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Fear Strikes Out

From the day he first stepped into the Yankee clubhouse, Jim Bouton (1939-2019) was the sports world's deceptive revolutionary. Underneath the crew cut and behind the all-American boy-next-door good looks lurked a maverick with a signature style. Whether it was his frank talk about player salaries and mistreatment by management, his passionate advocacy of progressive politics, or his efforts to convince the United States to boycott the 1968 Olympics, Bouton confronted the conservative sports world and compelled

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it to catch up with a rapidly changing American society. Bouton defied tremendous odds to make the majors, won two games for the Yankees in the 1964 World Series, and staged an improbable comeback with the Braves as a thirty-nine-year-old. But it was his fateful 1969 season with the Seattle Pilots and his resulting insider's account, *Ball Four*, that did nothing less than reintroduce America to its national pastime in a lasting, profound way. In *Bouton: The Life of a Baseball Original*, Mitchell Nathanson gives readers a look at Bouton's remarkable life. He tells the unlikely story of how Bouton's *Ball Four*, perhaps the greatest baseball book of all time, came into being, how it was received, and how it forever changed the way we view not only sports books but professional sports as a whole. Based on wide-ranging interviews Nathanson conducted with Bouton, family, friends, and others, he provides an intimate, inside account of Bouton's life. Nathanson provides insight as to why Bouton saw the world the way he did, why he was so different than the thousands of players who came before him, and how, in the cliquey, cold, bottom-line world of professional baseball, Bouton managed to be both an insider and an outsider all at once.

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Ball Four

1989: The Irving Titans reached an all time low: 1-15. The glory days of NFC Championships and Super Bowls were a distant memory. That was about to change as the collapse of the S&L's would force the current owner, Bum Reason, to sell the storied franchise to billionaire oilman, Reuben Weitzman. Weitzman would initiate sweeping changes: eliminate the current collection of players, revitalizing the fan base with the promise of returning to the glory days and fire the most beloved coach of the NFL; Steve Osburn. He would replace him with Marshall Jankowski, an old classmate chum and top coach in the collegiate ranks. The one player he'd like to cut but can't, is veteran quarterback, Jimmy Stone. His occasional lover, Charlene Rivers has more dirt on Jankowski, Weitzman and other NFL notables, than a dump truck could haul-off. Strap yourselves in for the most raucous, rambunctious, risqué ride in sports history! Get a copy today and follow the rise and fall of the Irving Titans.

Pennant Race

TINKER BELL TALKS, Tales of a Pixie Dusted Life, is a memoir of Margaret Kerry and the magic of being Walt Disney's Tinker Bell a Hollywood kid-performer who turns into a

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Hollywood grown-up entertainer and story teller dozens of show-biz photos (including rare 'Little Rascals' images) along with unique art work to keep things even more interesting. The book is a dance through a life that's always been tempered with FAITH TRUST and PIXIE DUST! The book is divided into 6 parts (so the author could keep track). PART ONE: A child-actress at Warner Brothers, Hal Roach, MGM tap dancing acting growing up with a Hollywood Mother. PART TWO: An eager teenager in films on stage learning a cockamamie view of life at dance studios night clubs school. PART THREE: A happy-to-please teenager finding the way local and network TV shows RKO and Eddie Cantor and a new name. PART FOUR: Courtin' married on ABC-TV cast as Tinker Bell in Disney's Peter Pan Marc Davis Walt Disney Disneyland Traveling for Tink to London aboard the Disney Magic. PART FIVE: Cast as the Mermaid in Peter Pan 600 voice-over jobs for cartoons growing a family starting a riot on campus work with The 3 Stooges Andy Griffith George Clinton The Lone Ranger Public Relations exec. PART SIX: At USC KKLA 99.5 FM finding my family losing a husband and finding a new husband Tink's trips and stories then suddenly I'm 80 and attending a birthday bash!!

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The Enemies of Books

A New York Times bestseller. Foreword by Doris Kearns Goodwin The longtime Commissioner of Major League Baseball provides an unprecedented look inside professional baseball today, focusing on how he helped bring the game into the modern age and revealing his interactions with players, managers, fellow owners, and fans nationwide. More than a century old, the game of baseball is resistant to change—owners, managers, players, and fans all hate it. Yet, now more than ever, baseball needs to evolve—to compete with other professional sports, stay relevant, and remain America's Pastime it must adapt. Perhaps no one knows this better than Bud Selig who, as the head of MLB for more than twenty years, ushered in some of the most important, and controversial, changes in the game's history—modernizing a sport that had remained unchanged since the 1960s. In this enlightening and surprising book, Selig goes inside the most difficult decisions and moments of his career, looking at how he worked to balance baseball's storied history with the pressures of the twenty-first century to ensure its future. Part baseball story, part business saga, and part memoir, *For the Good of the Game* chronicles Selig's career, takes fans inside locker rooms and board rooms, and offers an intimate, fascinating account of the

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frequently messy process involved in transforming an American institution. Featuring an all-star lineup of the biggest names from the last forty years of baseball, Selig recalls the vital games, private moments, and tense conversations he's shared with Hall of Fame players and managers and the contentious calls he's made. He also speaks candidly about hot-button issues the steroid scandal that threatened to destroy the game, telling his side of the story in full and for the first time. As he looks back and forward, Selig outlines the stakes for baseball's continued transformation—and why the changes he helped usher in must only be the beginning. Illustrated with sixteen pages of photographs.

Out on Business

A remarkable tale of a golden son and his disgraced father, layered over the unforgettable era of Brooklyn mobsters and the rise of the National Football League

North Dallas Forty

An autobiographical account of this promising ballplayer's mental collapse, his lengthy treatment in a mental hospital, and his successful return to baseball

Watts and Potts

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Offers a baseball tale about Sam Ward, an aging minor league pitcher, who gets a chance to pitch in the majors, and Ernie Kolacka, an umpire who has agreed to fix the game

Foul Ball

WINNER OF THE WILLIAM HILL SPORTS BOOK OF THE YEAR Fever Pitch is Nick Hornby's million-copy-selling, award-winning football classic 'A spanking 7-0 away win of a football book. . . inventive, honest, funny, heroic, charming' Independent For many people watching football is mere entertainment, to some it's more like a ritual; but to others, its highs and lows provide a narrative to life itself. But, for Nick Hornby, his devotion to the game has provided one of few constants in a life where the meaningful things - like growing up, leaving home and forming relationships, both parental and romantic - have rarely been as simple or as uncomplicated as his love for Arsenal. 'Hornby has put his finger on truths that have been unspoken for generations' Irish Times Brimming with wit and honesty, Fever Pitch, catches perfectly what it really means to be a football fan - and in doing so, what it means to be a man. It sits side by side with the very finest football classics of the last twenty five years, from The Damned United by David Peace to A Life Too Short by Ronald Reng, but it is ultimately a book that

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defies categorization and can be enjoyed by all. 'Funny, wise and true' Roddy Doyle

Out of Their League

In a series of letters the authors candidly describe their personal experiences as the wives of professional baseball players

Rainbow Valley

Roger Connors, a widower with no children, is pondering whether to pursue aggressive treatment for his cancer when a cryptic note arrives from a long-lost USAF buddy announcing the visit of an acquaintance from Vietnam. Faced with ghosts of fallen comrades and haunting memories of the great love he once knew, Connors receives revelations from his visitor that uncover a missing part of his life. As he delves into a decades-old secret in search of answers and traces of a passion unfulfilled, on a journey from the jungles of Vietnam through the minefields of the heart, Connors is on a journey fraught with disillusionment and despair but ultimately redeemed by the power of love.

The Bravados

Ball Four is a baseball classic, a number one bestseller when it was published; it still is in demand throughout the U.S. Now in a new

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updated hardcover edition, Ball Four will reach a whole new generation of avid baseball fans. In fact, Ball Four has been selected by the NY Public Library as one of the Books of the Century. And David Halberstam writes: a book deep in the American Vein, so deep in fact that is by no means a sports book. Bouton has written a baseball book about the reality of the game. Thirty years after its publication, it remains as wonderful to read as ever.

Ball Four Plus Ball Five

Offers a history of African American exclusion from baseball, and assesses the changing racial attitudes that led up to Jackie Robinson's acceptance by the Brooklyn Dodgers

Love Rises

National Bestseller: The “powerful novel” about the hidden side of pro football, written by a former NFL player (Newsweek). On the field, the men who play football are gladiators, titans, and every other kind of cliché. But when they leave the locker room they are only men. Peter Gent’s classic novel looks at the seedy underbelly of the pro game, chronicling eight days in the life of Phil Elliott, an aging receiver for the Texas team. Running on a mixture of painkillers and

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cortisone as he tries to keep his fading legs strong, Elliott tries to get every ounce of pleasure out of his last days of glory, living the life of sex, drugs, and football. Adapted for the screen in 1979, this novel, written by ex-Dallas Cowboy Peter Gent, is widely considered the best football novel of all time.

Here's the Pitch

Tough and witty, SportsWorld is a well-known commentator's overview of the most significant form of mass culture in America—sports. It's a sweaty Oz that has grown in a century from a crucible for character to a complex of capitalism, a place where young people can find both self-fulfillment and cruel exploitation, where families can huddle in a sanctuary of entertainment and be force fed values and where cities and countries can be pillaged by greedy team owners and their paid-for politicians. But this book is not just a screed, it's a guided visit with such heroes of sports as Muhammad Ali, Billie Jean King, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, and Joe Namath, who the author knew well, and with some he met in passing, like Richard Nixon, who seemed never to have gotten over missing the cut in college varsity football, a major mark of manhood. We see how SportsWorld sensibilities help elect our politicians, judge our

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children, fight our wars, and oppress our minorities. And now featuring a new introduction by the author, SportsWorld is a book that will provide the foundation for understanding today's world of sports and the time of Trump. In the America of 2017—where the SuperBowl is worth billions, athletes are penalized or forced out of sports for political and anti-racist activism, and Title IX is constantly questioned and undermined—Robert Lipsyte's 1975 critique remains startlingly and intensely relevant.

The Long Season

Dave Meggyesy had been an outside linebacker with the St. Louis Cardinals for seven years when he quit at the height of his career to tell about the dehumanizing side of the game—about the fraud and the payoffs, the racism, drug abuse, and incredible violence. The original publication of *Out of Their League* shocked readers and provoked the outraged response that rocked the sports world in the 1970s. But his memoir is also a moving description of a man who struggled for social justice and personal liberation. Meggyesy has continued this journey and remains an active champion for players' rights through his work with the National Football League Players Association (NFLPA). He provides a preface for this Bison Books edition.

Game of Shadows

Relates the author's unlikely journey to the big leagues after his athletic dream was nearly destroyed and how he was sustained by his Christian faith and the love of his family before emerging as one of the National League's premier pitchers.

I'm Glad You Didn't Take it Personally

Two tiny tin soldiers hidden in darkness in an old cupboard in a derelict factory for 50 years, apply their investigative skills to extrapolate their reality from the discarded stationery artifacts that surround them. One day their reality is invaded and their lives took a dramatic turn.

Paper Lion

When Lucy Hunt is informed by her boss she will be accompanying him on a weekend long conference; she wonders how she will be able to keep her thoughts on her work. Vivid dreams of all the things she would like to do to Mr Casey have given her many sleepless nights. A weekend in his company sounds like heavenly torture. Blake Casey is all business and no play. Could his shy and bashful PA be the one to change all that in just a weekend? When the company goes Out on Business, fantasies are experienced, stockings are worn

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and suits are torn apart. Let Casey advertising company give you a pitch you won't want to forget.

Wherever I Wind Up

Talsy and Chanter return to the peaceful vale, where she gives birth to his son - a creature of the chaos. Travain has stunted Mular powers and a Trueman personality, making him dangerous and unpredictable, and he is also angry at his father's apparent neglect. Mular, however, do not care for their children, who are born fully formed and independent. Travain grows quickly, and is everything Chanter warned Talsy he might be. Chanter finds the last piece of the broken Staff of Law and makes it whole, but the laws are lost. His first son is born on the eastern continent they left behind so long ago, but he is blinded by strange golden lights in his mind. He names himself Law, and finds shelter in a hive of semi-ants. The next generation are manants, and attack him, forcing Law to flee into the chaos. In his search for shelter, he travels to the western continent, where Truemen capture him. The wind informs Chanter of his plight, and Talsy insists that they save him. That means venturing into the chaos once more, and now it is far worse than it was before.

Strike Zone

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LOVE RISES is pure, well, not so pure, fiction based on fact. A young Confederate lieutenant and a daring, older woman break all the taboos of the South in their efforts to survive a war-shattered world. When the Civil War ends, dashing Confederate Lieutenant Charlie Irving helps Julia's husband, General Robert Toombs, flee to France to avoid Union charges for treason. For years, Charlie has lusted after Julia even though she is a married woman twenty years his senior, and the South's most celebrated beauty. Under Charlie's smoldering looks, Julia goes weak in the knees and dreams of falling with Charlie on the thick, Persian carpet in her mansion's parlor. The aftermath of war offers a world based on survival and a chance to explore their passion if the two can survive the North's continuing effort to crush the South. But Julia still loves her husband, and code-of-honor-bound Charlie has sworn to take care of Julia in the General's absence. Is General Toombs' desperate plea to Charlie to do whatever is necessary to keep his wife safe and happy, curse or blessing on what the future holds?

Meatballs and Matzah Balls

Presents the inspirational true story of Jim Morris's departure from the minor leagues after a string of injuries, his career as a

high school physics teacher, and his eventual return to the minors followed by an all-star career in the majors. 75,000 first printing.

Forty Centuries of Wage and Price Controls

From the author of *The Long Season*—considered by many to be the greatest baseball book of all time—comes another classic sports memoir by legendary pitcher Jim Brosnan, which chronicles how his team, the Cincinnati Reds, went on to win the 1961 National League pennant. With legendary pitcher Jim Brosnan's first book, *The Long Season*, he not only entered the canon of great sports literature, but also redefined it when he returned two years later to write *Pennant Race*—his memoir of his days playing for the Cincinnati Reds and how the team went from not being taken seriously as a pennant contender to having a shot at the 1961 National League pennant. In *Pennant Race*, Brosnan—with his trademark wise-guy wit and plain-spoken practicality—once again offers a refreshingly candid alternative to hackneyed baseball mythologizing. Day by day, game by game, Brosnan reveals the real lives of professional ballplayers: their exhilaration and frustration, hope and despair, chronic worry over job security, playful camaraderie, world-weary cynicism, and boyish—if cautious—optimism. Although the Reds would

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ultimately lose the World Series to the Yankees, for Brosnan and his teammates, this was a winning season. Pennant Race vividly captures a remarkable year in the life of a ball club and the golden age of one of Major League Baseball's most memorable eras.

"Brosnan obviously knows his baseball, writes about it wittily, informally and with irony. He is a cynical, tough professional athlete and his book makes wonderful reading."—New Yorker

Tinkerbelle Talks

WANCEULEN EDITORIAL (WANCEULEN NOTEBOOK)

COACHS NOTEBOOKS & PHYSICAL TRAINERS

NOTEBOOKS Instructions: - Make your own games and exercises. - Each page includes a card, with enough space to explain and draw the exercise. - Always carry it and write your creations at all times. Coaches are constantly researching and creating!

Objectives: - Create a draft of your ideas and projects of games and exercises, before digitizing it. - Strengthen creativity and the development of skills. - Collect your works and studies in your Library as one more book.

Baseball's Great Experiment

This carefully crafted ebook: "Rainbow Valley" is formatted for your eReader with a

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functional and detailed table of contents. Anne Shirley has now been married to Gilbert Blythe for 15 years, and the couple have six children. After a trip to London, Anne returns to the news that a new minister has arrived in Glen St. Mary. John Meredith is a widower with four young children. The children have not been properly brought up since the death of their mother, with only their father to parent them. The children are considered wild and mischievous by many of the families in the village, causing them to question Mr. Meredith's parenting skills and his suitability as a minister.

SportsWorld

A timeless classic from baseball's golden era, legendary pitcher Jim Brosnan's witty and candid chronicle of the 1959 Major League Baseball season, which set the standard for all sports memoirs to follow. Arguably the greatest sports memoir ever penned, *The Long Season* was a revelation when it was first published in 1960. Here is an insider's perspective on America's national pastime that is funny, honest, and above all, real. The man behind this fascinating account of baseball and its players was not a sportswriter but a self-proclaimed "average ballplayer"—a relief pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals. Called "Professor" by his teammates and "Meat" by his wife, Jim Brosnan

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turned out to be the ideal guide to the behind-the-scenes world of professional baseball with his keen observations, sharp wit, and clear-eyed candor. His player's diary takes readers on the mound and on the road; inside the clubhouse and most enjoyably inside his own head. While solving age-old questions like "Why can't pitchers hit?" and what makes for the best chewing tobacco, Brosnan captures the game-to-game daily experiences of an ordinary season, unapologetically, "the way I saw it"—from sweating it out in spring training to blowing the opening game to a mid-season trade to the Cincinnati Reds. In *The Long Season*, Brosnan reveals, like no other sportswriter before him, the human side of professional ballplayers and has forever preserved not only a season, but a uniquely American experience. "One of the best baseball books ever written. It is probably one of the best American diaries as well."—New York Times

His Last Bow

"The best baseball book since *Moneyball*." Hailed by critics as one of the great books about baseball, *Odd Man Out* captures the gritty essence of our national pastime as it is played outside the spotlight. Matt McCarthy, a decent left-handed starting pitcher on one of the worst squads in Yale history, earned a ticket to spring training

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as the twenty-sixth-round draft pick of the 2002 Anaheim Angels. This is the hilarious inside story of his year with the Provo Angels, Anaheim's minor league affiliate in the heart of Mormon country, as McCarthy navigates the ups and downs of an antic, grueling season, filled with cross-country bus trips, bizarre rivalries, and wild locker-room hijinks.

Irving Titans

The acclaimed relief pitcher shares his frequently bitter memories of the Yankees' championship 1978 season, one marred by various feuds and much infighting, alternating with irreverent anecdotes about his eccentric superstar teammates, managers, and owners. Reprint.

The Bronx Zoo

The Mises Institute is thrilled to bring back this popular guide to ridiculous economic policy from the ancient world to modern times. This outstanding history illustrates the utter futility of fighting the market process through legislation. It always uses despotic measures to yield socially catastrophic results. It covers the ancient world, the Roman Republic and Empire, Medieval Europe, the first centuries of the U.S. and Canada, the French Revolution, the

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19th century, World Wars I and II, the Nazis, the Soviets, postwar rent control, and the 1970s. It also includes a very helpful conclusion spelling out the theory of wage and price controls. This book is a treasure, and super entertaining!

Power Quest, Book Two

The 50th Anniversary edition of “the book that changed baseball” (NPR), chosen by Time magazine as one of the “100 Greatest Non-Fiction” books. When Ball Four was published in 1970, it created a firestorm. Bouton was called a Judas, a Benedict Arnold, and a “social leper” for having violated the “sanctity of the clubhouse.” Baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn tried to force Bouton to sign a statement saying the book wasn’t true. Ballplayers, most of whom hadn’t read it, denounced the book. It was even banned by a few libraries. Almost everyone else, however, loved Ball Four. Fans liked discovering that athletes were real people—often wildly funny people. David Halberstam, who won a Pulitzer for his reporting on Vietnam, wrote a piece in Harper’s that said of Bouton: “He has written . . . a book deep in the American vein, so deep in fact that it is by no means a sports book.” Today Ball Four has taken on another role—as a time capsule of life in the sixties. “It is not just a diary of Bouton’s

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1969 season with the Seattle Pilots and Houston Astros," says sportswriter Jim Caple. "It's a vibrant, funny, telling history of an era that seems even further away than four decades. To call it simply a 'tell all book' is like describing *The Grapes of Wrath* as a book about harvesting peaches in California." Includes a new foreword by Jim Bouton's wife "An irreverent, best-selling book that angered baseball's hierarchy and changed the way journalists and fans viewed the sports world." -The Washington Post

Tough Luck

When writer, photographer, and home cook Marcia Friedman converted to Judaism, her journey to connect with Jewish history and culture naturally led to her kitchen--already a touchstone to the Italian-American foods of her childhood growing up with a half-Sicilian father. Thus began *Meatballs and Matzah Balls*, Friedman's endeavor to explore the union of Jewish and Italian life through food and to recreate, as well as reinterpret, classics and craft her own Jewish-Italian culinary tradition. In *Meatballs and Matzah Balls*, Friedman shares reflections on her childhood, family, and exploration of Jewish and Italian culture that made her the person and cook she is today. The book features full-color photographs and more than 100 recipes, all of which can be made kosher. You'll savor

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this visit to a richly inspired Jewish-Italian kitchen, which offers classic and new recipes that will soon become favorites. In Italian, Yiddish, and Hebrew--Buon appetito, est gezunterhayt, and bete 'avon!

Bouton

The book that made a legend--and capture's America's sport in detail that's never been matched, now featuring a foreword by Nicholas Dawidoff a and never-before-seen content from the Plimpton Archives. George Plimpton was perhaps best known for PAPER LION, the book that set the bar for participatory sports journalism. With his characteristic wit, Plimpton recounts his experiences in talking his way into training camp with the Detroit Lions, practicing with the team, and taking snaps behind center. His breezy style captures the pressures and tensions rookies confront, the hijinks that pervade when sixty high-strung guys live together in close quarters, and a host of football rites and rituals. One of the funniest and most insightful books ever written on football, PAPER LION is a classic look at the gridiron game and a book The Wall Street Journal calls "a continuous feastThe best book ever about football--or anything!"

Odd Man Out

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In the summer of 1998 two of baseball leading sluggers, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, embarked on a race to break Babe Ruth's single season home run record. The nation was transfixed as Sosa went on to hit 66 home runs, and McGwire 70. Three years later, San Francisco Giants All-Star Barry Bonds surpassed McGwire by 3 home runs in the midst of what was perhaps the greatest offensive display in baseball history. Over the next three seasons, as Bonds regularly launched mammoth shots into the San Francisco Bay, baseball players across the country were hitting home runs at unprecedented rates. For years there had been rumors that perhaps some of these players owed their success to steroids. But crowd pleasing homers were big business, and sportswriters, fans, and officials alike simply turned a blind eye. Then, in December of 2004, after more than a year of investigation, San Francisco Chronicle reporters Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams broke the story that in a federal investigation of a nutritional supplement company called BALCO, Yankees slugger Jason Giambi had admitted taking steroids. Barry Bonds was also implicated. Immediately the issue of steroids became front page news. The revelations led to Congressional hearings on baseball's drug problems and continued to drive the effort to purge the U.S. Olympic movement of drug cheats. Now Fainaru-Wada and Williams expose for the first time the secrets of the BALCO

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investigation that has turned the sports world upside down. *Game of Shadows: Barry Bonds, BALCO, and the Steroid Scandal That Rocked Professional Baseball* by award-winning investigative journalists Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams, is a riveting narrative about the biggest doping scandal in the history of sports, and how baseball's home run king, Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants, came to use steroids. Drawing on more than two years of reporting, including interviews with hundreds of people, and exclusive access to secret grand jury testimony, confidential documents, audio recordings, and more, the authors provide, for the first time, a definitive account of the shocking steroids scandal that made headlines across the country. The book traces the career of Victor Conte, founder of the BALCO laboratory, an egomaniacal former rock musician and self-proclaimed nutritionist, who set out to corrupt sports by providing athletes with "designer" steroids that would be undetectable on "state-of-the-art" doping tests. Conte gave the undetectable drugs to 28 of the world's greatest athletes—Olympians, NFL players and baseball stars, Bonds chief among them. A separate narrative thread details the steroids use of Bonds, an immensely talented, moody player who turned to performance-enhancing drugs after Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals set a new home run record in 1998. Through his personal trainer, Bonds gained access to

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BALCO drugs. All of the great athletes who visited BALCO benefited tremendously—Bonds broke McGwire's record—but many had their careers disrupted after federal investigators raided BALCO and indicted Conte. The authors trace the course of the probe, and the baffling decision of federal prosecutors to protect the elite athletes who were involved. Highlights of Game of Shadows include: Barry Bonds A look at how Bonds was driven to use performance-enhancing drugs in part by jealousy over Mark McGwire's record-breaking 1998 season. It was shortly thereafter that Bonds—who had never used anything more performance enhancing than a protein shake from the health food store—first began using steroids. How Bonds's weight trainer, steroid dealer Greg Anderson, arranged to meet Victor Conte before the 2001 baseball season with

Once Upon a Mulberry Field

Introduction : here's the pitch! -- Hustlers, hucksters, and snake oil salesmen : two industries emerge -- "It pays to be personal" : baseball and endorsement advertising in the first golden age -- Breakfast of champions : tales of depression era baseball and advertising -- Pitching in black and white : baseball, advertising, and the color line -- Baseball, hotdogs, apple pie, and Chevrolet and beer, cigarettes, cat food, and margarine : tales of television advertising

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-- "Let's just say it works for me" : Major League Baseball, Viagra, and the business of pharmaceutical advertising -- Four things we love : advertising, identity, Big Papi and the image of the Afro-Latino ballplayer -- "Driven" to "RE2PECT" : Derek Jeter and the (re)branding of "all-American" -- Epilogue : pitching in the future game

The Oldest Rookie

For the Good of the Game

A rollicking and "compelling" true story of baseball, big money, and small-town politics by the author of the classic *Ball Four* (Publishers Weekly). Host to organized baseball since 1892, Pittsfield, Massachusetts's Wahconah Park was soon to be abandoned by the owner of the Pittsfield Mets, who would move his team to a new stadium in another town—an all too familiar story. Enter former Yankee pitcher Jim Bouton and his partner with the best deal ever offered to a community: a locally owned professional baseball team and a privately restored city-owned ballpark at no cost to the taxpayers. The only people who didn't like Bouton's plan were the mayor, the mayor's hand-picked Parks Commissioners, a majority of the City Council, the only daily newspaper, the city's largest bank, its most

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powerful law firm, and a guy from General Electric. Everyone else—or approximately 98% of the citizens of Pittsfield—loved it. But the “good old boys” hated Bouton’s plan because it would put a stake in the heart of a proposed \$18.5 million baseball stadium—a new stadium that the citizens of Pittsfield had voted against three different times. In this riveting account, Bouton unmask a mayor who brags that “the fix is in,” a newspaper that lies to its readers, and a government that operates out of a bar. But maybe the most incredible story is what happened after Foul Ball was published—a story in itself. Invited back by a new mayor, Bouton and his partner raise \$1.2 million, help discover a document dating Pittsfield’s baseball origins to 1791, and stage a vintage game that’s broadcast live by ESPN-TV. Who could have guessed what would happen next? And that this time it would involve the Massachusetts Attorney General? “An irresistible story whose outcome remains in doubt until the very end. Not just a funny book, but a patriotic one.”—San Francisco Chronicle “Bouton proves that a badly run city government can be just as dangerous—and just as hilarious—as a badly run baseball team.”—Keith Olbermann

Ball Four

Fever Pitch

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When three desperados escaped from the new jail in Rio Arriba they grabbed Emma Steinmetz, a fine horse - and a lot of guns. Jim Douglas had been doing time too - framed for debt by Emma's greedy father. Now he's leading the high country hunt for the convicts. But a strong-willed woman has joined the posse, with her own ideas about right and wrong. And Douglas has something left to learn

Home Games

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