

# **The Universal Baseball Association Inc J Henry Waugh Prop**

The novel that inspired *Field of Dreams*: "A lyrical, seductive, and altogether winning concoction." —The New York Times Book Review One of Sports Illustrated's 100 Greatest Sports Books "If you build it, he will come." When Ray Kinsella hears these mysterious words spoken in the voice of an Iowa baseball announcer, he is inspired to carve a baseball

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diamond in his cornfield. It is a tribute to his hero, the legendary Shoeless Joe Jackson, whose reputation was forever tarnished by the scandalous 1919 World Series. What follows is a timeless story that is "not so much about baseball as it is about dreams, magic, life, and what is quintessentially American" (The Philadelphia Inquirer). "A triumph of hope." —The Boston Globe "A moonlit novel about baseball, dreams, family, the land, and literature." —Sports Illustrated

Describes how baseball appreciation can lead to a transcendental experience that borders on the spiritual

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and discusses the shared connection between the sport and religion and the path to enlightenment.

Pitchers, the pitches they throw, and how they throw them -- these days it's the stuff of constant scrutiny, but there's never been anything like a comprehensive source for such information. That's what preeminent baseball analyst Bill James and ESPN.com baseball columnist Rob Neyer realized over lunch more than a dozen years ago. Since then, they've been compiling the centerpiece of this book, the "Pitcher Census," which lists specific information for nearly two thousand pitchers, ranging throughout the history of

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professional baseball. The Guide also offers: A "dictionary" describing virtually every known pitch The origins and development of baseball's most important pitches Top ten lists: best fastballs, best spitballs, and everything in between Biographies of some of the great pitchers who have been overlooked More knuckleballers and submariners than you ever thought existed An open debate concerning pitcher abuse and durability A formula for predicting the Cy Young Award winner Something fresh and new: Bill James' "Pitcher Codes" The Neyer/James Guide to Pitchers is about understanding pitchers, and

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baseball's action always starts with the pitchers. It's also about entertaining debates and having a great deal of fun with the history of a game that obsesses many.

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A Judgement In Stone

The Public Burning

Baseball, Pitching, and the Art of Deception

A Child Again

Beep

Baseball As a Road to God

This public domain book is an open and compatible

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implementation of the Uniform System of Citation. Boots Poffenberger spent only parts of three seasons in the major leagues, but is unquestionably among the wildest figures of his era--one that included Dizzy Dean, Bobo Newsom, and Van Lingle Mungo. Boots was every bit as much an all-star character as the others. He enraged management by playing by his own set of rules; delighted sport writers with an endless stream of crazy missteps and one-liners; and frustrated teammates who in the end always forgave him because of his warmth and genuine character. To the ballplayers and the many fans who adored him, it was just "Boots being Boots." This carefully researched and affectionately written

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biography captures the essence of a true baseball original. Follow Boots' rise and fall in the big leagues, where his fondness for beer earned him the nickname "The Prince of Pilsner." Enjoy his resurrection in the minor leagues, including a 29-win season that amazingly did not earn him a return to The Show, due to Boots' nonconformity. Read about him during World War II, and his perilous assignment as a Marine Corps pitcher based in Hawaii. Finally, get to know Boots in his later life, as a small town local hero, whose outsized personality and heart resonate with the locals still today. Boots' story is one of a time gone by, an antidote to today's game, of baseball and America before big money and big media

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became so dominant.

The perfect gift for baseball fans, now with a new epilogue by author R.A. Dickey, winner of the 2012 Cy Young award. "An astounding memoir—haunting and touching, courageous and wise."—Jeremy Schaap, bestselling author, Emmy award-winning journalist, ESPN In 1996, R.A. Dickey was the Texas Rangers' much-heralded No. 1 draft choice. Then, a routine physical revealed that his right elbow was missing its ulnar collateral ligament, and his lifelong dream—along with his \$810,000 signing bonus—was ripped away. Yet, despite twice being consigned to baseball's scrap heap, Dickey battled back. Sustained by his Christian faith, the



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love of his wife and children, and a relentless quest for self-awareness, Dickey is now the starting pitcher for the Toronto Blue Jays (he was previously a star pitcher for the New York Mets) and one of the National League's premier players, as well as the winner of the 2012 Cy Young award. In *Wherever I Wind Up*, Dickey eloquently shares his quintessentially American tale of overcoming extraordinary odds to achieve a game, a career, and a life unlike any other.

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

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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.

Boots Poffenberger

Off Speed

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The Veracruz Blues

Hurler, Hero, Hellraiser

A Dictionary of Arts, Sciences, Literature and General Information

**Named a Best Book of 2020 by NPR and Lit Hub. A Los Angeles Times Bestseller. A New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice "In The Cactus League [Emily Nemens] provides her readers with what amounts to a miniature, self-enclosed world that is funny and poignant and lovingly observed." --Charles McGrath, The New York Times Book Review An explosive, character-driven odyssey through the world of baseball from Emily Nemens, the editor of The Paris**

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**Review Jason Goodyear is the star outfielder for the Los Angeles Lions, stationed with the rest of his team in the punishingly hot Arizona desert for their annual spring training. Handsome, famous, and talented, Goodyear is nonetheless coming apart at the seams. And the coaches, writers, wives, girlfriends, petty criminals, and diehard fans following his every move are eager to find out why—as they hide secrets of their own. Humming with the energy of a ballpark before the first pitch, Emily Nemens's *The Cactus League* unravels the tightly connected web of people behind a seemingly linear game. Narrated by a sportscaster, Goodyear's story is interspersed with tales of Michael Taylor, a batting coach trying to stay relevant; Tamara Rowland, a resourceful spring-training paramour, looking for one last catch; Herb Allison, a legendary**

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**sports agent grappling with his decline; and a plethora of other richly drawn characters, all striving to be seen as the season approaches. It's a journey that, like the Arizona desert, brims with both possibility and destruction. Anchored by an expert knowledge of baseball's inner workings, Emily Nemens's *The Cactus League* is a propulsive and deeply human debut that captures a strange desert world that is both exciting and unforgiving, where the most crucial games are the ones played off the field.**

**Baseball has never had a more important year than 1939, when events and people came together to reshape the game like never before. The author explains why that special year proved to be absolutely pivotal for our national pastime and its greatest heroes, as baseball's golden age met its modern era. Every**

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**chapter stands alone as a separate vignette, yet each intertwine to convey baseball's magic. Expert commentary, eyewitness reports, and candid facts uncovered through years of research illustrate how the role models of 1939 have stood the test of time as authentic heroes. Gehrig, DiMaggio, Williams, Feller, and Paige stand tall as men of remarkable achievement on the field, while events off the field—the grand opening of the Baseball Hall of Fame, the debut of baseball on television, and the formation of Little League Baseball—solidify 1939's landmark stature in history.**

**Offers 198 activities for baseball players' training. Covers drills for warm-up, throwing, catching, base running, hitting, pitching, and fielding.**

**With every hit, ball, strike, and home run numbers are being**

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**calculated on the baseball field. Get ready to learn all the ways digits and math factor into the game, from the countless statistics used to measure an individual player's game to the exact timing used to steal a base. Read about all the greatest players from baseball history and get fun facts, like what the most retired jersey number is. Discover what countries dominate in the Little League World Series and check out cool graphics that show the frequency of hits to every part of the field. Jam-packed with sports trivia, awesome photos, and fun activities at the end of every chapter, this number-focused look at the game is the ultimate grand slam.**

**The Boys of Summer**

**A Novel**

**1939, Baseball's Tipping Point**

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**Clubbie**

**Inside the Unseen World of Baseball for the Blind**

**Hoopla**

**Introduction by Kevin Baker The Natural, Bernard Malamud's first novel, published in 1952, is also the first—and some would say still the best—novel ever written about baseball. In it Malamud, usually appreciated for his unerring portrayals of postwar Jewish life, took on very different material—the story of a superbly gifted "natural" at play in the fields of the old daylight baseball era—and invested it with the hardscrabble poetry, at once grand and altogether believable, that runs through all his best work. Four decades later, Alfred Kazin's comment still holds**



**true: "Malamud has done something which—now that he has done it!—looks as if we have been waiting for it all our lives. He has really raised the whole passion and craziness and fanaticism of baseball as a popular spectacle to its ordained place in mythology."**

**Greg Larson was a starry-eyed fan when he hurtled headfirst into professional baseball. As the new clubhouse attendant for the Aberdeen IronBirds, a Minor League affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles, Larson assumed he'd entered a familiar world. He thought wrong. He quickly discovered the bizarre rituals of life in the Minors: fights between players, teammates quitting in the middle of the games, doomed relationships, and a negligent parent**

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**organization. All the while, Larson, fresh out of college, harbored a secret wish. Despite the team's struggles and his own lack of baseball talent, he yearned to join the exclusive fraternity of professional ballplayers. Instead, Larson fell deeper into his madcap venture as the scheming clubbie. He moved into the clubhouse equipment closet, his headquarters to swing deals involving memorabilia, booze, and loads of cash. By his second season, Larson had transformed into a deceptive, dip-spitting veteran, now fully part of a system that exploited players he considered friends. Like most Minor Leaguers, the gravitational pull of baseball was still too strong for Larson—even if chasing his private**

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**dream might cost him his girlfriend, his future, and, ultimately, his love of the game. That is, until an unlikely shot at a championship gives Larson and the IronBirds one final swing at redemption. Clubbie is a hilarious behind-the-scenes tale of two seasons in the mysterious world of Minor League Baseball. With cinematic detail and a colorful cast of characters, Larson spins an unforgettable true story for baseball fans and nonfans alike. An unflinching look at the harsh experience of professional sports, Clubbie will be a touchstone in baseball literature for years to come.**

**Longlisted for the PEN/ESPN Award for Literary Sports Writing The lively and fascinating story of**

**baseball's 150-year hunt for the perfect pitch In August 2012, Felix Hernandez of the Seattle Mariners pitched a perfect game against the Tampa Bay Rays in what Terry McDermott calls "one of the greatest exhibitions of off-speed pitches ever put on." For McDermott, a lifelong fan and student of baseball, the extraordinary events of that afternoon inspired this incisive meditation on the art of pitching. Within the framework of Hernandez's historic achievement, Off Speed provides a vibrant narrative of the history and evolution of pitching, combining baseball's rich tradition of folklore with the wealth of new metrics from a growing legion of statisticians who are transforming the way we think about the game. Off**

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**Speed is also the personal story of a fan's steadfast devotion, first kindled in McDermott by his father at the local diamond in small-town Iowa and now carried forward with the same passion by his own daughters. Approaching his subject with the love every fan brings to the park and the expertise of a probing journalist, McDermott explores with irrepressible curiosity the science and the romance of baseball. Forget the steroid-addled, overpaid, and unmotivated players: America's pastime is still alive and well, and is still the heartfelt sport it's always been--in the Minor Leagues. And nowhere is this truer than in Kentucky, whose rich baseball history continues to play out in the four teams profiled in this book.**

**Following these teams through the 2010 season--the triumphs, struggles, and big league hopes and dreams--the book tells the larger story of baseball in America's smaller venues, where the game in its purest form is still valued and warmly embraced. The story begins before the season with.**

**Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America**

**An Historical Compendium of Pitching, Pitchers, and Pitches**

**The Encyclopaedia Britannica**

**The Pitcher's Mom**

**The Natural**

**Lift Your Spirits**

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**A middle-aged accountant invents a dice-controlled baseball world.**

**Based on the actual events of 1946, a portrait of major league baseball is seen through the eyes of the Pasquel brothers, a family of rich industrialists who want to bring the major leagues to Mexico. Reprint. Tour.**

**A comprehensive baseball reference offers exhaustive and up-to-date information on baseball players from the nineteenth century to the present, covering statistical leaders, lifetime records of players, team lineups, and other data**

**Probes the personalities assembled at a party when the murder of a guest named Ros transforms an ordinary evening.**

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**Roll! They Cried**

**Total Baseball**

**Seeing Beyond the Game**

**Things Invisible to See**

**Noir**

**My Quest for Truth, Authenticity, and the Perfect Knuckleball**

*In Beep, David Wanczyk illuminates the sport of blind baseball to show us a remarkable version of America's pastime. With balls tricked out to squeal three times per second, and with bases that buzz, this game of baseball*



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*for the blind is both innovative and intense. And when the best beep baseball team in America, the Austin Blackhawks, takes on its international rival, Taiwan Homerun, no one's thinking about disability. What we find are athletes playing their hearts out for a championship. Wanczyk follows teams around the world and even joins them on the field to produce a riveting inside narrative about the game and its players. Can Ethan Johnston, kidnapped*

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*and intentionally blinded as a child in Ethiopia, find a new home in beep baseball, and a spot on the all-star team? Will Taiwan's rookie MVP Ching-kai Chen—whose superhuman feats on the field have left some veterans suspicious—keep up his incredible play? And can Austin's Lupe Perez harness his competitive fire and lead his team to a long-awaited victory in the beep baseball world series? Beep is the first book about blind baseball.*

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*A new collection of short stories by the celebrated author revisits the shared cultural heritage of fairy tales, myths, and childhood stories to explore the origins of fear, hope, and wonder in both children and adults. Filled with cameo portraits of prominent sports legends of the early twentieth century, this novel brings to life the era in which eight members of the Chicago White Sox, accused of throwing the 1919 World Series, became*

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*known as the "Black Sox." Reprint.  
Robert Coover's detective novelette,  
STREET COP, is set in a dystopian world  
of infectious 'living dead,' murderous  
robo-cops, aging street walkers, and  
walking streets. With drawings by Art  
Spiegelman, this short tale scrutinizes  
the arc of the American myth, exploring  
the working of memory in a digital  
world, police violence and the future  
of urban life. STREET COP is  
provocative and prophetic, asking us to*

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*interrogate the line between a  
condemnable system and a sympathetic  
individual.*

*The Indigo Book*

*Bluegrass Baseball*

*The Glory of Their Times*

*Street Cop*

*Pricksongs & Descants*

*Moneyball (Movie Tie-in Edition) (Movie  
Tie-in Editions)*

Here Coover is at the top of his form; and Noir is a true page-  
turner-wry, absurd, and desolate. You are Philip M. Noir,

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Private Investigator. A mysterious young widow hires you to find her husband's killer-if he was killed. Then your client is killed and her body disappears-if she was your client. Your search for clues takes you through all levels of the city, from classy lounges to lowlife dives, from jazz bars to a rich sex kitten's bedroom, from yachts to the morgue. "The Case of the Vanishing Black Widow" unfolds over five days aboveground and three or four in smugglers' tunnels, though flashback and anecdote, and expands time into something much larger. You don't always get the joke, though most people think what's happening is pretty funny.

A scientific investigation and personal adventure story about zombies and the voodoo culture of Haiti by a Harvard

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scientist. In April 1982, ethnobotanist Wade Davis arrived in Haiti to investigate two documented cases of zombies—people who had reappeared in Haitian society years after they had been officially declared dead and had been buried. Drawn into a netherworld of rituals and celebrations, Davis penetrated the vodoun mystique deeply enough to place zombification in its proper context within vodoun culture. In the course of his investigation, Davis came to realize that the story of vodoun is the history of Haiti—from the African origins of its people to the successful Haitian independence movement, down to the present day, where vodoun culture is, in effect, the government of Haiti's countryside. *The Serpent and the Rainbow* combines anthropological investigation with a remarkable

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personal adventure to illuminate and finally explain a phenomenon that has long fascinated Americans.

Bottom-of-the-ninth dreams are the stuff that young boys are made of. But boys grow. Destiny arrives on the doorstep -or, more likely, fails to- and all the while mothers look on, impotent witnesses to the great unknown. Such is the turf of *The Pitcher's Mom*, a novel about big dreams, cup shopping, bleacher barbs, sore arms, mothers and sons, wrestling destiny, and the sacrifices we make for love.

"An audacious and revisionary sequel to Twain's masterpiece. It is both true to the spirit of Twain and quintessentially Cooveresque." —Times Literary Supplement At the end of *Huckleberry Finn*, on the eve of the Civil War, Huck and Tom



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Sawyer decide to escape “sivilization” and “light out for the Territory.” In Robert Coover’s vision of their Western adventures, Tom decides he’d rather own civilization than escape it, leaving Huck “dreadful lonely” in a country of bandits, war parties, and gold. In the course of his ventures, Huck reunites with old friends, facing hard truths and even harder choices.

A Celebratory History of Cocktail Culture in New Orleans

Ron Shandler's 2021 Baseball Forecaster

Wherever I Wind Up

The Cactus League

The Baseball Drill Book

The Serpent and the Rainbow

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**The first novel by Newbery Award–winning author Nancy Willard: A stunning story of magic and miracles, and a testament to the enduring power of faith and love Ben and Willie Harkissian are twin brothers (think Cain and Abel, Jacob and Esau) growing up in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on the eve of World War II. A baseball launched into the October sky sets in motion a series of events that transforms many lives. Ben leaves for the front and faces death—figuratively as well as literally. Left behind is Clare Bishop, who has been paralyzed from the waist down. But in exchange she receives some very special gifts. She can see the future, be at one with animals, and chat with Death. Willie Harkissian remains in Michigan as well,**

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**though his relationship with his brother will never be the same. A love story interrupted by war, this is also a novel about discovering the ordinary in the extraordinary and finding the miraculous in everyday life.**

**“Easily the best baseball book ever produced by anyone.”**

**—Cleveland Plain Dealer “This was the best baseball book published in 1966, it is the best baseball book of its kind now, and, if it is reissued in 10 years, it will be the best**

**baseball book.” — People From Lawrence Ritter (The Image of Their Greatness, The 100 Greatest Baseball**

**Players of All Time), comes one of the bestselling, most acclaimed sports books of all time, The Glory of Their**

**Times—now a Harper Perennial Modern Classic. Baseball**

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**was different in earlier days—tougher, more raw, more intimate—when giants like Babe Ruth and Ty Cobb ran the bases. In the monumental classic *The Glory of Their Times*, the golden era of our national pastime comes alive through the vibrant words of those who played and lived the game. It is a book every baseball fan should read! Some ballplayers have their glory fade slowly, some stick around just one season too long. Then there's Ben "The Blemish" Glinton, whose catastrophic failure in the biggest game of his life tainted his middling career and everything that came afterwards. Years later, a chance meeting with a young fan opens his eyes to the possibilities of APBA Baseball, the time-honored tabletop simulation**

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**game which Ben sees as a vehicle for reputation rehabilitation. If he can master the game, stage a tournament of top players, and coach his simulated self to victory through the intelligent management of dice, cards, and charts, he can finally know peace. His obstacles to regaining his past glory include an irritating training regimen under the watch of a mysterious APBA guru, a cross-country journey in a vehicle unfit for even driveway travel, and a collection of fellow board game diehards whose friendship makes it rather tough to concentrate on ultimate victory. Roll! They Cried is a light-hearted salute to a lifestyle which has consumed thousands with its benevolent opportunities for athletic greatness in**

**miniature.**

**This is a book about young men who learned to play baseball during the 1930s and 1940s, and then went on to play for one of the most exciting major-league ball clubs ever fielded, the team that broke the colour barrier with Jackie Robinson. It is a book by and about a sportswriter who grew up near Ebbets Field, and who had the good fortune in the 1950s to cover the Dodgers for the Herald Tribune. This is a book about what happened to Jackie, Carl Erskine, Pee Wee Reese, and the others when their glory days were behind them. In short, it is a book fathers and sons and about the making of modern America. 'At a point in life when one is through with boyhood, but has not**

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**yet discovered how to be a man, it was my fortune to travel with the most marvelously appealing of teams.'**

**Sentimental because it holds such promise, and bittersweet because that promise is past, the first sentence of this masterpiece of sporting literature, first published in the early '70s, sets its tone. The team is the mid-20th-century Brooklyn Dodgers, the team of Robinson and Snyder and Hodges and Reese, a team of great triumph and historical import composed of men whose fragile lives were filled with dignity and pathos. Roger Kahn, who covered that team for the New York Herald Tribune, makes understandable humans of his heroes as he chronicles the dreams and exploits of their young lives, beautifully**

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**intertwining them with his own, then recounts how so many of those sweet dreams curdled as the body of these once shining stars grew rusty with age and battered by experience.**

**Gerald's Party**

**Shoeless Joe**

**Huck Out West: A Novel**

**The Story of the Early Days of Baseball Told by the Men  
Who Played It**

**The Neyer/James Guide to Pitchers**

**It's a Numbers Game! Baseball**

***A Western town takes on a life of its***



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*own when a stranger rides in and is drawn into a series of brawls, gunfights, and train robberies while becoming entangled with a saloon singer and a schoolmistress, with whom he falls in love.*

*Vice-President Richard Nixon - the voraciously ambitious bad boy of the Eisenhower regime - is the dominant narrator in an enormous cast that includes Betty Crocker, Joe McCarthy, the Marx Brothers, Walter Winchell,*

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*Uncle Sam, his adversary The Phantom, and Time magazine incarnated as the National Poet Laureate. All of these and thousands more converge in Times Square for the carnivalesque auto-da-fe at which the Rosenbergs are put to death.*

*A gripping tragedy of crime and class, widely regarded as one of multi-million copy and SUNDAY TIMES bestselling author Ruth Rendell's seminal masterworks and a crime fiction*

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*classic. Fans of PD James, Ann Cleeves  
and Donna Leon will not be  
disappointed. 'One of her masterpieces'  
-- Telegraph 'A classic' - The Times  
'Quite possibly the best crime book I  
have ever read' -- \*\*\*\*\* Reader review  
'One hell of a book' -- \*\*\*\*\* Reader  
review 'An altogether engrossing book'  
-- \*\*\*\*\* Reader review 'A compelling  
and addictive read' -- \*\*\*\*\* Reader  
review 'An absolute classic - can only  
be described in superlatives' -- \*\*\*\*\**

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*Reader review \*\*\*\*\*  
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\*\*\*\*\* 'Eunice  
Parchman killed the Coverdale family  
because she could not read or write.'  
Eunice, the Coverdales' housekeeper,  
guns down four of her employers in the  
space of fifteen minutes one  
Valentine's Day. None of them suspected  
anything. Her motive remained hidden.  
As the police investigate, Eunice  
schemes to escape the blame - desperate*

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*to preserve the terrible secret of her illiteracy. But Eunice's blindness to a crucial aspect of the world throws her plans into jeopardy...*

*Explains how Billy Beene, the general manager of the Oakland Athletics, is using a new kind of thinking to build a successful and winning baseball team without spending enormous sums of money.*

*A Minor League Baseball Memoir  
a chilling and captivatingly unsettling*

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*thriller from the award-winning Queen  
of Crime, Ruth Rendell*

*A Year in the Minor League Life*

*Ghost Town*