, just a few hundred feet away, poured beer and champagne over one another while 57,000 people in Seattle's Kingdome celebrated. Five games they were. Five games that reminded people, after the devastating players' strike in 1994, how great a game baseball is because comebacks are always possible, no matter how great the obstacles may seem. From Don Mattingly's only postseason home run, which caused a near riot, to Edgar Martinez's legendary eleventh inning series-clinching double, Donnelly chronicles the earlier struggles of both teams during the 1980s, their mid-1990s resurgence, all five heart-stopping games of the series, and the dramatic and long-lasting effects of Seattle's victory. Simply stated, Baseball's Greatest Series hits a home run.

**Ted Sullivan, Barnacle of Baseball** Time Inc. Books

Step up to the plate with this counting book about America's favorite pastime. THE BASEBALL COUNTING BOOK is spring training for little sluggers. The count is zero to zero when the ump calls, "Play ball!" Nine innings later we've counted balls, strikes, players, fans, and more, all the way to twenty. No one strikes out with these fun rhymes. Little leaguers will find themselves counting their way through practice and pointing out all the new things they've learned about this great game when they watch the pro's on TV or at the parks. Early readers will hit a home run with this charming counting book.

**Big Book of Who: Baseball** Simon and Schuster

This ambitious study of major league managers since the formation of the National League applies a sabermetric approach to gauging their performance and tendencies. Rather than focusing solely on in-game tactical decisions, it also analyzes broader, off-the-field management issues such as handling players, fans, and media, enforcing team rules, working with the front office, and balancing pressure versus performance.

**The Baseball Counting Book** Capstone Classroom

A compilation of baseball trivia, facts, information, and statistics features interviews with key personalities and little-known anecdotes.

**Baseball Bits** John Wiley & Sons

The best-selling annual baseball preview returns for the 2010 MLB season, providing analysis and critical essays on each of the teams and projections for each player's stats using Nate Silver's PECOTA model. Original.

**Breakout: How Atari 8-Bit Computers Defined a Generation** Notion Press

Team captain, Kyle Walker, and pitcher, Ryan Rogan, must learn to work together despite conflicts they've had in the past if they expect to win the championship game.

**Point-Blank Paintball** Capstone Classroom

Thirteen-year-old Franco dreams of playing professional soccer, but the team in his new school is terrible, and nobody on the team, including the coach, seems to care--Franco has always been a pass-first, team-first player, but persuading this bunch ball-hogs to play the right way may be more than he can handle.

**How Baseball Happened** Courier Dover Publications

A revised Team Spirit Baseball edition featuring the Tampa Bay Rays that chronicles the history and accomplishments of the team. The Team Spirit series paints an engaging, detailed yet accessible picture of professional sports teams. By focusing on the history, great victories and memorable personalities, the books have an enduring quality that will not go out of date quickly. The text is enhanced with plenty of full color photographs as well as reproductions of vintage trading cards and team memorabilia.

**Much Ado About Baseball** Penguin

From the award-winning screenwriter and director of cult classic Bull Durham, the extremely entertaining behind-the-scenes story of the making of the film, and an insightful primer on the art and business of moviemaking. "This book tells you how to make a movie—the whole nine innings of it—out of nothing but sheer will." —Tony Gilroy, writer/director of Michael Clayton and The Bourne Legacy "The only church that truly feeds the soul, day in, day out, is the church of baseball." —Annie in Bull Durham Bull Durham, the breakthrough 1988 film about a minor league baseball team, is widely revered as the best sports movie of all time. But back in 1987, Ron Shelton was a first-time director and no one was willing to finance a movie about baseball—especially a story set in the minors. The jury was still out on Kevin Costner's leading-man potential, while Susan Sarandon was already a has-been. There were doubts. But something miraculous happened, and The Church of Baseball attempts to capture why. From organizing a baseball camp for the actors and rewriting key scenes while on set, to dealing with a short production schedule and overcoming the challenge of filming the sport, Shelton brings

to life the making of this beloved American movie. Shelton explains the rarely revealed ins and outs of moviemaking, from a film's inception and financing, screenwriting, casting, the nuts and bolts of directing, the postproduction process, and even through its release. But this is also a book about baseball and its singular romance in the world of sports. Shelton spent six years in the minor leagues before making this film, and his experiences resonate throughout this book. Full of wry humor and insight, *The Church of Baseball* tells the remarkable story behind an iconic film.

*Baseball Is . . .* Capstone

The Wizard of Oz meets America's favorite pastime! Alex Metcalf must be dreaming. What else would explain why he's playing baseball for the Oz Cyclones, with Dorothy as his captain, in the Ever After Baseball Tournament? But Alex isn't dreaming; he's just from the real world. And winning the tournament might be his only chance to get back there, because the champions get a wish granted by the Wizard. Too bad Ever After's most notorious criminal, the Big Bad Wolf, is also after the wishes. And anyone who gets in his way gets eaten! From beloved baseball author Alan Gratz comes a novel in which classic literary characters are baseball crazy, and one real-world boy must face his fears and discover the surprising truth about himself.

**Evaluating Baseball's Managers** Simon and Schuster

A visual tribute to the history of baseball combines lyrical verses by the award-winning author of *Good Luck, Mrs. K!* with evocative period-style illustrations by the best-selling artist of *Angela and the Baby Jesus*.

*Power at the Plate* Godine+ORM

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 Comic Book Story of Baseball** Capstone Classroom

Identical twins Noah and Peter Eccleston make a great team, especially when playing paintball, but when a coach offers a chance for only one to join his elite team, they must compete against one another for the spot.

**Max and Ollie's Guide to Baseball** Ballantine Books

"A delight for baseball lovers" (Kirkus Reviews) and "one of the most significant baseball books of the year" (Bob Costas) *Ahead of the Curve* uses stories from baseball's present and past to

examine why we sometimes choose ignorance over information, and how tradition can trump logic. Forget batting average. Kill the “Win.” Say goodbye to starting pitchers. And please, please stop bunting. MLB Network anchor and commentator Brian Kenny provides “an excellent, entertaining read for the all-around baseball fan” (Library Journal) and shows how baseball has been revolutionized—not destroyed—by analytical thinking. Most people who resist logical thought in baseball preach “tradition” and “respecting the game.” But many of baseball’s traditions go back to the nineteenth century, when the pitcher’s job was to provide the batter with a ball he could hit and fielders played without gloves. Instead of fearing change, Brian Kenny wants fans to think critically, reject outmoded groupthink, and embrace the changes that have come with the sabermetric era. In his

entertaining and enlightening book, Kenny discusses why the pitching win-loss record, the Triple Crown, fielding errors, and so-called battling titles should be ignored. He also points out how fossilized sportswriters have been electing the wrong MVP’s and ignoring legitimate candidates for the Hall of Fame; why managers are hired based on their looks; and how the most important position in baseball may just be “Director of Decision Sciences.” “Prepare to have your brain and your assumptions challenged. Guided by data and a deep love of the game, Brian Kenny takes a cutting-edge look at where baseball is and where it is going” (Tom Verducci, Sports Illustrated). Illustrated with unique anecdotes from those who have reshaped the game, *Ahead of the Curve* is “a great story about the game in the age of information and technology” (Billy Beane).