

Jose Altuve: Champion Baseball Star (Sports Star Champions)

LeBron James: NBA Champion examines the life and career of a player who's been in the spotlight since he was in middle school and rose out of poverty to become an NBA champion, Olympic gold medalist, and world-famous philanthropist. Features include a timeline, a glossary, further readings, websites, source notes, and an index. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Essential Library is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

Grand slam! Inspiring baseball biographies for young fans It's the bottom of the ninth, bases are loaded, and your team is down by three--who do you want coming up to bat? *Baseball Biographies for Kids* answers this question and more! Bursting with statistics and impressive feats from the greatest players of the last 60 years, this lineup of inspirational baseball biographies shows you what it takes to be a real MVP.

Discover the ultimate dream team as you explore the best pros for each position. You'll also get quick looks into some truly legendary baseball players and lots of fun facts! *Baseball Biographies for Kids* includes: Modern stars, real stories--From Cal Ripken Jr. to David Ortiz, you'll discover the players who truly defined the game. Tons of stats--Each biography includes critical info, including games played, ERA, hits, and more. Draft your own all-star team--Fill out the included starting lineup sheet with your picks for each position. These baseball biographies really knock it out of the park for big fans and aspiring players!

Houston Astros: Deep in the Heart shares the stories of the plays and the players who have kept Houston returning to the diamond—from the sandlot days, through the birth of indoor baseball, to the state-of-the art experience at Minute Maid Park. By the time the Astros made it to the World Series, they had captured the heart of Houston. This richly illustrated volume chronicles every aspect of the long road they took to face the White Sox in 2005 and provides insights on the legends—Bob Aspromonte, Jose Cruz, Larry Dierker, Nolan Ryan, Joe Niekro, the Killer Bees, and many more. Packed with pictures never released to the public, each chapter increases fans' appreciation of this determined team. Memories and memorabilia from the team's playoff appearances from 1997 to 2001, their close call in 2004, and their triumphant march from tombstones to champagne in 2005 bring back the heyday, reminding readers how important it is to stay in the game.

This title focuses on the Washington Football Team and gives information related to the team's origin in the NFL, their journey through the decades, and highlighting their Hall of Fame players. This hi-lo title is complete with vibrant photographs, simple text, a glossary, and an index. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. *Fly!* is an imprint of Abdo Zoom, a division of ABDO.

Baseball Superstar

NFL Teams (Set)

Major League Baseball After the Players' Strike

How Baseball's New Nonconformists Are Using Data to Build Better Players

Houston Astros

Anatomy of a Modern Baseball Game

Sportscasting 101

As a sixteen-year-old in Venezuela, José Altuve attended a tryout camp with the Houston Astros. The Astros rejected him because he was too short, but that didn't break his spirit. He attended the tryout a year later and earned a minor-league contract with Houston. Just five-foot-five, Altuve has become a baseball phenomenon. He has played in four MLB All-Star Games and led the American League in hits, stolen bases, and batting average. In 2016, he even belted more than twenty home runs. Learn how Altuve overcame the odds in his first-ever biography. Full-color photographs and plenty of vibrant quotes bring his story into sharp focus.

The average major league player currently earns more than half a million dollars a season. But, only 25 players make the big team's roster. *The 26th Man* details the season-long journey of Steve Fireovid of the Triple A Indianapolis Indians, as he deals with the realities and the heartbreak of playing a kid's games well into his thirties.

Social Issues in Sport, Fourth Edition With HKPropel Access, introduces students to the study of sport as a social phenomenon. It explores current trends in sport and examines complex connections between sport and politics, economics, religion, race, gender, youth, and more. Author Ronald Woods draws on his experience of more than 40 years as a professor, coach, and sport administrator to explore modern sport from historical and cultural perspectives. New coauthor B. Nalani Butler offers a fresh perspective to the study of sport from an emerging generation of Black female scholars. She draws on her background as an athlete and professor, and leverages her international experience from working with the Center for Sport, Peace and Society and the International Olympic Academy (IOA). The text's presentation style, full-color design, and ample learning tools are designed to keep students engaged. *Social Issues in Sport, Fourth Edition*, addresses the Common Professional Component topics outlined by the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA). The text remains grounded in practical application and provides opportunities for students to examine real-world issues through the lens of social theory. The fourth edition also features the following enhancements: Online learning tools delivered through HKPropel: case studies on current events, video lectures, and essay and multiple-choice questions to support applied learning and encourage critical thinking Increased emphasis on emerging issues such as sport wagering, the use of social protest by athletes, sexual harassment of or by athletes, and sport safety Discussions on the rise in popularity of esports and on the exploding influence of social media on athletes, spectators, and fans Updated sidebars that address current topics such as the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on sport, offering a contemporary context to which students can apply the concepts in the text *Social Issues in Sport, Fourth Edition*, is streamlined into three parts, maintaining an accessible and student-friendly format that aligns with a 16-week semester. Part I sets the stage for studying sport from a sociological perspective by defining key terms and presenting crucial social theories. This section examines participation in sport, from spectators to performers, and explores sport economics through sport management, sport marketing, and sport media. Part II discusses sport institutions at all levels, from youth sport to Olympic competition. Part III is devoted to current issues and critically analyzes the effects of gender, race, economic status, religion, and government on sport. It also offers a detailed look at both ethics and deviance in sport. *Social Issues in Sport, Fourth Edition*, provides the foundations for critically examining the multifaceted roles of sport and physical activity in society. The information and activities offered by the text invite students to evaluate the sociocultural

issues intertwined with sport and relate these themes to their own lives. Through this in-depth examination of sociocultural issues, students will be able to understand and appreciate the development of sport as a part and reflection of our society.

Note: A code for accessing HKPropel is not included with this ebook but may be purchased separately.

“Winner of the 2018 CASEY Award for Best Baseball Book of the Year.” The former ESPN columnist and analytics pioneer dramatically recreates an action-packed 2017 game between the Oakland A’s and eventual World Series Champion Houston Astros to reveal the myriad ways in which Major League Baseball has changed over the last few decades. On September 8, 2017, the Oakland A’s faced off against the Houston Astros in a game that would signal the passing of the Moneyball mantle. Though this was only one regular season game, the match-up of these two teams demonstrated how Major League Baseball has changed since the early days of Athletics general manager Billy Beane and the publication of Michael Lewis’ classic book. Over the past twenty years, power and analytics have taken over the game, driving carefully calibrated teams like the Astros to victory. Seemingly every pitcher now throws mid-90s heat and studiously compares their mechanics against the ideal. Every batter in the lineup can crack homers and knows their launch angles. Teams are relying on unorthodox strategies, including using power-losing—purposely tanking a few seasons to get the best players in the draft. As he chronicles each inning and the unfolding drama as these two teams continually trade the lead—culminating in a 9-8 Oakland victory in the bottom of the ninth—Neyer considers the players and managers, the front office machinations, the role of sabermetrics, and the current thinking about what it takes to build a great team, to answer the most pressing questions fans have about the sport today.

You Gotta Have Heart

Hurricane Season

How Signs and Sign Stealing Have Influenced the Course of Our National Pastime

Champion Baseball Star

Baseball America 2018 Prospect Handbook Digital Edition

Beyond DiMaggio

Baseball Star

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Since 1971, 35 Negro League baseball players and executives have been admitted to the Hall of Fame. The Negro League Hall of Fame admissions process, which has now been conducted in four phases over a 50-year period, can be characterized as idiosyncratic at best. Drawing on baseball analytics and surveys of both Negro League historians and veterans, this book presents an historical overview of NLHOF voting, with an evaluation of whether the 35 NL players selected were the best choices. Using modern metrics such as Wins Above Replacement (WAR), 24 additional Negro Leaguers are identified who have Hall of Fame qualifications. Brief biographies are included for HOF-quality players and executives who have been passed over, along with reasons why they may have been excluded. A proposal is set forth for a consistent and orderly HOF voting process for the Negro Leagues.

Details statistics from American professional baseball teams and players from 1900 through the previous season, including draft information, lists of award winners and world champion teams, career records, Negro League statistics, and facts about the teams, managers, ballparks, and more. Original.

With action-packed text and vivid photos, this biography of Houston Astros second baseman Jose Altuve will fascinate young baseball fans. Along with career highlights, readers will learn about Altuve's training routine and what he does outside of the stadium.

The Coolest, Strangest Stats and Facts in Baseball History

A Fan's Guide to Stats

Baseball Biographies for Kids

Washington Football Team

Jose Altuve

2015 Minor League Baseball Analyst

Negro Leaguers and the Hall of Fame

Jose Altuve: Baseball Superstar tells the story of a baseball underdog whose small stature didn't keep him from winning multiple batting titles, the American League MVP Award, and the World Series with the Houston Astros. Features include a timeline, a glossary, further readings, websites, source notes, and an index. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Essential Library is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

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Just in time for the 2018 World Cup, a lively and lyrical guide to appreciating the drama of soccer Soccer is not only the world's most popular sport; it's also one of the most widely shared forms of global culture. The Language of the Game is a passionate and engaging introduction to soccer's history, tactics, and human drama. Profiling soccer's full cast of characters--goalies and position players, referees and managers, commentators and fans--historian and soccer scholar Laurent Dubois describes how the game's low scores, relentless motion, and spectacular individual performances combine to turn each match into a unique and unpredictable story. He also shows how soccer's global reach makes it an unparalleled theater for nationalism, international conflict, and human interconnectedness. Filled with perceptive insights and stories both legendary and little known, The Language of the Game is a rewarding read for anyone seeking to

understand soccer better.

Featuring interviews with and recipes from 20 top Major League baseball stars, *The Game of Eating Smart* gives an inside look at the health and eating habits of the most prominent players living today. Players such as Chris Archer, Adam Jones, Mike Trout, Bryce Harper, Clayton Kershaw, Kris Bryant, and Noah Syndergaard discuss their individual approaches to performance nutrition, food, and healthy eating, along with lifestyle tips on how they reach and sustain peak performance. Eschewing fad diets and calorie counting gimmicks in favor of delicious, nutrient-dense plant-based meals, *The Game of Eating Smart's* more than 80 recipes are perfect for both athletes looking for a performance edge and anyone who is interested in seeing and feeling the benefits of eating smart.

Nourishing Recipes for Peak Performance Inspired by MLB Superstars

The ESPN Baseball Encyclopedia

Astrobball

Steps to Writing Well with Additional Readings

The Unforgettable Story of the 2017 Houston Astros and the Resilience of a City

Power Ball

How to Understand Soccer

The competition level in Little League has never been tougher, but the kids on the Jackie Robinson West team faced their own set of challenges on and off the baseball diamond. The Jackie Robinson West team takes their fans and followers on a rollercoaster ride of ups and downs as each player shares a different part of the team's history and experience, including a double-header with President Obama. *Jackie Robinson West: The Story of the Youngest America's Team* leads readers on their harrowing path to the Little League World Series.

"Stay in the Fight ... Finish the Fight ... Fight Finished." These are the slogans the 2019 Washington Nationals used to rally from a 19-31 start to become baseball champions, earning DC's first World Series title in ninety-five years. This reflective book captures that historic season, and a dramatic postseason that saw the team rally to win five come-from-behind elimination games - led by the arms of Max Scherzer, Stephen Strasburg, and Patrick Corbin, and the bats of Juan Soto, Trea Turner and Anthony Rendon. It also covers the colorful history of DC baseball, including the pioneering Washington Nationals of 1859, the 1924 World Series champion Washington Senators, when the entire nation rooted for DC, and the Homestead Grays, a perennial Negro League pennant winner from the late 1930s to the mid-1940s.

"A baseball book that reads like a spy novel-a story about cheaters and the cheated that has the power to forever change how we feel about the game."-Brian Williams,MSNBC anchor and host of *The 11th Hour* The definitive insider story of one of the biggest cheating scandals to ever rock Major League Baseball, bringing down high-profile coaches and players, and exposing a long-rumored "sign-stealing" dark side of baseball By the fall of 2019, most teams in Major League Baseball suspected that the Houston Astros, winners of the 2017 World Series, had been stealing signs for several years.

Deconstructing exactly what happened in this explosive story, award-winning sports reporter and analyst Andy Martino reveals how otherwise good people like Astros manager A. J. Hinch, bench coach Alex Cora, and veteran leader Carlos Beltran found themselves on the wrong side of clear ethical lines. Along the way, Martino explores the colorful history of cheating in baseball, from notorious episodes like the 1919 "Black Sox" fiasco all the way to the modern steroid era. But as Martino deftly shows, the Astros scandal became one of the most significant that the game has ever seen-its fallout ensnaring many other teams, as victims, alleged cheaters, or both. Like a riveting true sports whodunit, *Cheated* is an electrifying, behind-the-scenes look into the heart of a scandal that shocked the baseball world.

Match wits with the father of baseball trivia, David Nemecek, a ten-time national champion as he presents more than 200 baseball stumpers that are artfully designed to test the depth of the reader's knowledge about the game since 1871 including: • Who is the most recent major leaguer to compile 100 or more hits, 20 or more complete games, and 20 or more decisions in the same season? No, the answer is not who you think! • Who is the only pitcher to hurl a minimum of 5,000 career innings and surrender fewer hits per 9 innings than Walter Johnson? • What team had a record of 52-62 when the strike shut down the 1994 season but was on track to qualify for postseason play with the lowest winning percentage ever by a division or league first-place finisher? Every era of baseball history is represented from Cap Anson to Mike Trout, Cy Young to Clayton Kershaw, Ty Cobb to Jose Altuve, Babe Ruth to Giancarlo Stanton. *Incredible Baseball Trivia* is the ultimate test for knowledgeable baseball fans!

NBA Champion

The MVP Machine

Rankings and Reports of the Best Young Talent in Baseball

The Greatest Players from the 1960s to Today

The 26th Man

Winning Fantasy Baseball

Lebron James

Explores the baseball career of Jose Altuve and his place in the rich history of Latino MLB players: With stats, charts, infographics, timelines, and strongly controlled text.

John Cangelosi: The Improbable Baseball Journey of the Undersized Kid from Nowhere to World Series Champion A born and bred New Yorker, John Cangelosi's claim to fame was as a super-quick base stealer with a tremendous work

ethic. He played on that 1997 Florida Marlins team that surprised everyone by winning the World Series. In this biography, he teams up with noted sports writer K. P. Wee to share his stories of growing up in Brooklyn and what it took to become an MLB player. This is an inside look at a real everyman of baseball, full of stories about stealing bases against legendary pitchers and catchers, and how it felt to celebrate the first championship in Marlins history. "[Cangelosi] put forth the effort in the way he played, and he got back to the big leagues. You salute guys like that. And that's why with the younger players, you just tell them, 'Hey, look. You wanna try to get to the big leagues? Do what he does. Show up, and play hard every night.'" —Terry Collins, former Buffalo Bisons manager and Houston Astros manager "If you have that blue-collar work ethic and not give up on your dreams, anything can happen. That's what happened for me in those years in the 1990s." —John Cangelosi

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History of Italian-Americans in baseball.

Secret Strategies of a Nine-Time National Champion

Social Issues in Sport

The Hidden Language of Baseball

One Minor League Pitcher's Pursuit of a Dream

The Reshaping of America's Game

The Bill James Handbook 2019

Incredible Baseball Stats

As America's pastime since the mid-1800s, baseball offers the sights, sounds, and even smells that are deeply entrenched in our culture. But for some, the experience can be less sensory. Some, such as Ryan Spaeder and Kevin Reavy, live for baseball statistics. Stats give the game historical context and measurables for past, present, and predictive analysis. Incredible Baseball Stats, newly updated, helps tell unique baseball stories, showcasing extraordinary stats and facts in baseball history, through the 2018 season. For example, in 2015, the Nationals' Bryce Harper broke out in a major way. He batted .330/.460/.649 with 42 home runs en route to his first MVP Award. It was his fourth MLB season, but he was still younger than NL Rookie of the Year Kris Bryant. He became the youngest player to lead the league in both on-base percentage and homers in the same season since Ty Cobb in 1909. The authors have scoured the records for untold tales and looked at familiar ones with new statistical insights, to create Incredible Baseball Stats, a perfect book for baseball fans from coast to coast. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Sports Publishing imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in sports—books about baseball, pro football, college football, pro and college basketball, hockey, or soccer, we have a book about your sport or your team. Whether you are a New York Yankees fan or hail from Red Sox nation; whether you are a die-hard Green Bay Packers or Dallas Cowboys fan; whether you root for the Kentucky Wildcats, Louisville Cardinals, UCLA Bruins, or Kansas Jayhawks; whether you route for the Boston Bruins, Toronto Maple Leafs, Montreal Canadiens, or Los Angeles Kings; we have a book for you. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to publishing books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked by other publishers and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home. The first book of its kind to fully integrate sabermetrics and scouting, the 2015 Minor League Baseball Analyst provides a distinctive brand of analysis for more than 1,000 minor league baseball players. Features include scouting reports for all players, batter skills ratings, pitch repertoires, performance trends, major league equivalents, and expected major league debuts. A complete sabermetric glossary is also included. This one-of-a-kind reference is ideally suited for baseball analysts and those who play in fantasy leagues with farm systems.

Introduces readers to the life and career of baseball star José Altuve. Colorful spreads, fun facts, interesting sidebars, and a map of important places in his life make this a thrilling read for young sports fans.

Play smart. Play to win. Play like a champion.

Cheated

The Game of Eating Smart

Italian Americans in Baseball

Baseball is a Numbers Game

The Case for Inducting 24 Overlooked Ballplayers

John Cangelosi: The Improbable Baseball Journey of the Undersized Kid from Nowhere to World Series Champion

Buffalo Bills

The Reshaping of America's Game describes the major developments and challenges that took place in Major League Baseball during the 25-plus years following the players' strike, including cheating scandals, steroids, analytics, and changing demographics.

Feel like you are on the field with today's NFL teams with these exciting and informative books. Learn about the history, best moments, and top players of teams like the New England Patriots, Kansas City Chiefs, and Minnesota Vikings. With easy text and heart-racing photos, these hi-lo books will have any young reader going for the extra point! Aligned to Common Core standards & correlated to state standards. Fly! is an imprint of Abdo Zoom, a division of ABDO.

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how we feel about the game.” —Brian Williams, MSNBC anchor and host of The 11th Hour The definitive insider story of one of the biggest cheating scandals to ever rock Major League Baseball, bringing down high-profile coaches and players, and exposing a long-rumored "sign-stealing" dark side of baseball The ensuing scandal rivaled that of the 1919 "Black Sox" and the more recent steroid era, and became one of the most significant that the game had ever seen. The fallout ensnared many other teams, either as victims, alleged cheaters or both. The Los Angeles Dodgers felt robbed of a World Series title, and fended off accusations about their organization. Same for the New York Yankees. The Boston Red Sox were soon under investigation themselves. The New York Mets lost a promising manager before he ever managed a game. Andy Martino, an award-winning journalist who has covered Major League Baseball for more than a decade, has broken numerous stories about the Astros and sign-stealing in baseball. In *Cheated*, Martino takes readers behind the scenes and into the heart of the events that shocked the baseball world. With inside access to the people directly involved, Martino breaks down not only exactly what happened and when, but reveals the fascinating explanations of why it all came about. The nuance and detail of the scandal reads like a true sports whodunnit. How did otherwise good people like Astros' manager A.J. Hinch, bench coach Alex Cora and veteran leader Carlos Beltran find themselves on the wrong side of clear ethical lines? And did they even know when those lines had been crossed? *Cheated* is an explosive, electrifying read. NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The inside story of the Houston Astros, whose relentless innovation took them from the worst team in baseball to the World Series in 2017 and 2019 “Reiter’s superb narrative of how the team got there provides powerful insights into how organizations—not just baseball clubs—work best.”—The Wall Street Journal *Astroball* picks up where Michael Lewis’s acclaimed *Moneyball* leaves off, telling the thrilling story of a championship team that pushed both the sport and business of baseball to the next level. In 2014, the Astros were the worst baseball team in half a century, but just three years later they defied critics to win a stunning World Series. In this book, Ben Reiter shows how the Astros built a system that avoided the stats-versus-scouts divide by giving the human factor a key role in their decision-making. Sitting at the nexus of sports, business, and innovation, *Astroball* is the story of the next wave of thinking in baseball and beyond, at once a remarkable underdog tale and a fascinating look at the cutting edge of evaluating and optimizing human potential.

José Altuve

The New Way to Win It All

Deep in the Heart

The Road to Play-by-play

The Language of the Game

The Inside Story of the Astros Scandal and a Colorful History of Sign Stealing

The Triumph and Tragedy of America’s Favorite Little League Team

Bill James and Baseball Info Solutions team of analysts continue to pack in new content, including a fresh look at the continues rise and effectiveness of *The Shift* and a new breakdown of home runs and long flyouts. And, as always, the book forecasts fresh hitter and pitcher projections for those looking to get an early jump on the next season.

Combining detailed coverage of the writing process with a wealth of professional readings, Wyrick's *STEPS TO WRITING WELL WITH ADDITIONAL READINGS* has helped thousands of students learn to write effective academic essays.

Extremely student-friendly, it presents rhetorical strategies for composing essays in an easy-to-follow progression of useful lessons and activities. With over 70 student and professional readings and a variety of hands-on activities, it gives you the models and practice you need to write well-constructed essays with confidence. The 11th edition features useful visual learning aids, new student writing samples on timely topics, essay assignments that promote using sources and multiple rhetorical strategies, and up-to-date discussions of drafting and reading multimodal texts and searching databases online. It also reflects guidelines from the APA's 2020 Publication Manual. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

An inside look at the 2017 Houston Astros championship season, focusing on the epic seven-game World Series, the front office decisions that built a winning team, and the resilience of the city in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. On November 1, 2017, the Houston Astros defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers in an epic seven game battle to become 2017 World Series champs. For the Astros, the combination of a magnificently played series, a 101-victory season, and the devastation Hurricane Harvey brought to their city was so incredible it might give Hollywood screenwriters pause. The nation's fourth-largest city, still reeling in the wake of disaster, was smiling again. The Astros' first-ever World Series victory is a great baseball story, but it's also the story of a major American city--a city (and a state) that the rest of the nation doesn't always love or understand--becoming a sentimental favorite because of its grace and good will in response to the largest natural disaster in American history. The Astros' miracle season is also the fascinating tale of a thoroughly modern team.

Constructed by NASA-inspired analytics, the team's data-driven system took the game to a more sophisticated level than the so-called *Moneyball* approach. The team's new owner, Jim Crane, bought into the system and was willing to endure humiliating seasons in the baseball wilderness with the hope, shared by few initially, that success comes to those who wait. And he was right. But no data-crunching could take credit for a team of likeable, refreshingly good-natured young men who wore "Houston Strong" patches on their jerseys and meant it--guys like shortstop Carlos Correa, who kept a photo in his locker of a Houston woman trudging through fetid water up to her knees. The Astros foundation included George Springer, a powerful slugger and rangy outfielder; third-baseman Alex Bregman, whose defensive play and clutch hitting were crucial in the series; and, of course, the stubby and tenacious second baseman José Altuve, the heart and soul of the team. Hurricane Season is Houston Chronicle columnist Joe Holley's moving account of this extraordinary team--and the extraordinary circumstances of their championship.

What does "Wins Above Replacement (WAR)" have to do with baseball greatness? More than you think. In this fun and smart look at baseball, you will discover stories and uncover facts that will help you better understand and enjoy every strikeout, putout, and home run all the more.

When Baseball Was King the New York Yankees Were King of Baseball

Jackie Robinson West

Incredible Baseball Trivia

Washington Baseball from Walter Johnson to the 2019 World Series Champion Nationals

More Than 200 Hardball Questions for the Thinking Fan

(NOTE: This is the first edition. The second will follow in a few weeks with a redesigned interior. High school students are doing the work for a journalism class. Their work will be terrific. You may prefer to wait until that book comes out.) Are you an avid sports fan who appreciates the work of play-by-play sportscasters and would like to pursue that path in life? This book was written for you. Any questions you may have about how to get started developing your skills, what college to choose and how to begin your career are answered by experts in the field. Broadcasters of all the major team sports give you their stories of successes and mistakes, complete with advice about how to use your skills to pursue an exciting career in the booth. You'll read about Hall of Fame qualities and how they were developed by Eric Nadel of the Texas Rangers. Should you decide to attend a trade school, as Bill Schoening of the San Antonio Spurs did? Or is Syracuse the university for you, as it was for Todd Kalas, Robert Ford and Charlie Pallilo? Are you a former athlete like Glenn Davis who needs to get some training for play-by-play, as he did before moving into the play-by-play chair for the Houston Dynamo? He'll give you some coaching. How did Josh Bogorad of the Dallas Stars outwork everybody else to get into pro hockey? Why did Brad Sham choose Missouri and then how did he reach the top level of broadcasting as the voice of the Dallas Cowboys? Did Marc Vandermeer have a smooth road to the Houston Texans? What does Nate Gatter say about his experience at Missouri? Why have so many good broadcasters come from Sam Houston State? It's all waiting for you in *Sportscasting 101*. If you're a sports fan, these life stories will give you insight into some of the top broadcasters in the business. 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.

Move over, *Moneyball* -- a cutting-edge look at major league baseball's next revolution: the high-tech quest to build better players. As bestselling authors Ben Lindbergh and Travis Sawchik reveal in *The MVP Machine*, the *Moneyball* era is over. Fifteen years after Michael Lewis brought the Oakland Athletics' groundbreaking team-building strategies to light, every front office takes a data-driven approach to evaluating players, and the league's smarter teams no longer have a huge advantage in valuing past performance. Lindbergh and Sawchik's behind-the-scenes reporting reveals: How the 2017 Astros and 2018 Red Sox used cutting-edge technology to win the World Series How undersized afterthoughts José Altuve and Mookie Betts became big sluggers and MVPs How polarizing pitcher Trevor Bauer made himself a Cy Young contender How new analytical tools have overturned traditional pitching and hitting techniques How a wave of young talent is making MLB both better than ever and arguably worse to watch Instead of out-drafting, out-signing, and out-trading their rivals, baseball's best minds have turned to out-developing opponents, gaining greater edges than ever by perfecting prospects and eking extra runs out of older athletes who were once written off. Lindbergh and Sawchik take us inside the transformation of former fringe hitters into home-run kings, show how washed-up pitchers have emerged as aces, and document how coaching and scouting are being turned upside down. *The MVP Machine* charts the future of a sport and offers a lesson that goes beyond baseball: Success stems not from focusing on finished products, but from making the most of untapped potential.