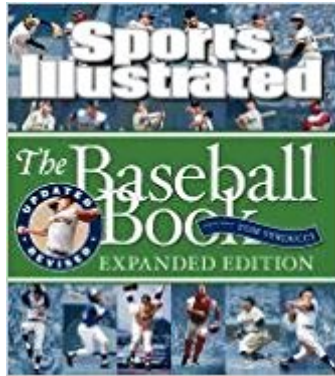


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# Sports Illustrated The Baseball Book Expanded Edition



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Five years after the publication of *The Baseball Book*, the Sports Illustrated editorial team that created that New York Times best-seller returns with this updated and expanded edition. This 326-page revision brings the original edition up to the minute, with more than 80 pages of new material, including timely stories by Sports Illustrated's best writers and 60 pages of spectacular new photographs up to and including the San Francisco Giants' World Series triumph over the Texas Rangers last October. With unforgettable pictures and award-winning words, this lavish volume brings to life the epic teams and colorful characters, the crucial plays and classic games, the personalities and performances and artifacts that have kept baseball at the heart of American sports for more than a century. *The Baseball Book* is a perennial favorite in the highly successful series of coffee-table books released by Sports Illustrated every holiday season since 2004.

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## Customer Reviews

Overall I would say SI did a pretty good job with this book. The photography is awesome and they included several interesting and quirky aspects of baseball to help give a sense of the sport's unique history and personality. I learned quite a few new things and enjoyed seeing other things I had heard about, for example Juan Marichal using his bat as a weapon! Also a good job on baseball's international popularity by including several Latin/South American/Japanese players and their influence on the game. I have to agree with the reviewer who thought the Red Sox 2004 World Series victory should have received more attention (and I don't even like them). This holds true for some other things too, such as the Bay area earthquake World Series, Lou Gehrig's "luckiest man"

speech (not only a great baseball moment but a great moment for all humanity, but perhaps too obvious and well-known to be included in this book), and not including Field Of Dreams on the baseball movies page (the father/son relationship theme is so relevant to baseball and it's history in America). Hitting my father in the knees with fastballs in our backyard as he crouched down and caught and I pitched is one of my fondest childhood memories! By the way, Johnny Bench is the greatest catcher of all time because my father told me he was. Guess I just wanted a bigger book! Baseball history is tough to cover because it has been around a lot longer and so many more games are played. With The Football Book, it was easier to cover everything and SI really nailed it.

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