

## 1964 Houston Colt 45s Roster By Baseball Almanac

Sweet '60: The 1960 Pittsburgh Pirates is the joint product of 44 authors and editors from the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) who have pooled their efforts to create a portrait of the 1960 team which pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the last 60 years. Game Seven of the 1960 World Series between the Pirates and the Yankees swung back and forth. Heading into the bottom of the eighth inning at Forbes Field, the Yankees had outscored the Pirates, 53-21, and held a 7 – 4 lead in the deciding game. The Pirates hadn't won a World Championship since 1925, while the Yanks had won 17 of them in the same stretch of time, seven of the preceding 11 years. The Pirates scored five times in the bottom of the eighth and took the lead, only to cough it up in the top of the ninth. The game was tied 9 – 9 in the bottom of the ninth. At 3:36, Bill Mazeroski swung at Ralph Terry's slider. As Curt Smith writes in these pages: "There goes a long drive hit deep to left field!" said Gunner. "Going back is Yogi Berra! Going back! You can kiss it good-bye!" No smooch was ever lovelier. "How did we do it, Possum? How did we do it?" Prince said finally, din all around. Woods didn't know—only that, "I'm looking at the wildest thing since I was on Hollywood Boulevard the night World War II ended." David had toppled Goliath. It was a blow that awakened a generation, one that millions of people saw on television, one of TV's first iconic World Series moments.

One of the most endearing of American heroes, Casey Stengel guided the New York Yankees to ten pennants in twelve seasons. Here is the brilliant manager stripped naked—the person underneath all the clowning, mugging, and double-talking. Robert Creamer shows us Casey at twenty-two, famous from his very first day in the big leagues. We see Casey's playing career fall apart as he is traded, shunted to last-place teams, hampered by injuries, considered finished—until he bats a glorious home run in the 1923 World Series. Here are Casey's managing successes and failures—dismissed by the Yankees, he returns to the limelight with his new and inept New York Mets, the team he single-handedly lifts into the nation's consciousness. "I'm a man that's been up and down," Casey said in a serious moment. Certainly his knack for bouncing back made him a legend in our national pastime. Here are the stories and gags, the Stengelian style, the full dimensions of the man.

Organized baseball in Long Beach dates to 1910, when the Long Beach Clothiers of the Southern California Trolley League played opponents wherever a streetcar could take them. Exhibition games later featured Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, Bob Feller, and other Major League barnstormers. Homegrown talent includes Baseball Hall of Famers Bob Lemon and Tony Gwynn. Pioneering entrepreneur Bill Feistner built the first accommodating baseball park in 1922 at Redondo Avenue and Stearns Street in the shadow of oil-rich Signal Hill. When ballplayers weren't on the Shell Park diamond, they worked the derricks.

This bundle presents Doug Lennox's popular trivia book series in its entirety. These books will provide years and years of fun, with countless questions to be asked and tons of knowledge to be learned. The books cover general trivia but also such topics as sports (baseball, hockey, football, golf, soccer, among others), Christmas and the Bible, disasters and harsh weather, royal figures, crime and criminology, important people in Canada's history, and so much more! Along the way we find out the answers to such questions as: Why do the British drive on the left and North Americans on the right? What football team was named after a Burt Reynolds character? Who started the first forensics laboratory? Which member of the British royal family competed at the Olympics? Lennox's exhaustive series is fun for all ages. Includes Now You Know Now You Know More Now You Know Almost Everything Now You Know, Volume 4 Now You Know Big Book of Answers Now You Know Christmas Now You Know Big Book of Answers 2 Now You Know Golf Now You Know Hockey Now You Know Soccer Now You Know Football Now You Know Big Book of Sports Now You Know Baseball Now You Know Crime Scenes Now You Know Extreme Weather Now You Know Disasters Now You Know Pirates Now You Know Royalty Now You Know Canada's Heroes Now You Know The Bible

Jim Palmer: Nine Innings to Success

The American League in Transition, 1965 – 1975

1962

The Complete Armchair Book of Baseball

Now You Know — Giant Sports Trivia Bundle

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Jim Palmer was just 20 years old when he became the youngest pitcher ever to throw a World Series shutout, helping lead the Baltimore Orioles to their first-ever championship, in 1966. Two years later, Palmer's budding career almost ended due to arm problems. Yet, he mounted an inspiring comeback and reached the pinnacle of his profession, becoming the winningest pitcher of the 1970s and the only hurler to win a World Series game in three different decades. With three World Series rings, three Cy Young Awards and six All-Star selections to his name, an exemplary record as a spokesperson for charities and corporations, and his long tenure as a TV baseball analyst, Palmer is an authority on what it takes to succeed on and off of the field. Hall of Fame pitcher Jim Palmer and co-author Alan Maimon take readers inside the clubhouse, broadcast booth, and corporate world to tell the story of a one-of-a-kind career that serves as a how-to guide on succeeding in the workplace. Interspersed with memorable stories from his illustrious career with the Orioles, this book includes baseball wisdom and life-lessons learned from the one-of-a-kind Earl Weaver as well as colorful anecdotes about O's teammates like Cal Ripken, Jr and Rick Dempsey, and broadcast partners Howard Cosell and Al Michaels. Recaps of the greatest baseball games ever played in the "eighth wonder of the world," the Astrodome, along with information about Astros history and the building of the Dome. Some of the games and chapters included: September 13, 1965: Mays Clouts Number 500, GREGORY H. WOLF August 26, 1966: Aspromonte's Walk-Off Slam Lights Up the Sky for Astros, THOMAS RATHKAMP June 15, 1967: The "Toy Cannon" Blasts Three Shots in the Astrodome, GREGORY H. WOLF June 18, 1967: Unhittable: Wilson Tosses First No-No in Astrodome History, GREGORY H. WOLF July 2, 1967: "Wynning" Reaction for the Winning Run, JOHN BAUER September 27, 1967: Cuellar Outduels Bunning, NORM KING April 15, 1968: The Astrodome Marathon, RICHARD RIIS August 23, 1968: The Heady Heights of Seventh Place, JOHN BAUER May 27, 1969: Rader's Walk-Off Slam Sinks Phillies, THOMAS RATHKAMP September 19, 1971: Trailing 4-0, Houston Scores Five Unanswered Runs, and Wins on Joe Morgan's Walk-Off Homer, GORDON GATTIE June 18, 1972: Reuss Spins One-Hitter, RICHARD A. CUIICCHI June 10, 1974: Mike Schmidt Wallops a Tremendous...Single? CHIP GREENE September 22, 1974: Grffin's Unlikely RBI Single Stifles Braves in 14, THOMAS RATHKAMP June 15, 1976:

Rainout in the Astrodome, RICK SCHABOWSKI July 9, 1976: Dierker Tosses a No-No, GREGORY H. WOLF June 24, 1977: Watson Hits for Cycle; Cruz Belts Walk-Off Double in 11th, RICHARD RIIS July 17, 1978: Cruz's Walk-Off Homer Preserves Niekro's Extra-Inning Complete-Game Gem, GORDON GATTIE April 7, 1979: Ken Forsch Hurls Earliest No-Hitter in History, CHIP GREENE August 3, 1979: J.R. Richard Strikes Out 15 for Complete-Game Victory, T.S. FLYNN October 11, 1980: Wild Extra-Inning Playoff Game, JIM SWEETMAN October 12, 1980: Astros Fall Short of the World Series, FREDERICK C. BUSH September 26, 1981: Ryan's Fifth No-Hitter, FREDERICK C. BUSH October 6, 1981: Ashby's Walk-Off Preserves Ryan Two-Hitter in the NLDS, GREGORY H. WOLF May 9, 1983: Winning Run Scores While Heep Argues with Ump, MARK S. STERNMAN July 13, 1983: Bjorkman Knocks in Five in Cup of Coffee, GREG ERION April 8, 1984: Dickie Thon and the Shadow of Ray Chapman, BILL MCCURDY July 15, 1984: Ashby's Walk-Off Single Ends it in the 16th, ALAN COHEN April 9, 1985: Morganna Smooches Ryan, NORM KING July 15, 1986: Roger Clemens Returns to Hometown Houston for All Star Game, Wins MVP, MICHAEL HUBER September 23, 1986: Eight Straight Strikeouts for Jim Deshaies, BRENT HEUTMAKER September 25, 1986: Mike Scott No-Hits the Giants, FREDERICK C. BUSH October 15, 1986: Staving Off Scott, RORY COSTELLO September 9, 1987: "Ryan Express" Whiffs 16, including No. 4,500, GREGORY H. WOLF June 3, 1989: "The Game that Would Never End" JOE THOMPSON June 8, 1990: Mike Scott Strikes Out 15, MICHAEL HUBER September 8, 1993: Darryl Kile Tosses No-Hitter, CHIP GREENE September 17, 1993: Harnisch's Losses No-Hitter on Controversial Call, ALAN COHEN June 24, 1994: Bagwell Homers Three Times, Twice in One Inning, FREDERICK C. BUSH June 13, 1997: First Interleague Game in the Astrodome, STEVE WEST September 25, 1997: Astros Clinch NL Central, FREDERICK C. BUSH August 28, 1998: The Big Unit Fans 16 in Third Straight Shutout in the Dome, GREGORY H. WOLF October 1, 1998: Spiers' Walk-Off Single Ties the NLDS, PAUL GEISLER May 11, 1999: Beat-Down at the Dome: Astros Spank Bucs While Setting Team-Record For Runs and Doubles, MATTHEW HENSHON June 13, 1999 / July 23, 1999: A Scary Situation for the Houston Astros, BRENT HEUTMAKER September 11, 1999: "It's Lima Time, Baby" CHAD OSBORNE October 3, 1999: Astros Clinch NL Central in the Last Game at Astrodome, FREDERICK C. BUSH October 9, 1999: Astrodome Goes Out With a Whimper, GREG ERION Astrodome as the Home to Sports Other Than Baseball, ALAN REIFMAN 50 Years and Counting: What Does the Future Hold for the Astrodome? JUSTIN KRUEGER The Astrodome the Numbers, DAN FIELDS The Astrodome: Back to the Future, Part 4, BILL MCCURDY

While baseball is touted as America's favourite pastime, everyone will know the score with this grand slam of Q&A that's sure to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Doug Lennox hammers it out of the park by filling us in on who's won the most Cy Young Awards, what the Green Monster is, and the five ways that a player can be called "out." In this treasure trove of baseball lore, you'll learn all about the leagues and teams that have come and gone, the players who are legends, and the achievements and records that have become the stuff of myth and fable. Where and when did Babe Ruth hit his first professional home run? What major league team was known as the Blue Jays long before a team existed in Toronto? Who were the Bash Brothers? Where was baseball first played? Who wrote the song "Take Me Out to the Ball Game"? Did Fidel Castro try out for the New York Yankees?

During their thirteen years in Wisconsin, the Milwaukee Braves never endured a losing season, won two National League pennants, and in 1957 brought Milwaukee its only World Series championship. With a lineup featuring future Hall of Famers Henry Aaron, Warren Spahn, Eddie Matthews, Red Schoendienst, and Phil Niekro, the team immediately brought Milwaukee "Big League" credentials, won the hearts of fans, and shattered attendance records. The Braves' success in Milwaukee prompted baseball to redefine itself as a big business—resulting in franchises relocating west, multi-league expansion, and teams leveraging cities for civically funded stadiums. But the Braves' instant success and accolades made their rapid fall from grace after winning the 1957 world championship all the more stunning, as declining attendance led the team to Atlanta in one of the ugliest divorces between a city and baseball franchise in sports history. Featuring more than 100 captivating photos, many published here for the first time, Milwaukee Braves preserves the Braves' legacy for the team's many fans and introduces new generations to a fascinating chapter in sports history.

The New York Mets Encyclopedia

100 Things Mets Fans Should Know & Do Before They Die

3rd Edition

A Hall of Famer's Approach to Achieving Excellence

A Biographical Dictionary of Major League Baseball Managers

Baseball in New Orleans

Now You Know Absolutely Everything

**In July of 1859, seventy-five young New Orleanians came together to form the seven teams that comprised the Louisiana Base Ball Club. They played their games in the fields of the de la Chaise estate on the outskirts of New Orleans near present-day Louisiana Avenue. As America's population grew through immigration, so did the popularity of what the largest newspaper in New Orleans, the Daily Picayune, called in November of 1860 "the National Game." Baseball quickly replaced cricket as the city's most popular participant sport. In 1887, local businessmen and promoters secured a minor league franchise for the city of New Orleans in the newly formed Southern League, beginning the city's 73-year love affair with the New Orleans Pelicans. From Shoeless Joe Jackson, to Hall of Famers Dazzy Vance, Joe Sewell, Bob Lemon, and Earl Weaver, to today's stars such as Jeff Cirillo and Lance Berkman, the road to the majors brought many notable players through New Orleans. From these early beginnings to the present-day New Orleans Zephyrs of the AAA Pacific Coast League, local fans have continued the tradition of baseball in New Orleans.**

**In the watershed year of 1962, events and people came together to reshape baseball like never before. The season saw five no-hitters, a rare National League playoff between the Giants and the Dodgers, and a thrilling seven-game World Series where the Yankees, led by Mickey Mantle, won their twentieth title, beating the San Francisco Giants, led by Willie Mays, in their first appearance since leaving New York. Baseball was expanding with the Houston Colt .45s and the New York Mets, who tried to fill the National League void in New York but finished with 120 losses and the worst winning percentage since 1900. Despite their record, the '62 Mets revived National League baseball in a city thirsty for an alternative to the Yankees. As the team struggled through a disastrous first year, manager Casey Stengel famously**

asked, "Can't anybody here play this game?" Earlier that year in Los Angeles, Dodgers owner Walter O'Malley launched Dodger Stadium, a state-of-the-art ballpark in Chavez Ravine and a new icon for the city. For the Dodgers, Sandy Koufax pitched his first of four career no-hitters, Maury Wills set a record for stolen bases in a season, and Don Drysdale won twenty-five games. Beyond baseball, 1962 was also a momentous year in American history: Mary Early became the first Black graduate of the University of Georgia, First Lady Jackie Kennedy revealed the secrets of the White House in a television special, John Glenn became the first astronaut to orbit Earth, and JFK stared down Russia during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Weaving the 1962 baseball season within the social fabric of this era, David Krell delivers a fascinating book as epochal as its subject.

Here are fascinating glimpses of the history of America's national pastime from an all-star lineup including Walt Whitman, E.L. Doctorow, John Updike, Philip Roth and Garrison Keillor. Revel in another ear through Walt Whitman's report of a rugged game played before the Civil War. Relive how Candy Cummings perfected the first curve ball, how baseball drew the color line in 1887, and how Bob Carroll uncovered Nate Colbert's hidden RBI record in 1972. All this and much, much more.

Sports Law looks at major court cases, statutes, and regulations that explore a variety of legal issues in the sports industry. The early chapters provide an overview of sports law in general terms and explore its impact on race, politics, religion, and everyday affairs. Later chapters address hot button issues such as gender equity, drug testing, and discrimination. Written from a sport management perspective, rather than from a lawyer's, this text covers all the major areas presented in sports law today including: cases relating to torts, contracts, intellectual property, and agents. Factual scenarios throughout the text allow students to critically examine and apply sport management principles to legal issues facing the sports executive. Important Notice: The digital edition of this book is missing some of the images or content found in the physical edition."

**Official Baseball Register 1981**

**The '69 Mets, New York City, and the Most Astounding Season in Baseball History**

**They Said It Couldn't Be Done**

**Heroes and Heartbreak**

**The Cardinals Encyclopedia**

**Sweet '60**

**Lineup for Yesterday**

*The book chronicles almost 300 in-season changes of managers in the major leagues since 1900. It elaborates on the circumstances that led to the change, whether it was a firing or a resignation and includes, in many cases, remarks of the dismissed manager, the manager who replaced him, and the executive (owner or general manager) who orchestrated the change. It then examines how the team fared under the new manager. The central purpose of the book is to study the effects of the changes: how many had a positive impact, how many had a negative impact, and how many had little if any impact on the team's won-lost record.*

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*Earl Weaver put his best defensive players on the field early in the game rather than make late-inning defensive replacements, and he didn't like to bunt, figuring if you played for only one run that's all you'd get. Whitey Herzog, by contrast, became one of the greats by using players who could bunt and by playing for one run over and over again. Full coverage of them and 600 other major league managers over a 125 year period can be found in this work. The entries are based on interviews, standard data and anecdotes from owners, coaches, and players. Information includes birth and death dates, teams and dates managed, win-loss records, winning percentages, and standings. Lists are included of managers of 1,000 games or more, those with one-game careers, those with the best winning percentages, and those with the most wins. A complete list of managers in the history of each team is provided.*

*Covers memorabilia for auto racing, baseball, basketball, bowling, boxing, figure skating, football, golf, hockey, horse racing, Olympic sports, soccer, tennis and wrestling.*

*Warman's Sports Collectibles*

*Ball Four*

*Milwaukee Braves*

*Official Baseball Register*

*The Last Icon*

*Legacy of Ashes*

*Baseball Team Names*

In 1949, SPORT magazine published Lineup for Yesterday, a collection of poems by Ogden Nash celebrating the greatest big-league baseball players of the 1800s and early 1900s. Using an alphabetical approach, the famous wordsmith paid entertaining tribute to 24 legends of the diamond, in just 4 clever lines. Creative Editions is proud to present this masterpiece to a new generation of fans, reintroducing icons from the professional baseball. The masterful mixed-media illustrations of C. F. Payne portray these heroes of summer in their athletic primes in a picture book publication of Nash's classic.

This book is a record of the men and events, team by team, during Major League Baseball's integration. It focuses especially on the owners and managers who were the heroes, villains or spectators of integration, and it sheds new light on the unheralded champions of integration whose culpability has so far been overlooked. Individual chapters cover each of baseball's integration-era teams, and a final chapter covers expansion in the 1960s. Each team's responsible individuals are examined, its acquisition, deployment and treatment of black players documented, and integration actions on team performance analyzed. Appendices provide populations of integration-era Major League cities, first black players in various minor leagues, rosters of black players by team, a timeline of black player milestones, and a list of black All-Star

through 1969.

Sports memorabilia collectors can identify and evaluate their treasured collectibles by using this comprehensive price guide, now in its 3rd edition. Includes information on autographs, books and publications, equipment, figurines, pennants, and other unusual items. 2,500 photos. A comprehensive baseball reference offers exhaustive and up-to-date information on baseball players from the nineteenth century to the present. Includes statistical leaders, lifetime records of players, team lineups, and other valuable data

Integrating the Orioles

The Baseball Talmud

The Cultural Encyclopedia of Baseball

Stengel

A Team by Team History

The 1960 Pittsburgh Pirates

Baseball and America in the Time of JFK

Cincinnati Reds leadoff hitter Johnny Temple batted over .300 three times between 1954 and 1959. A tobacco chewing and tough-talking hustler, he had a fiery disposition on the field, which led many sportswriters, teammates and opposing players to refer to him as a throwback to baseball's early days--an Eddie Stanky or Enos Slaughter type who would challenge anyone to a fight. He and Milwaukee Braves shortstop Johnny Logan engaged in one of the Major League's longest-running feuds. Temple was an expert glove man, forming one of the premier double play combinations of the 1950s with shortstop Roy McMillan. Following his retirement in 1964, making ends meet became a daily struggle. Temple's life ended in disappointment and disgrace.

"The story of the 1969 Miracle Mets, unlikely world champions against the backdrop of the space race and Vietnam, on the 50th anniversary of their Cinderella season In 1962, the New York Mets spent their first year in existence racking up the worst record in baseball history. Things scarcely got any better for the ensuing six years--they were baseball's laughingstock, but somehow lovable in their ineptitude, building a fiercely loyal fan base. And then came 1969, a year that brought the lunar landing, Woodstock, nonstop antiwar protests, and the most tumultuous and fractious New York City mayoral race in memory--along with the most improbable season in the annals of Major League Baseball. It concluded on an invigorating autumn afternoon in Queens, when a Minnesota farm boy named Jerry Koosman beat the Baltimore Orioles for the second time in five games, making the Mets champions of the baseball world. It wasn't merely an upset but an unprecedented, uplifting achievement for the ages. From the ashes of those early scorched-earth seasons, Gil Hodges, a beloved former Brooklyn Dodger, put together a 25-man whole that was vastly more formidable than the sum of its parts. Beyond the top-notch pitching staff headlined by Tom Seaver, Koosman, and Gary Gentry, and the hitting prowess of Cleon Jones, the Mets were mostly comprised of untested kids and lightly regarded veterans. Everywhere you looked on this team, there was a man with a compelling backstory, from Koosman, who never played high school baseball and grew up throwing in a hayloft in subzero temperatures with his brother Orville, to third baseman Ed Charles, an African-American poet with a deep racial conscience whose arrival in the big leagues was delayed almost a decade because of the color of his skin. In the tradition of *The Boys of Winter*, his classic bestseller about the 1980 U.S. men's Olympic hockey team, Wayne Coffey tells the story of the '69 Mets as it has never been told before--against the backdrop of the space race, Stonewall, and Vietnam, set in an ever-changing New York City. With dogged reporting and a storyteller's eye for detail, Coffey finds the beating heart of a baseball family. Published to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Mets' remarkable transformation from worst to best, *They Said It Couldn't Be Done* is a spellbinding, feel-good narrative about an improbable triumph by the ultimate underdog"--

The Los Angeles Angels and the "new" Washington Senators ushered in baseball's expansion in 1960, followed quickly by the Houston Colt .45s and the New York Mets. By 1998, ten additional franchises had been awarded with the Kansas City Royals, Seattle Pilots, Toronto Blue Jays, and Tampa Bay Devil Rays coming into the American League, and the Montreal Expos, San Diego Padres, Colorado Rockies, Florida Marlins, and Arizona Diamondbacks to the National League. Since then, some of those teams have relocated or changed names, but TIME FOR

EXPANSION BASEBALL tells the story of how each franchise was formed, built its team, and began play. Biographies of key players from each team's early years are also included, from early Angels like Eli Grba and Duke Maas to Senator Tom Sturdivant, from Seattle Pilots Tommy Harper and Lou Piniella to Seattle Mariners Julio Cruz and Rick Jones. Featuring a foreword by Tal Smith, who has done three separate stints in the Houston front office, and the contributions of 54 SABR members, TIME FOR EXPANSION BASEBALL also includes dozens of photos from team historical archives. CONTENTS: Which of the Expansion Franchises Had the Most Successful Draft? Maxwell Kates Rickey

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

Now You Know Baseball

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History and Highlights from 35 Years of the Houston Astrodome

His Life and Times

Drama and Pride in the Gateway City

How Competition Thrived When the Yankees Didn't

The History of the CIA

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**With trivia boxes, records, and team lore, this lively, detailed book explores the personalities, events, and facts every Mets fan should know. It contains crucial information such as important dates, player nicknames, memorable moments, and outstanding achievements by singular players. This guide to all things New York Mets covers Robin Ventura's 1999 Grand-Slam single, the 1969 shoe polish incident, and the history behind the names and numbers on the left-field wall. Updated for 2015, this new edition features a new generation of Mets stars, including pitchers Jason deGrom, Matt Harvey, and Noah Syndergaard.**

**"This book tells the complete, unvarnished story of the great Tom Seaver, that rarest of all American heroes, the New York Sports Icon. In a city that produces not mere mortals but sports gods, Seaver represented the last of a breed and he stayed at the top for twenty years. Here is Tom Terrific of the Amazin' Mets, worthy of a place alongside DiMaggio, Ruth, Mantle, and Namath in the pantheon of New York idols"--**

**Entries provides on each Cardinal season, player, coach, and World Series game**

**The 1964 St. Louis Cardinals**

**Midseason Managerial Changes in Major League Baseball**

**Baseball and Race in Baltimore**

**Now You Know Golf / Now You Know Hockey / Now You Know Soccer / Now You Know Football / Now You Know Baseball**

**The Integration of Major League Baseball**

**Sports Law**

**Time for Expansion Baseball**

**In the years following the decline of the New York Yankees dynasty that ended in 1964, three American League teams endeavored to stake their claim to the Junior Circuit's crown. From 1965 to 1975, the Minnesota Twins, Baltimore Orioles, and Oakland Athletics emerged as the most significant AL clubs, but this trio achieved varying degrees of success. Through the prism of these three teams, this book examines facets of their dynastic aspirations: the way in which key personnel were assembled into a cohesive roster, the glory that was won by the clubs, and the factors leading to their decline. Drawing on a rich variety of primary and secondary sources, the story is told of vital players from Latin America who made their way to Minnesota, the select few who ventured from the Orioles' training facility in Thomasville, Georgia, to Baltimore, and the collegiate stars selected in the early years of the newly-created amateur draft who went on to help forge a winning combination in Oakland.**

**Updated and expanded edition! From the icons of the game to the players who got their big break but never quite broke through, The Baseball Talmud provides a wonderful historical narration of Major League Jewish Baseball in America. All the stats, the facts, the stories, and the (often unheralded) glory. This delightful compendium reveals that there is far more to Jewish baseball than Hank Greenberg's powerful slugging and Sandy Koufax's masterful control. From Ausmus to Zinn, Berg to Kinsler, Holtzman to Yeager, and many others, Howard Megdal draws upon the lore and the little-known details that increase our enjoyment of the game. This new, expanded edition of The Baseball Talmud rewrites the history of Jewish baseball and is a book that every baseball fan should own.**

**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. "Professional baseball is full of arcane team names. The Los Angeles Dodgers, for instance, owe their nickname to the trolley tracks that honeycombed Brooklyn in the early 1880s. (Residents were "trolley dodgers"). This comprehensive reference book explains the nicknames of thousands of major and minor league franchises, Negro League and early independent black clubs, and international teams--from 1869 through 2011"--Provided by publisher.**

**The Definitive Position-by-Position Ranking of Baseball's Chosen Players**

**An All-Star Lineup Celebrates America's National Pastime**

**Baseball in Long Beach**

***Absolutely every Now You Know book in a single ebook  
A Worldwide Dictionary, 1869-2011***

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