

Book List for Book Review

Baseball in the Garden of Eden: The Secret History of the Early Game. John Thorn. 2011. 365 p.

Men at Work: The Craft of Baseball. George F. Will. 353 p. 1990.

The Eastern Stars: How Baseball Changed the Dominican Town of San Pedro de Macoris. Mark Kurlansky. 2010. 288 p. “This is a book about what is known in America as ‘making it.’”

Playing America’s Game: Baseball, Latinos, and the Color Line. Adrian Burgos, Jr. 362 p. 2007.

Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game. Michael Lewis. 288p. 2003 (Paperback edition 2011).

I Never Had It Made: An Autobiography of Jackie Robinson. Jackie Robinson and Alfred Duckett. 320 p. 1972, reissued 2003.

Sandy Koufax: A Lefty’s Legacy. Jane Leavy. 288 p. 2003

Hank Greenberg: The Hero Who Didn’t Want To Be One. Mark Kurlansky. 164 p. 2011.

A Season on the Brink: A Year with Bob Knight and the Indiana Hoosiers. John Feinstein. 368 p. 1986 (new paperback edition in 2011.) One of the best-selling sports books ever.

Paper Lion: Confessions of a Last-String Quarterback. George Plimpton. 1966, re-issued 2003. 362 p. A popular writer recounts a summer season training with the Detroit Lions (at age 36)—called by one review “participatory journalism,” the book has become a classic.

Out of My League. George Plimpton’s first foray in participatory journalism, this time as a MLB pitcher. Re-issued 2010. 128 p.

Open Net: A Professional Amateur in the World of Big-Time Hockey. Plimpton’s book on hockey. Re-issued 2009, 224 p.

Open: An Autobiography. Andre Agassi. 385 p. 2009 (Paperback edition 2010).

14 Minutes: A Running Legend’s Life and Death and Life. Alberto Salazar and John Brant. 280 p. 2012.

The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game. Michael Lewis. 352 p. 2007. (Paperback edition 2009)

The Match: The Day the Game of Golf Changed Forever. Mark Frost. 288 p. 2007 (Paperback edition 2009)

Seabiscuit: An American Legend. Laura Hillenbrand. 399 p. 2001. (Later paperback editions)

This Love Is not for Cowards: Salvation and Soccer in Ciudad Juárez. Robert Andrew Powell. 272 p. 2012.

Soccer against the Enemy: How the World’s Most Popular Sport Starts and Fuels Revolutions and Keeps Dictators in Power. Simon Kuper. 336 p. 2010 (Note: By a British writer, this book

was first published as *Football against the Enemy* and, according to reader reviews, there are some dumb errors in the text where “soccer” replaces “football.” That said, readers liked the book.)

The Naked Olympics: The True Story of the Ancient Games. Tony Perrottet. 256 p. 2004.

Mathletics: A Scientist Explains 100 Amazing Things about the World of Sports. John D. Barrow. 320 p. 2012.

Mathletics: How Gamblers, Managers, and Sports Enthusiasts Use Mathematics in Baseball, Basketball, and Football. Wayne L. Winston. 358 p. 2009. Hayden Stacks

Big-Time Sports in American Universities. Charles T. Clotfelter. 342 p. 2011.

Varsity Green: A Behind the Scenes Look at Culture and Corruption in College Athletics. Mark Yost. 208 p. 2009.

Playing with the Boys: Why Separate Is not Equal in Sports. Eileen McDonough and Laura Pappano. Oxford U. Press. 349 p. 2008.

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