

**PLAY BALL!**  
**BASEBALL NONFICTION**

Title: 1954: THE YEAR WILLIE MAYS AND THE FIRST GENERATION OF BLACK SUPERSTARS CHANGED MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FOREVER

Author: MADDEN, BILL

Original Date: 2014

Although Jackie Robinson officially broke baseball's color barrier in 1947, sportswriter Madden dates the true integration of the game to 1954. That was the year players like Willie Mays, Hank Aaron, and Ernie Banks took center stage and changed baseball. Unrated.

DB 81875

Title: 25 GREATEST BASEBALL PLAYERS OF ALL TIME

Author: BERMAN, LEN

Original Date: 2010

Panel of experts pick their favorite baseball stars. Discusses the players' statistics, best games, and personalities on and off the field. Includes early greats like Cy Young and Ty Cobb and later ones like Mike Schmidt and Alex Rodriguez. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2010.

BR 19260 DB 74531

Title: A-ROD: THE MANY LIVES OF ALEX RODRIGUEZ

Author: ROBERTS, SELENA

Original Date: 2009

Biography of Alex Rodriguez, the highest-paid player in the history of baseball. Sports Illustrated writer expands on her expose of Rodriguez's use of steroids—tracing substance abuse since his high school days in Miami. Details Rodriguez's personal and professional life, including his divorce and dedication to Kabbalah. Some strong language. 2009.

DB 69287

Title: ABLE TO PLAY: OVERCOMING PHYSICAL CHALLENGES

Author: STOUT, GLENN, 1958-

Original Date: 2012

Profiles four professional baseball players: pitcher Mordecai Brown, who lost a finger in a farming accident; third baseman Ron Santo, who dealt with diabetes throughout his career; pitcher Jim Abbott, who was born without his right hand; and outfielder Curtis Pride, who was born deaf. For grades 3-6. 2012.

DB 74747

Title: AMERICAN JEWS AND AMERICA'S GAME: VOICES OF A GROWING LEGACY IN BASEBALL

Author: RUTTMAN, LARRY

Original Date: 2013

Traces the Jewish influence on America's pastime, from legendary stars like Hank Greenberg and Sandy Koufax to owners, coaches, and lesser-known players. Explores Jewish identity and appreciation for the game with fans such as former congressman Barney Frank and lawyer Alan Dershowitz. Foreword by baseball commissioner Allan "Bud" Selig. 2013.

DB 78674

Title: BALL FOUR

Author: BOUTON, JIM

Original Date: 1970

The author recalls his effort to make a comeback as a big-league pitcher in the late 1960s, revealing inside-the-locker-room details that tarnished the game's wholesome image and made him a persona non grata for years afterward. Edited by Leonard Shecter. Originally published in 1970; includes Bouton's 1990 epilogue. 1970.

DB 77068

Title: BASEBALL HEROES

Author: STOUT, GLENN, 1958-

Original Date: 2010

Biographical sketches of baseball pioneers who fought prejudice to play: Hank Greenberg, one of the first Jewish players; Jackie Robinson, the first African American in the major leagues; Fernando Valenzuela, a Latino pitcher from Mexico; and Ila Borders, the first woman on a men's college team. For grades 3-6. 2010.

DB 73057

Title: BASEBALL SCIENCE

Author: BOW, JAMES

Original Date: 2009

Examines the roles of science and technology in modern baseball games, from developing the most efficient equipment and ballparks to strengthening athletes by improving training techniques and nutritional requirements. For grades 3-6. 2009.

DB 69741

Title: BECOMING MR. OCTOBER

Author: JACKSON, REGGIE

Original Date: 2013

Baseball all-star and World Series champion Reggie Jackson chronicles his ups and downs in the New York Yankees organization, focusing on two formative years, 1977 and 1978. Details his often-troubled relationships with fellow players, owner George Steinbrenner, and manager Billy Martin, and the unrelenting pressure of the media spotlight. 2013.

DB 78647

Title: BEISBOL! LATINO BASEBALL PIONEERS AND LEGENDS

Author: WINTER, JONAH, 1962-

Original Date: 2001

Brief sketches of fourteen Latin American baseball players who were active in the sport from 1900 to 1960 and who pioneered the game in their own countries and in the United States. Includes profiles of Jose Mendez, Luis Tiant, Bobby Avila, Minnie Minoso, Roberto Clemente, Juan Marichal, and Felipe Alou. For grades 3-6. 2001.

DB 56837 DLD

Title: BEISBOL! PIONEROS Y LEYENDAS DEL BEISBOL LATINO (BEISBOL! LATINO BASEBALL PIONEERS AND LEGENDS)

Author: WINTER, JONAH, 1962-

Original Date: 2002

Brief sketches of fourteen Latin American baseball players from 1900 to 1960, who pioneered the sport in their own countries and in the United States. Includes profiles of Jose Mendez, Luis Tiant, Bobby Avila, Minnie Minoso, Roberto Clemente, Juan Marichal, and Felipe Alou. For grades 4-7. Spanish language.

DB 54951 DLD DX 54951

Title: BEYOND BELIEF: FINDING THE STRENGTH TO COME BACK

Author: HAMILTON, JOSH

Original Date: 2008

Autobiography of an All-Star outfielder for the Texas Rangers. Hamilton describes being first choice in the 1999 baseball draft as a high school senior. Details his time in the minor leagues and discusses the cocaine addiction that jeopardized his life until a spiritual redemption in 2005 saved him. 2008.

DB 68489

Title: BEYOND THE SHADOW OF THE SENATORS: THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE HOMESTEAD Grays and the Integration of Baseball

Author: SNYDER, BRAD

Original Date: 2003

Explores the cultural impact of the 1940 move of the Homestead Grays, a storied Negro League baseball team, from Pittsburgh to segregated Washington, D.C. Recounts how Grays owner Cum Posey rented—and filled—the Washington Senators' stadium. Highlights the role of black journalist Sam Lacey in confronting racism. 2003.

DB 72888

Title: BIRD: THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARK FIDRYCH

Author: WILSON, DOUG, 1961-

Original Date: 2013

Biography of baseball pitching phenomenon Mark “The Bird” Fidrych (1954-2009), nicknamed after Sesame Street’s Big Bird. Highlights Fidrych’s 1976 rookie season with the Detroit Tigers and the injuries that ended his career. Discusses his later life in his home state of Massachusetts, where he drove a truck for hire. 2013.

DB 77552

Title: BLOOD SPORT: ALEX RODRIGUEZ, BIOGENESIS, AND THE QUEST TO END BASEBALL’S STEROID ERA

Author: ELFRINK, TIM

Original Date: 2014

Journalists Elfrink and Garcia-Roberts detail the investigation into Biogenesis, a Miami-based clinic linked to supplying performance-enhancing drugs to a number of players on major league baseball teams, including Alex Rodriguez, the highest-paid player in his league. Describes the impact of the revelations on the league. 2014.

DB 79747

Title: CAPTAIN: THE JOURNEY OF DEREK JETER

Author: O'CONNOR, IAN

Original Date: 2011

Biography of New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter (born 1974) chronicles his childhood in Kalamazoo, Michigan; his 1995 major-league debut; and his career highlights, which include five World Series rings and five Golden Glove awards. Also recaps Jeter's contentious late-2010 contract negotiations. Some strong language. 2011.

DB 74217

Title: CHANCE TO WIN: BOYHOOD, BASEBALL, AND THE STRUGGLE FOR REDEMPTION IN THE INNER CITY

Author: SCHUPPE, JONATHAN

Original Date: 2013

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist recounts the life of Rodney Mason, an ex-con drug dealer from Newark's rough South Ward, who was shot and paralyzed. Highlights the positive changes in Mason, such as his involvement with a Little League team to help boys avoid the dangerous street life. Strong language. 2013.

DB 79428

Title: CHANGE UP: AN ORAL HISTORY OF EIGHT KEY EVENTS THAT SHAPED MODERN BASEBALL

Author: BURKE, LARRY

Original Date: 2008

Sportswriters discuss the changes that have occurred in baseball since the 1950s. Highlights the birth of the players' union, the American League's designated-hitter rule, the first African American manager, and the influx of Latin American players. Provides first-person commentaries from players, managers, reporters, and coaches. 2008.

DB 67709

Title: CLEMENTE: LA PASION Y EL CARISMA DEL ÚLTIMOHEROE DEL BEISBOL  
(CLEMENTE: THE PASSION AND GRACE OF BASEBALL'S LAST HERO)

Author: MARANISS, DAVID

Original Date: 2006

Biography of the Pittsburgh Pirates' right fielder Roberto Clemente (1934-1972), one of the major league's first Latino players. Details Clemente's upbringing in Puerto Rico, his arrival in the majors, and the prejudice he endured. Discusses his charitable works and his death on a disaster relief flight. Strong language. Spanish language. 2006.

DB 61063 DLD DX 61063

Title: CLEMENTE: THE PASSION AND GRACE OF BASEBALL'S LAST HERO

Author: MARANISS, DAVID

Original Date: 2006

Biography of the Pittsburgh Pirates' right fielder Roberto Clemente (1934-1972), one of the major league's first Latino players. Details Clemente's upbringing in Puerto Rico, his arrival to the majors, and the prejudice he endured. Discusses his charitable works and his death on a disaster relief flight. Strong language. Bestseller. 2006.

DB 62447 DLD

Title: COOPERSTOWN CONFIDENTIAL: HEROES, ROGUES, AND THE INSIDE STORY OF THE  
BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

Author: CHAFETS, ZE'EV

Original Date: 2009

Journalist chronicles the history of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York, and alleges that politics affects the induction of players. Discusses the makeup of the selection committee and associated scandals and controversies. Some strong language. 2009.

DB 70370

Title: CORPORAL WAS A PITCHER: THE COURAGE OF LOU BRISSIE

Author: BERKOW, IRA

Original Date: 2009

Details the heroism and determination of World War II G.I. Lou Brissie, who was wounded in Italy in December 1944. Recounts Brissie's refusal to allow his leg to be amputated despite major damage, his against-all-odds recovery, and his use of a leg brace to become a Philadelphia Athletics pitcher. 2009.

DB 69299

Title: DEVIL'S SNAKE CURVE: A FAN'S NOTES FROM LEFT FIELD

Author: OSTERGAARD, JOSH

Original Date: 2014

Anthropologist shares anecdotes and stories of baseball's history, from its founding in the mid-1800s to the early twenty-first century, framing them in the context of social and political history. Presents similarities between the sport and war and nationalism. Strong language. 2014.

DB 79663

Title: DOC: A MEMOIR

Author: GOODEN, DWIGHT

Original Date: 2013

Autobiography of Cy Young Award winner Dwight "Doc" Gooden, who pitched for the New York Mets between 1984 and 1994. Discusses his childhood in Tampa, Florida; arrival in New York at age nineteen; and his substance abuse and attempts at recovery. Strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2013.

DB 76910

Title: ESTRELLAS ORIENTALES: COMO EL BEISBOL CAMBIO EL PUEBLO DOMINICANO DE SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS (THE EASTERN STARS: HOW BASEBALL CHANGED THE DOMINICAN TOWN OF SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS)

Author: KURLANSKY, MARK

Original Date: 2011

A profile of San Pedro de Macoris, a rural town in the Dominican Republic that has produced nearly eighty Major League Baseball players. Explores how the love of baseball united a diverse community and changed the face of the game. Spanish language. 2011.

DB 74969

Title: FIELD OF SCREAMS: HAUNTED TALES FROM THE BASEBALL DIAMOND, THE LOCKER ROOM, AND BEYOND

Author: BRADLEY, MICKEY

Original Date: 2010

The authors Mickey Bradley and Dan Gordon continue their anecdotes about weird happenings in the world of baseball begun in Haunted Baseball (DB 67877). In “New York’s New Jersey,” a construction worker recalls burying Red Sox paraphernalia under the new Yankee stadium’s freshly poured concrete in 2007. 2010.

DB 73223

Title: FIFTY-NINE IN '84: OLD HOSS RADBOURN, BAREHANDED BASEBALL, AND THE GREATEST SEASON A PITCHER EVER HAD

Author: ACHORN, EDWARD

Original Date: 2010

Chronicles the career of Charles “Old Hoss” Radbourn of the Providence Grays who, in 1884, had the best single season of any major-league baseball pitcher—winning fifty-nine games. Also tells the story of baseball in the 1880s—a brutal, bloody sport played barehanded—and of Radbourn’s love for a married boarding-house proprietress. 2010.

DB 79806

Title: FIGHT OF THEIR LIVES: HOW JUAN MARICHAL AND JOHN ROSEBORO TURNED BASEBALL'S UGLIEST BRAWL INTO A STORY OF FORGIVENESS AND REDEMPTION

Author: ROSENGREN, JOHN

Original Date: 2014

Explores a notorious, televised, fourteen-minute brawl between the San Francisco Giants and the Los Angeles Dodgers in Candlestick Park on August 22, 1965, which mirrored racial and ethnic tensions in the United States. Violence. 2014.

DB 78974

Title: FIRST FALL CLASSIC: THE RED SOX, THE GIANTS, AND THE CAST OF PLAYERS, PUGS, AND POLITICOS WHO RE-INVENTED THE WORLD SERIES IN 1912

Author: VACCARO, MIKE

Original Date: 2009

Sports columnist for the New York Post recreates the 1912 World Series between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Giants. Describes the climate of the times, which included an attempted assassination on presidential candidate Theodore Roosevelt. Some strong language. 2009.

DB 70840

Title: FOREVER BLUE: THE TRUE STORY OF WALTER O'MALLEY, BASEBALL'S MOST CONTROVERSIAL OWNER, AND THE DODGERS OF BROOKLYN AND LOS ANGELES

Author: D'ANTONIO, MICHAEL

Original Date: 2009

Biography of Walter O'Malley (1903-1979), owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team. Highlights O'Malley's rise from the club's lawyer to its owner and president. Discusses Jackie Robinson breaking the sport's racial barrier in 1947 and the Dodgers' controversial 1957 move to Los Angeles. Commercial audiobook. 2009.

DB 69035

Title: FRANCONA: THE RED SOX YEARS

Author: FRANCONA, TERRY, 1959-

Original Date: 2013

Former Boston Red Sox manager Francona and Boston Globe sportswriter Shaughnessy describe Francona's tenure with the baseball franchise from 2004-2011, which included two World Series championships. Reveals backroom discussions with young general manager Theo Epstein, who hired players for sex appeal. Strong language. Bestseller. 2013.

DB 76216

Title: GET IN THE GAME: EIGHT ELEMENTS OF PERSEVERANCE THAT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Author: RIPKEN, CAL, 1960-

Original Date: 2007

Cal Ripken Jr., a baseball player retired from the Baltimore Orioles, provides a guide to success using examples from his life and the experiences of late New York Yankee Lou Gehrig. Declares that the right values and a love for what you do will lead to a fulfilling life. Bestseller. 2007.

DB 64591 DLD DX 64591

Title: HALL: A CELEBRATION OF BASEBALL'S GREATS; IN STORIES AND IMAGES, THE COMPLETE ROSTER OF INDUCTEES

Author:

Original Date: 2014

The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum lists every inductee from the first class in 1936, which included Honus Wagner, Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Christy Mathewson, and Walter Johnson. Includes essays and player bios. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2014.

DB 79365

Title: HAMMERIN' HANK GREENBERG: BASEBALL PIONEER

Author: SOMMER, SHELLEY

Original Date: 2012

Biography of Hall of Fame baseball player Hank Greenberg (1911-1986), who played for the Detroit Tigers in the 1930s and 1940s. Discusses early twentieth-century immigrant life in New York City, where Greenberg grew up, and the widespread prejudice the Jewish athlete endured. For grades 4-7. 2012.

DB 74437

Title: HAUNTED BASEBALL: GHOSTS, CURSES, LEGENDS, AND EERIE EVENTS

Author: BRADLEY, MICKEY

Original Date: 2007

The authors—who spent a year and a half interviewing fans, professional players, managers, and clubhouse employees—present anecdotes about strange happenings in the world of baseball. Includes “The Ghosts of Yankee Stadium,” “I See Dead People,” and “Bedeviled.” 2007.

DB 67877

Title: IMPERFECT: AN IMPROBABLE LIFE

Author: ABBOTT, JIM, 1967-

Original Date: 2012

Autobiography of professional baseball pitcher and 1988 Olympic gold-medal winner who was born without a right hand. Abbott discusses his blue-collar Flint, Michigan, childhood spent playing sports; his achievements in the major leagues, including a 1993 no-hitter for the New York Yankees; and his determination to reach the top. 2012.

DB 74896

Title: JETER UNFILTERED

Author: JETER, DEREK, 1974-

Original Date: 2014

Collection of reminiscences from former New York Yankee. Discusses teammates, professional relationships, memorable games, turning forty while still an active player, what it meant to him to be repeatedly selected as an all-star, and hopes for the future. Bestseller. 2014.

DB 80644

Title: KID: THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF TED WILLIAMS

Author: BRADLEE, BEN

Original Date: 2013

Biography of Boston Red Sox slugger Ted Williams (1918-2002), often called the greatest hitter who ever lived. Details his childhood, baseball career, military service in World War II and Korea, relationships with Joe DiMaggio and other stars, retirement years, and the cryonic preservation of his body. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2013.

DB 77753

Title: LAST BOY: MICKEY MANTLE AND THE END OF AMERICA'S CHILDHOOD

Author: LEAVY, JANE

Original Date: 2010

The author of Sandy Koufax (DB 54935) details twenty pivotal days in the life of New York Yankees slugger Mickey Mantle (1931-1995). Includes her own 1983 interview with "The Mick" and reminiscences of five hundred others to portray Mantle's remarkable talent and personal demons. Strong language. Bestseller. 2010.

DB 71990

Title: LAST HERO: A LIFE OF HENRY AARON

Author: BRYANT, HOWARD, 1968-

Original Date: 2010

Biography of baseball legend Henry “Hank” Aaron (born 1934), who broke Babe Ruth’s home-run record in 1974 while playing for the Atlanta Braves. Examines Aaron’s childhood in segregated Mobile, Alabama; his 1954 debut with the Milwaukee Braves; and indignities he and other African American athletes endured. Some strong language. 2010.

DB 73047

Title: LINEUP FOR YESTERDAY

Author: NASH, OGDEN, 1902-1971

Original Date: 2011

Collection of Ogden Nash’s alphabetical poems of baseball legends, such as Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth. Includes player stats and biographical information. Originally published in 1949 in Sport magazine. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 2011.

DB 75021

Title: LIVING ON THE BLACK: TWO PITCHERS, TWO TEAMS, ONE SEASON TO REMEMBER

Author: FEINSTEIN, JOHN

Original Date: 2008

Sportswriter chronicles the 2007 baseball season of two veteran pitchers—Mike Mussina of the New York Yankees and Tom Glavine of the New York Mets—as they try to reach the playoffs. Details the ways these players coped with their physical limitations and used their game knowledge to achieve personal milestones. 2008.

DB 67213

Title: LONG BALL: THE LEGEND AND LORE OF THE HOME RUN

Author: STEWART, MARK, 1960-

Original Date: 2006

Discusses the history of the home run and profiles the greatest hitters including Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, and Mark McGwire. Recalls the most famous home runs and presents little-known facts about the longest, shortest, and strangest. For grades 4-7. 2006.

BR 16700 DB 71099

Title: LONG SHOT

Author: PIAZZA, MIKE, 1968-

Original Date: 2013

Autobiography of all-star baseball catcher Piazza, who was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1988—thanks to family friend and Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda—and unexpectedly became the 1993 Rookie of the Year. Discusses his career, including trades to the Marlins and the Mets; fellow players; and controversies. Strong language. 2013.

DB 76338

Title: LUCKIEST MAN: THE LIFE AND DEATH OF LOU GEHRIG

Author: EIG, JONATHAN

Original Date: 2005

Reporter uses archives, interviews, and letters to depict the man he considers the New York Yankee's "greatest" first baseman, Lou Gehrig (1903-1941). Covers Gehrig's upbringing as the only child of German immigrants, his fallout with teammate Babe Ruth, and his optimism while facing death from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. 2005.

DB 61772 DLD DX 61772

Title: ONE LAST STRIKE: FIFTY YEARS IN BASEBALL, TEN AND A HALF GAMES BACK, AND ONE FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

Author: LA RUSSA, TONY

Original Date: 2012

Autobiography of major league baseball manager who, for thirty-three seasons, coached the Chicago White Sox, Oakland A's, and St. Louis Cardinals. Highlights the St. Louis Cardinals' comeback to win the 2011 World Series. Foreword by novelist John Grisham. 2012.

DB 75688

Title: ONLY THE BALL WAS WHITE: A HISTORY OF LEGENDARY BLACK PLAYERS AND ALL-BLACK PROFESSIONAL TEAMS

Author: PETERSON, ROBERT, 1925-2006

Original Date: 1970

Chronicles the development of African American baseball leagues from the post-Civil War era to Jackie Robinson's 1947 desegregation of the major leagues. Draws on firsthand accounts and player interviews to describe early team formation, league organization, and the move toward racial integration. Profiles players and includes standings and rosters. 1970.

DB 67568

Title: PETE ROSE: AN AMERICAN DILEMMA

Author: KENNEDY, KOSTYA

Original Date: 2014

Examines the career of baseball player and manager Rose (born 1941), who was banned from the game in 1989 because of gambling. Details Rose's rise to become one of the premier players of the 1960s and 1970s and his fight for induction into the Hall of Fame. 2014.

DB 78692

Title: PINSTRIPE EMPIRE: THE NEW YORK YANKEES FROM BEFORE THE BABE TO AFTER THE BOSS

Author: APPEL, MARTIN

Original Date: 2012

Sports commentator and former New York Yankees press director presents a year-by-year history of the team from its beginnings in 1903 to the death of George Steinbrenner in 2010. Discusses players, managers, owners, and stadiums. Foreword by Hall of Fame catcher Yogi Berra. 2012.

DB 75552

Title: PINSTRIPE PRIDE: THE INSIDE STORY OF THE NEW YORK YANKEES

Author: APPEL, MARTIN

Original Date: 2015

Explores the history of the New York Yankees baseball team. Profiles several star players, from Babe Ruth to Derek Jeter, and highlights twenty-seven World Championships. For grades 5-8. 2015. Adapted for a younger audience from Pinstripe Empire, DB 75552.

DB 80923

Title: SATCHEL: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF AN AMERICAN LEGEND

Author: TYE, LARRY

Original Date: 2009

Author of *Rising from the Rails* (RC 59817) portrays the personality and career of Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Satchel Paige (1906-1982). Chronicles Paige's time in the Negro leagues, his 1948 signing to the major league Cleveland Indians, and the prevailing racial segregation in America. 2009.

DB 69547

Title: SHADES OF GLORY: THE NEGRO LEAGUES AND THE STORY OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN BASEBALL

Author: HOGAN, LAWRENCE D

Original Date: 2006

Chronicles African American baseball from the nineteenth century until Jackie Robinson broke into the major leagues in 1945. Uses first-person accounts to profile the teams and players. Covers the business aspects of the league. Commissioned by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Foreword by Jules Tygiel. 2006.

DB 67203

Title: SOUTHERN LEAGUE: A TRUE STORY OF BASEBALL, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND THE DEEP SOUTH'S MOST COMPELLING PENNANT RACE

Author: COLTON, LARRY

Original Date: 2013

Recounts the integration of the minor-league baseball team in Birmingham, Alabama—a hotbed of racial conflict—in 1964. Focuses on pitcher Johnny “Blue Moon” Odom and outfielder Tommie Reynolds, both African Americans; Cuban-born shortstop Bert Campaneris; and white manager Heywood Sullivan. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2013.

DB 77756

Title: STAN MUSIAL: AN AMERICAN LIFE

Author: VECSEY, GEORGE

Original Date: 2011

New York Times sports columnist chronicles the life and career of St. Louis Cardinals slugger and Hall of Famer Stan Musial (born 1920). Highlights “Stan the Man’s” Donora, Pennsylvania, childhood and his onfield success despite being overshadowed in the media by his flamboyant contemporaries Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams. 2011.

DB 75337

Title: STARS IN THE SHADOWS: THE NEGRO LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME OF 1934

Author: SMITH, CHARLES R., 1969-

Original Date: 2012

A story in rhyme recounts the second Negro League baseball all-star game in Chicago. Recaps each of the nine innings in which legendary players such as Satchel Paige, Cool Papa Bell, and Turkey Stearnes brought fans to their feet. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 2012.

DB 74753

Title: STEINBRENNER: THE LAST LION OF BASEBALL

Author: MADDEN, BILL

Original Date: 2010

Biography of New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner (1930-2010). Chronicles Steinbrenner's early life and career as a shipping magnate, his purchase of the Yankees in 1973, his legal troubles, his controversial hiring and firing of multiple managers, and the team's ups and downs. Strong language. Bestseller. 2010.

DB 71410

Title: STRAW: FINDING MY WAY

Author: STRAWBERRY, DARRYL

Original Date: 2009

Autobiography of former all-star slugger drafted by the New York Mets in 1980 after graduating from Los Angeles sports-powerhouse Crenshaw High. Recovering addict Strawberry describes his rise to fame and his substance abuse, trouble with the law, and cancer. Credits his turnaround to a newfound faith in God. 2009.

DB 69188

Title: SUMMER OF BEER AND WHISKEY: HOW BREWERS, BARKEEPS, ROWDIES, IMMIGRANTS, AND A WILD PENNANT FIGHT MADE BASEBALL AMERICA'S GAME

Author: ACHORN, EDWARD

Original Date: 2013

Describes how German-born beer garden owner Chris Von der Ahe, who knew nothing about baseball, bought the St. Louis Browns baseball team in an effort to sell more beer—and unwittingly formed the American League and revitalized the sport in the 1880s. 2013.

DB 79767

Title: TALK IN THE PARK: NINE DECADES OF BASEBALL TALES FROM THE BROADCAST BOOTH

Author: SMITH, CURT

Original Date: 2011

Oral history from one hundred sixteen baseball announcers whose careers spanned from the 1920s radio coverage and the 1930s first television broadcasts to the cable-television coverage of the 2000s. Includes commentaries on ballparks, players, managers, and improvements to the game. 2011.

DB 74562

Title: WE ARE THE SHIP: THE STORY OF NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL

Author: NELSON, KADIR

Original Date: 2008

Presents the history of Negro League baseball, from its beginnings in the 1920s through its decline after Jackie Robinson moved to the major leagues in 1947 and broke the racial barrier. Discusses gifted athletes, discrimination, and the players' passion for the sport. For grades 3-6 and older readers. Coretta Scott King Award. 2008.

BR 18223 DB 66426

Title: WHERE NOBODY KNOWS YOUR NAME: LIFE IN THE MINOR LEAGUES OF BASEBALL

Author: FEINSTEIN, JOHN

Original Date: 2014

Author of Change-Up (DB 70540) and Living on the Black (DB 67213) chronicles the lives of nine men in the baseball minor leagues during the 2012 season. Examines the culture of the minor leagues versus the major leagues. 2014.

DB 78810

Title: WHEREVER I WIND UP: MY QUEST FOR TRUTH, AUTHENTICITY, AND THE PERFECT KNUCKLEBALL

Author: DICKEY, R.A. (ROBERT ALLEN), 1974-

Original Date: 2012

Autobiography of the journeyman knuckleball pitcher, who was cut from his first professional team, the Texas Rangers, when doctors discovered that Dickey lacks a ligament in one of his elbows. Describes his impoverished Nashville upbringing, his quest for a career, and his Christian faith. 2012.

DB 74762

Title: WILLIE MAYS: THE LIFE, THE LEGEND

Author: HIRSCH, JAMES S

Original Date: 2010

Authorized biography of baseball outfielder Willie Mays, born in 1931 Alabama. Follows Mays from the Negro Leagues to the New York Mets. Highlights Mays's best games, including his astonishing catch when playing for the Giants in the 1954 World Series. Discusses his personal life and baseball's racial integration. Bestseller. 2010.

DB 70896

Title: YANKEE FOR LIFE: MY FORTY-YEAR JOURNEY IN PINSTripES

Author: MURCER, BOBBY, 1946-2008

Original Date: 2008

Autobiography of Bobby Murcer, who joined the New York Yankees in 1965 as a nineteen-year-old shortstop. Describes his 1975 trade to the Giants, later trade to the Cubs, and 1979 return to the Yankees having missed winning two World Series. Discusses his broadcasting career and battle with brain cancer. 2008.

DB 67415

Title: YANKEE YEARS

Author: TORRE, JOE, 1940-

Original Date: 2009

Torre's take on managing baseball's New York Yankees from 1996-2007, achieving six American League pennants and four World Series championships. Torre describes crucial games, steroid abuse, his relationships with superstars Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez, and disagreements with owner George Steinbrenner and the front office. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2009.

DB 68610

Title: YOGI BERRA: ETERNAL YANKEE

Author: BARRA, ALLEN

Original Date: 2009

Biography of New York Yankees catcher Lawrence "Yogi" Berra (born 1925 in St. Louis). Chronicles Berra's career, which began after he dropped out of school in eighth grade. Describes his 1946 signing by the Yankees and subsequent success, including five consecutive World Series and stints as manager and coach. 2009.

DB 69268