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**The Umpire Strikes Back** U of Nebraska Press  
An account of life as an umpire by one of major league baseball's most notorious figures shares his adventures on and off the field, from his career in the minor leagues to his experiences with such players as Reggie Jackson, Mark McGwire, and Nolan Ryan. Reprint.

**Moonshot** Open Road + Grove/Atlantic  
Journey with prolific author and avid baseball fan Ethan Bryan on an exciting quest to play catch every day for a year, and discover the lessons he learned about the sacredness of play, finding connections, and being fully present to the human experience. Ethan Bryan played and wrote about baseball for years. Then his daughters challenged him to set out on a yearlong experiment: to play catch with someone every day. This experience led him across 10 states and 12,000 miles on a quest both quixotic and inspiring. Taking you from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to the home of the Daytona Tortugas in Florida, Bryan played ball and swapped stories with public school teachers, veterans, journalists, nurses, musicians, entertainers, entrepreneurs, athletes from every level--amateur to pro--and members of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Plus, he visited famous destinations such as the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, Miracle League fields, and the original "Field of Dreams" in Iowa. But throughout the book, Bryan reveals it's about much more than who he played catch with: it's what he learned from their vastly different stories. Lessons include: How play can reignite a fire within you and transform your life How to find joy in the simple things How one life can impact a whole community . . . and more. For baseball fans and everyone who loves a good story,

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A Year of Playing Catch is an inspiring journey about finding joy in the simple things, and the power of play to transform our lives.  
**Augie Referee Enterprises**  
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  
**Baseball Hacks** Zondervan

A fascinating and authoritative biography of perhaps the most controversial player in baseball history, Ty Cobb—"The best work ever written on this American sports legend: It's a major reconsideration of a reputation unfairly maligned for decades" (The Boston Globe). Ty Cobb is baseball royalty,

maybe even the greatest player ever. His lifetime batting average is still the highest in history, and when he retired in 1928, after twenty-one years with the Detroit Tigers and two with the Philadelphia Athletics, he held more than ninety records. But the numbers don't tell half of Cobb's tale. The Georgia Peach was by far the most thrilling player of the era: When the Hall of Fame began in 1936, he was the first player voted in. But Cobb was also one of the game's most controversial characters. He got in a lot of fights, on and off the field, and was often accused of being overly aggressive. Even his supporters acknowledged that he was a fierce competitor, but he was also widely admired. After his death in 1961, however, his reputation morphed into that of a virulent racist who also hated children and women, and was in turn hated by his peers. How did this happen? Who is the real Ty Cobb? Setting the record straight, Charles Leerhsen pushed aside the myths, traveled to Georgia and Detroit, and re-traced Cobb's journey from the shy son of a professor and state senator who was progressive on race for his time to America's first true sports celebrity. The result is a "noble [and] convincing" (The New York Times Book Review) biography that is "groundbreaking, thorough, and compelling...The most complete, well-researched, and thorough treatment that has ever been written" (The Tampa Tribune).

**Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America**  
William Morrow & Company

The riveting story of four men—Larry Doby, Bill Veeck, Bob Feller, and Satchel Paige—whose improbable union on the Cleveland Indians in the late 1940s would shape the immediate postwar era of Major League Baseball and beyond. In July 1947, not even three months after Jackie Robinson debuted on the Brooklyn Dodgers, snapping the color line that had segregated Major League Baseball, Larry Doby would follow in his footsteps on the Cleveland Indians. Though Doby, as the second Black player in the majors, would struggle during his first summer in Cleveland, his subsequent turnaround in 1948 from benchwarmer to superstar sparked one of the wildest and most meaningful seasons in baseball history. In

intimate, absorbing detail, Luke Epplin's *Our Team* traces the story of the integration of the Cleveland Indians and their quest for a World Series title through four key participants: Bill Veeck, an eccentric and visionary owner adept at exploding fireworks on and off the field; Larry Doby, a soft-spoken, hard-hitting pioneer whose major-league breakthrough shattered stereotypes that so much of white America held about Black ballplayers; Bob Feller, a pitching prodigy from the Iowa cornfields who set the template for the athlete as businessman; and Satchel Paige, a legendary pitcher from the Negro Leagues whose belated entry into the majors whipped baseball fans across the country into a frenzy. Together, as the backbone of a team that epitomized the postwar American spirit in all its hopes and contradictions, these four men would captivate the nation by storming to the World Series--all the while rewriting the rules of what was possible in sports.

### **Our Team** Macmillan

A warm, intimate portrait of Jackie Robinson, America's sports icon, told from the unique perspective of a unique insider: his only daughter. Sharon Robinson shares memories of her famous father in this warm loving biography of the man who broke the color barrier in baseball. Jackie Robinson was an outstanding athlete, a devoted family man and a dedicated civil rights activist. The author explores the fascinating circumstances surrounding Jackie Robinson's breakthrough. She also tells the off-the-field story of Robinson's hard-won victories and the inspiring effect he had on his family, his community. . . his country! Includes never-before-published letters by Jackie Robinson, as well as photos from the Robinson family archives.

### *Reglas Oficiales Del Beisbol* Macmillan

The Detroit Tigers, an umpire, a pitcher, and a mistake—one of the “classic, human, baseball stories” (Ken Burns, creator of the PBS mini-series *Baseball*). The perfect game is one of the rarest accomplishments in sports. In nearly four hundred thousand contests in over 130 years, it has happened only twenty times. On June 2, 2010, Armando Galarraga threw baseball's twenty-first. Except that's not how it entered the record books. That's because Jim Joyce, voted the best umpire in the game in 2010 and 2011, missed the call on the final out. But rather than throwing a tantrum, Galarraga simply turned and smiled, went back to the mound, and finished the game. “Nobody's perfect,” he said later in the locker room. “You might think everything that could have been said, replayed, and revealed about that night has already been uttered, logged, and exposed. You would, however, be as wrong as the unfortunate Mr. Joyce” (The Detroit News). In *Nobody's Perfect*, Galarraga and Joyce come together to tell the personal story of a remarkable game

that will live forever in baseball lore, and to trace their fascinating lives in sports. The result is “a masterpiece”, an absorbing insider's look at two careers in baseball, a tremendous achievement, and an enduring moment of pure grace and sportsmanship (The Huffington Post).

### *A Well-Paid Slave* EverAfter Romance

Life had not been kind to young Tommy Riggs—and even though he had all the natural playing ability to become a Major Leaguer, his anger at the world kept him from becoming the great player he could be. How Tommy Riggs learned not only to be a star catcher, but also to live with himself and his teammates, makes a suspenseful story filled with the true-to-life color of baseball from the Minor Leagues through the bitter competition of spring training camp to top flight baseball as it is played in the Major Leagues. It is a story every sports fan will enjoy. LAWRENCE “YOGI” BERRA was probably the one man best able to tell sports fans how to play BEHIND THE PLATE and how it feels to be a catcher. His unequalled career with the New York Yankees won him a place as one of the all-time greats. In the words of Casey Stengel, “Outside of DiMaggio, the man behind the plate, Berra, is the greatest player that I ever had to manage.” TIL FERDENZI had a completely rounded sports background that made him the perfect collaborator for “Yogi” on this book. A six-letter varsity baseball and football athlete at Boston College—a former high school coach of baseball and football—and for sportswriter for the New York Journal-American, he helped bring baseball alive for sports fans in BEHIND THE PLATE.

### *Nobody's Perfect* Penguin

Former MLB umpire Dave Phillips was at the center of some of baseball's most unforgettable moments--Comiskey's infamous Disco Demolition Night, Gaylord Perry's spitball ejection, Albert Belle's confiscated corked bat and George Brett's pine tar bat debacle--and he shares with baseball fans the untold stories behind those incidents and many others, giving baseball fans a complete perspective on the life of an umpire.

### Official Rules of Softball 1998 Harper Collins

The philosopher Jacques Barzun thought that “whoever wants to know the heart and mind of America had better learn baseball.” And whoever wants to know baseball had better learn about umpires. As Larry Gerlach points out in *The Men in Blue*, these arbiters transform competitive chaos into organized sport. They make it possible to “play ball,” but nobody loves them. Considering the abuse meted out by fans and players, why would any sane person want to be an umpire? Many reasons emerge in conversations with a dozen former

major league arbiters. While nobody loves them, they love the game. Gerlach has elicited entertaining stories from these figures under fire--about their lonely travels, their dealings with umpire baiters, battles for unionization, breaking through the color line, and much more. From Beans Reardon, who came up to the National League in 1926, to Ed Sudol, who retired in 1977, here is a witty and telling portrait of baseball from the boisterous Golden Age to the Jet Age of Instant Replay.

### *Pitching, Defense, and Three-Run Homers* Sporting News

“One thing about Max was that he was about as well-adjusted to his disability, if you want to call it that, as anyone could be... He even used his eye once to shut up an obnoxious high school coach. After he'd heard all the complaining he wanted to hear, Max took his eye out of the socket and handed it to the stunned coach, saying, 'You want to umpire this game? Here, be my guest.'” Everything Happens in Chillicothe is an authentic, behind-the-scenes look at the lowest rung of professional baseball, and a biography of Max McLeary, the one-eyed umpire and a most intriguing individual. Author Mike Shannon spent the 2000 Frontier League season attending games with McLeary and gives his account of the season here. The book speaks volumes about umpiring as a profession, relationships (particularly between Max and his estranged son, a minor league player; between Max and his long-suffering wife Patty; and between Max and his umpiring partner Jim Schaly), life in small-town America, and the various people connected with the Chillicothe Paints and other teams in the Frontier League. Many humorous and poignant stories, are told here for the first time, by McLeary, Schaly, and others.

*You're the Umpire* U of Nebraska Press  
Baseball "by The Book."

### **The Book** Blue River Press

In their early years, the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Cardinals-- the two oldest teams in the National Football League --travelled the country with only rare mention in the newspapers. Both teams later saw their official records destroyed by fire. Most of what is now known about those initial seasons is based on often inaccurate statements made many years later. Reconstructing their missing history, this book draws on newly available resources to document the battles and brawls on and off the field, the cunning backroom deals, the financial woes and the 40-year rivalry that endured while both teams were in Chicago. Figures like Al Capone, Red Grange, Jim Thorpe and Bronko Nagurski make appearances in the lore of two old adversaries whose uneasy alliance helped ensure the survival of the fledgling NFL.

### *Center Field on Fire* Triumph Books

The first black umpire of the National League provides a behind-

the-scenes look at baseball, with countless anecdotes and the unique insight of the man who calls the game

[They Called Me God](#) Pickle Partners Publishing

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 Sports Hall of Fame Encyclopedia** McFarland

Written BY Umpires...FOR Umpires. This is the definitive book for baseball umpires at the High School level and below. A complete manual covering Umpire Mechanics for 2, 3, and 4 umpires with illustrations and explanations for virtually every play and runner configuration.

[Working the Plate](#) Lulu Publishing Services

Created through a collaboration of dedicated, knowledgeable and highly respected baseball umpires, assignors, and professional rules consultants, *NFHS Baseball Rules in Black and White: 2019 - 2020* is the missing guide for umpires everywhere. This series of enhanced learning resources for frequently called and complex rules of baseball targets each specific level of play. By enhancing baseball rule book language and the overall format, this series improves the value (knowledge) to the reader, while supporting the actual source of those rulings. *NFHS Baseball Rules in Black and White: 2019 - 2020* has been updated to include the most recent rules changes from the *NFHS 2019 and 2020 Baseball Umpires Manual*. It clarifies, explains, and gives examples for all of the most common, difficult, or misinterpreted calls in the game. *NFHS Baseball Rules in Black and White: 2019 2020* features: Collected and organized related rulings placed under a definitive chapter. Confusing official rule book grammar converted into an

easy-to-read and easy-to-retain format. Explanations complementary to the *NFHS 2019 and 2020 Baseball Umpires Manual*. Official NFHS rule and page numbers for ease of reference. Being an umpire requires many skills, talents, and knowledge. A good umpire must have excellent tracking, a consistent strike zone, exceptional timing, and the ability to execute proper field mechanics. Most important, though, an umpire must have a solid knowledge of the rules of baseball! Having a proficient level of rules knowledge empowers umpires to have greater confidence and accuracy when making split-second calls. This in turn improves their ability to effectively explain rule interpretations and establish superior game management skills. Rules knowledge is vital to becoming a respected umpire. An effective baseball rules resource should take a reader directly to a rule, use straightforward language to convey a clear and decisive interpretation, and retain accuracy. *NFHS Baseball Rules in Black and White: 2019 - 2020* is that resource!

*Baseball's Longest Games* Classic Sports Journal

Never before have Two-Person and Three-Person mechanics been covered by Referee in the same publication. Brought to life with Referee's PlayPic™ and MechaniGram™ illustrations, *Basketball Mechanics Illustrated* will show you the positions to be in and what you need to look for to make the right call. The portable size makes it a handy tool for both preseason study and in-season reference. Every book comes with a companion CD-ROM that has color images to enhance learning and meetings. With major mechanics changes in 2009 for crews of two and three, every official should have their own copy.

**Basketball Officiating Mechanics Illustrated** iUniverse

Provides a comprehensive listing, including biographical information and statistics, of each athlete inducted into one of the major sports halls of fame.

[Sports-Related Concussions in Youth](#) Oxford University Press

In the past decade, few subjects at the intersection of medicine and sports have generated as much public interest as sports-related concussions - especially among youth. Despite growing awareness of sports-related concussions and campaigns to educate athletes, coaches, physicians, and parents of young athletes about concussion recognition and management, confusion and controversy persist in many areas. Currently, diagnosis is based primarily on the symptoms reported by the individual rather than on objective diagnostic markers, and there is little empirical evidence for the optimal degree and duration of physical rest needed to promote recovery or

the best timing and approach for returning to full physical activity. *Sports-Related Concussions in Youth: Improving the Science, Changing the Culture* reviews the science of sports-related concussions in youth from elementary school through young adulthood, as well as in military personnel and their dependents. This report recommends actions that can be taken by a range of audiences - including research funding agencies, legislatures, state and school superintendents and athletic directors, military organizations, and equipment manufacturers, as well as youth who participate in sports and their parents - to improve what is known about concussions and to reduce their occurrence. *Sports-Related Concussions in Youth* finds that while some studies provide useful information, much remains unknown about the extent of concussions in youth; how to diagnose, manage, and prevent concussions; and the short- and long-term consequences of concussions as well as repetitive head impacts that do not result in concussion symptoms. The culture of sports negatively influences athletes' self-reporting of concussion symptoms and their adherence to return-to-play guidance. Athletes, their teammates, and, in some cases, coaches and parents may not fully appreciate the health threats posed by concussions. Similarly, military recruits are immersed in a culture that includes devotion to duty and service before self, and the critical nature of concussions may often go unheeded. According to *Sports-Related Concussions in Youth*, if the youth sports community can adopt the belief that concussions are serious injuries and emphasize care for players with concussions until they are fully recovered, then the culture in which these athletes perform and compete will become much safer. Improving understanding of the extent, causes, effects, and prevention of sports-related concussions is vitally important for the health and well-being of youth athletes. The findings and recommendations in this report set a direction for research to reach this goal.