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### CANTRELL QUINTIN

Our Team Simon and Schuster

Updated for 2020. Learn basic baseball skills and techniques at the catcher position and meet famous catchers.

Comeback Season Britannica Digital Learning

The definitive account of the life and tragic death of baseball legend Lou Gehrig. Lou Gehrig was a baseball legend—the Iron Horse, the stoic New York Yankee who was the greatest first baseman in history, a man whose consecutive-games streak was ended by a horrible disease that now bears his name. But as this definitive new biography makes clear, Gehrig’s life was more complicated—and, perhaps, even more heroic—than anyone really knew. Drawing on new interviews and more than two hundred pages of previously unpublished letters to and from Gehrig, *Luckiest Man* gives us an intimate portrait of the man who became an American hero: his life as a shy and awkward youth growing up in New York City, his unlikely friendship with Babe Ruth (a friendship that allegedly ended over rumors that Ruth had had an affair with Gehrig’s wife), and his stellar career with the Yankees, where his consecutive-games streak stood for more than half a century. What was not previously known, however, is that symptoms of Gehrig’s affliction began appearing in 1938, earlier than is commonly acknowledged. Later, aware that he was dying, Gehrig exhibited a perseverance that was truly inspiring; he lived the last two years of his short life with the same grace and dignity with which he gave his now-famous “luckiest man”

speech. Meticulously researched and elegantly written, Jonathan Eig’s *Luckiest Man* shows us one of the greatest baseball players of all time as we’ve never seen him before.

**Catchers** Britannica Educational Publishing

"In a year in which no team ever led the league by as many as four games, these three teams, [the Cleveland Indians, the Boston Red Sox, and the New York Yankees], eventually found themselves in a tie with just nine days to go, and the season had to be extended to decide the race."--Cover.

**Cincinnati Red and Dodger Blue** Penguin

"Biography of Major League Baseball catcher and coach who was a spy for the Office of Strategic Services during World War II"--Provided by publisher.

Bill Veeck EverAfter Romance

Stella Walsh was a Polish-American Olympic track and field icon of the 1930s. When Walsh was murdered years after her track career had ended, the autopsy brought her sex—and her legacy—into question. This first biography of Walsh reveals in detail her personal struggles, athletic triumphs, and tragic death.

**Anythynge You Want To: Shakespeare's Lost Comedie**

Anchor

This book features one of America’s best-loved poems, “Casey at the Bat,” illustrated by legendary sports cartoonist Willard Mullin. In 1953, in conjunction with the fiftieth anniversary of the World Series, legendary cartoonist Willard Mullin created images illustrating one of America’s best-loved poems: Ernest Thayer’s “Casey at the Bat.” These images were then put on a series of drinking glasses that were given away as premiums at various major and minor league ballparks across America. The first set

was issued on April 15, 1954, at the very first home game for the modern day Baltimore Orioles. The illustrations by Mullin were for years thought to have been lost, but were found at an auction in 2002. They have been meticulously reproduced to create this stunning edition of “Casey at the Bat.” This edition will include additional Mullin material like the “Fan’s Alphabet” from 1953 and the poems “Iron Horse Lou” and “O Brooklyn, My Brooklyn” from 1947. With a preface by Yogi Berra and an essay on the history of both “Casey” and Mullin’s images by noted baseball historian Tim Wiles, this edition of “Casey” is the most authentic ever produced.

*The Ultimate Baseball Book* ABDO

Detailing the characters, events, and cultural forces behind the American bicentennial celebration, this chronicle of America and baseball reveals how this was the year that both the nation and its national pastime were revolutionized.

Epic Season Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Minor league baseball is quintessentially American: small towns, small stadiums, \$5 tickets, \$2 hot dogs, the never-ending possibility of making it big. But looming above it all is always the real deal: Major League Baseball. John Feinstein takes the reader behind the curtain into the guarded world of the minor leagues, like no other writer can. *Where Nobody Knows Your Name* explores the trials and travails of the inhabitants of Triple-A, focusing on nine men, including players, managers and umpires, among many colorful characters, living on the cusp of the dream. The book tells the stories of former World Series hero Scott Podsednik, giving it one more shot; Durham Bulls manager Charlie Montoya, shepherding generations across the line; and

designated hitter Jon Lindsey, a lifelong minor leaguer, waiting for his day to come. From Raleigh to Pawtucket, from Lehigh Valley to Indianapolis and beyond, this is an intimate and exciting look at life in the minor leagues, where you're either waiting for the call or just passing through.

*Stumptown Kid* Simon and Schuster

William Louis "Bill" Veeck, Jr. (1914-1986) is legendary in many ways—baseball impresario and innovator, independent spirit, champion of civil rights in a time of great change. Paul Dickson has written the first full biography of this towering figure, in the process rewriting many aspects of his life and bringing alive the history of America's pastime. In his late 20s, Veeck bought into his first team, the American Association Milwaukee Brewers. After serving and losing a leg in WWII, he bought the Cleveland Indians in 1946, and a year later broke the color barrier in the American League by signing Larry Doby, a few months after Jackie Robinson—showing the deep commitment he held to integration and equal rights. Cleveland won the World Series in 1948, but Veeck sold the team for financial reasons the next year. He bought a majority of the St. Louis Browns in 1951, sold it three years later, then returned in 1959 to buy the other Chicago team, the White Sox, winning the American League pennant his first year. Ill health led him to sell two years later, only to gain ownership again, 1975-1981. Veeck's promotional spirit—the likes of clown prince Max Patkin and midget Eddie Gaedel are inextricably connected with him—and passion endeared him to fans, while his feel for the game led him to propose innovations way ahead of their time, and his deep sense of morality not only integrated the sport but helped usher in the free agency that broke the stranglehold owners had on players. (Veeck was the only owner to testify in support of Curt Flood during his landmark free agency case). *Bill Veeck: Baseball's Greatest Maverick* is a deeply insightful, powerful biography of a fascinating figure. It will take its place beside the recent bestselling biographies of Satchel Paige and Mickey Mantle, and will be the baseball book of the season in Spring 2012.

*How We Speak to One Another* Flatiron Books

Call it the forgotten rivalry. The Cincinnati Reds and the Los Angeles Dodgers may not share geographical boundaries, and today they don't even play in the same division, but for a period of time in the 1970s Dodgers vs. Reds was the best rivalry in

Major League Baseball. They boasted the biggest names of the game—Johnny Bench, Steve Garvey, Pete Rose, Don Sutton, and Ron Cey, to name a few—and appeared in the World Series seven out of nine years. In *Cincinnati Red and Dodger Blue: Baseball's Greatest Forgotten Rivalry*, Tom Van Riper provides a fresh look at these two powerhouse teams and the circumstances that made them so pivotal. Van Riper delves into the players, managers, executives, and broadcasters from the rivalry whose impact on baseball continued beyond the 1970s—including the first recipient of Tommy John surgery (Tommy John himself), the all-time hit king turned gambling pariah (Pete Rose), and two young announcers who would soon go on to national prominence (Al Michaels and Vin Scully). In addition, Van Riper recounts in detail the 1973 season when both teams were at or near their peak form, particularly the extra-inning nail-biter between the Reds and Dodgers that took place on September 21 and effectively decided the divisional race. *Cincinnati Red and Dodger Blue* includes never-before-published interviews with former players from the rivalry, providing a personal and in-depth look at this decade in baseball full of upheaval and change. Baseball's realignment in 1994 may have rendered this great rivalry nearly forgotten, but its story is one that will be enjoyed by baseball fans and historians of all generations.

*The Alien Next Door 5: Baseball Blues* Little, Brown

In 2007, at the age of twelve, Perron bought a set of Topps baseball cards featuring several players from the Negro Leagues. He started writing letters to former Negro League players asking for their autographs and a few words about their careers. The players responded with detailed stories about their glory days on the field, and the racism they faced, including run-ins with the KKK. The letters turned into phone calls, and in these conversations many of the players revealed that they had fallen out of touch with their former teammates. Perron and a small group of fellow researchers organized the first annual Negro League Players Reunion in Birmingham, Alabama in 2010. This is the story of his mission to help many players get pension money that they were owed from Major League Baseball-- and to get a Negro League museum opened in Birmingham, stocked with memorabilia. -- adapted from jacket

**Casey at the Bat** LernerClassroom

From the perspective of 2007, the unintentional irony of Chance's

boast is manifest—these days, the question is when will the Cubs ever win a game they have to have. In October 1908, though, no one would have laughed: The Cubs were, without doubt, baseball's greatest team—the first dynasty of the 20th century. *Crazy '08* recounts the 1908 season—the year when Peerless Leader Frank Chance's men went toe to toe to toe with John McGraw and Christy Mathewson's New York Giants and Honus Wagner's Pittsburgh Pirates in the greatest pennant race the National League has ever seen. The American League has its own three-cornered pennant fight, and players like Cy Young, Ty Cobb, Walter Johnson, and the egregiously crooked Hal Chase ensured that the junior circuit had its moments. But it was the National League's—and the Cubs'—year. *Crazy '08*, however, is not just the exciting story of a great season. It is also about the forces that created modern baseball, and the America that produced it. In 1908, crooked pols run Chicago's First Ward, and gambling magnates control the Yankees. Fans regularly invade the field to do handstands or argue with the umpires; others shoot guns from rickety grandstands prone to burning. There are anarchists on the loose and racial killings in the town that made Lincoln. On the flimsiest of pretexts, General Abner Doubleday becomes a symbol of Americanism, and baseball's own anthem, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," is a hit. Picaresque and dramatic, 1908 is a season in which so many weird and wonderful things happen that it is somehow unsurprising that a hairpiece, a swarm of gnats, a sudden bout of lumbago, and a disaster down in the mines all play a role in its outcome. And sometimes the events are not so wonderful at all. There are several deaths by baseball, and the shadow of corruption creeps closer to the heart of baseball—the honesty of the game itself. Simply put, 1908 is the year that baseball grew up. Oh, and it was the last time the Cubs won the World Series. Destined to be as memorable as the season it documents, *Crazy '08* sets a new standard for what a book about baseball can be.

**Daredevil** Harper Collins

"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 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!

#### **The Spy Who Played Baseball** Inspire Magic

From acclaimed journalist Ben Bradlee Jr. comes the epic biography of Boston Red Sox legend Ted Williams that baseball fans have been waiting for. Williams was the best hitter in baseball history. His batting average of .406 in 1941 has not been topped since, and no player who has hit more than 500 home runs has a higher career batting average. Those totals would have been even higher if Williams had not left baseball for nearly five years in the prime of his career to serve as a Marine pilot in WWII and Korea. He hit home runs farther than any player before him -- and traveled a long way himself, as Ben Bradlee, Jr.'s grand biography reveals. Born in 1918 in San Diego, Ted would spend most of his life disguising his Mexican heritage. During his 22 years with the Boston Red Sox, Williams electrified crowds across America -- and shocked them, too: His notorious clashes with the press and fans threatened his reputation. Yet while he was a God in the batter's box, he was profoundly human once he stepped away from the plate. His ferocity came to define his troubled domestic life. While baseball might have been straightforward for Ted Williams, life was not. *The Kid* is biography of the highest literary order, a thrilling and honest account of a legend in all his glory and human complexity. In his final at-bat, Williams hit a home run. Bradlee's marvelous book clears the fences, too.

#### **Billy Martin** Harper Collins

"Every magnate in the country is indebted to [Harry Wright] for the establishment of baseball as a business, and every patron for fulfilling him with a systematic recreation. Every player is indebted to him for inaugurating an occupation in which he gains a livelihood, and the country at large for adding one more industry to furnish employment"--*The Reach Guide* (1896). This full-length biography resurrects perhaps baseball's foremost-unrecognized legend, "The Father of Professional Base Ball," Hall

of Famer Harry Wright. The son of a premier cricketer, Sam Wright, Harry converted (together with his Hall of Fame brother George) to baseball after emigrating to America from England. Harry Wright went on to become one of baseball's most successful players, managers, and innovators. Among his lasting contributions to the game were not only the implementation of spring training, doubleheaders, and the modern uniform, but the advent of professionalism, which contemporaries contended never would have been successfully established without him. Drawing on contemporary sources including his own papers, this book covers all of Wright's life: his arrival in America; his experiences with the undefeated Cincinnati Red Stockings of 1869-70; his relationship with his wives and children; his experiences in Boston, Providence, and Philadelphia; his death at age 60 in 1895; and his election to the Hall of Fame in 1953. *Carlisle vs. Army* Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Baseball wasn't supposed to be a game of life and death... The summer that Chase Stern entered my life, I was seventeen. The daughter of a legend, the Yankees were my family, their stadium my home, their dugout my workplace. My focus was on the game. Chase ... he started out as a distraction. A distraction with sex appeal poured into every inch of his six foot frame. A distraction who played like a god and partied like a devil. I tried to stay away. I couldn't. Then, the team started losing. Women started dying. And everything in my perfect world broke apart.

#### *The Kid* HarperCollins

The astonishing, never before told story of the greatest rescue mission of World War II—when the OSS set out to recover more than 500 airmen trapped behind enemy lines in Yugoslavia... During a bombing campaign over Romanian oil fields, hundreds of American airmen were shot down in Nazi-occupied Yugoslavia. Local Serbian farmers and peasants risked their own lives to give refuge to the soldiers while they waited for rescue, and in 1944, Operation Halyard was born. The risks were incredible. The starving Americans in Yugoslavia had to construct a landing strip large enough for C-47 cargo planes—without tools, without alerting the Germans, and without endangering the villagers. And the cargo planes had to make it through enemy airspace and back—without getting shot down themselves. Classified for over half a century for political reasons, the full account of this

unforgettable story of loyalty, self-sacrifice, and bravery is now being told for the first time ever. *The Forgotten 500* is the gripping, behind-the-scenes look at the greatest escape of World War II. "Amazing [and] riveting."—James Bradley, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Flags of Our Fathers*

#### **Rickey W. W. Norton & Company**

He has more hits than Rogers Hornsby. He drove in more runs than Mickey Mantle. He scored more runs than Joe DiMaggio. He stole more bases than Willie Mays. He hit more triples than every other big league ballplayer, past or present. During his 19-year major league career, fans, sportswriters, and other players regarded him as the hardest hitter in the game. And yet, after hanging up his spikes he was soon forgotten. Historians labeled him as just a talented member of Ty Cobb's supporting cast. Though he eventually took his rightful place in Cooperstown, he remained unappreciated-obscured by the shadows cast by his more famous contemporaries. Now his story is told. Learn about the most feared power hitter of the Deadball Era: his epic achievements with the bat, his contributions to the game's early history, and his role in elevating baseball's prominence in the early 1900s. Step into the batter's box with Wahoo Sam Crawford, the King of Sluggers!

#### **Luckiest Man** McFarland

The best of *Essay Daily*--each a writer in conversation with and about an essay, whatever its variety, contemporary and classic. *The Perfect Game* U of Nebraska Press  
"From *Paris Review* and *New Yorker* cartoonist Jason Novak, a history of the scrappy beginnings of baseball, told in 101 one-sentence biographies. I like to think of the book as a visual essay that highlights a little-talked about era of baseball, and specifically the men (and some women) who played then. For the major leagues, the Negro leagues, and the Women's League. Mostly it's just little bios with a kernel of the uncanny, often followed by a tragic end of many of the people who played pro ball before it was a profession. So there are details of their non-baseball lives as well, which really makes the unspoken case for baseball as a game, as it once was, and, when you think about baseball in the context of it being "America's pastime," this really opens up doors to think about this book as a profound essay on work, class, and race in America during that era"--