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*Baseball/Literature/Culture* Trinity University Press  
Delve deep into to the grass roots of baseballs—the Minor League—and you'll find Cannibals, Shoemakers, and Zephyrs! From the Coal Sox Nation to the Texarkana Casketmakers, Root for the Home Team brings you the most oddly original team names and the stories behind them. Root for the Home Team includes profiles of more than 150 teams and lists of hundreds more—plus fun facts, action shots, and team logos. Impress your baseball buddies with your depth of knowledge! Did you know? - The Altoona Curve were dubbed without ever throwing a breaking ball, thanks to local railroad history. - The Wichita Izzies had a fan

so fanatical they named the team after him. - The Mudville Nine were named after the fictitious team in the poem "Casey at the Bat." Root for the Home Team is a unique book any baseball fan will love.

### **Lights On!** Xlibris Corporation

Since forming in 1888, the Texas League has produced some of the most beloved American baseball players and seen more than its fair share of colorful events. In 1931, Houston pitcher Dizzy Dean pitched and won both ends of a double-header in Fort Worth, throwing a three-hit shutout in the second game. In 1906, center fielder Tris Speaker pitched for Cleburne to beat Temple 10-3. In 1998, Arkansas' Tyrone Horne hit for the "homer cycle" in San Antonio, finishing to a standing ovation. "The Texas League Baseball Almanac" delivers day by day the record-breaking events, personal triumphs and memorable games that helped to

shape baseball in the region. Join authors David King and Tom Kayser on a nine-inning trip down one of minor-league baseball's most historic institutions, both in season and off. .

**Baseball Under the Lights** University of Texas Press

This is an enthusiastic, irreverent, and exhaustive guidebook to all 119 stadiums of Minor League Baseball (plus "indie" league parks!) that any fan would need for the ultimate minor-league road-trip. Part travel manual, part ballpark atlas, part baseball history guide, and part restaurant and city guide, *The Ultimate Minor League Baseball Road Trip* is the only book a minor league fan will need before hitting the road for games both near and far. Includes tips on seating (including where to sit to avoid having the sun in your eyes!) tailgating, tickets, team histories, refreshments, mascots, and much more!

*Baseball in Omaha* U of Nebraska Press

One of the first minor leagues in history, the Western League (previously the Northwestern League) was founded by Ban Johnson in 1885 and was the predecessor of today's American League. The Western League endured a season to season existence until Johnson created the American League and the Western continued to be a part of the minors, employing such future Hall of Famers as Charles Comiskey, Dizzy Dean, and Connie Mack. The league's demise in the minors came in the 1950s, but it was revived in 1995 as an independent league on the West Coast with no relation to the majors. This work begins with an introduction to the Western League and documents the history of the Western and the American leagues from 1885 through 1999. Included are photographs of teams and players who participated in the league and in-depth team and individual

player statistics.

*The Ultimate Minor League Baseball Road Trip* McFarland  
Chronicles the rise of night baseball. David Pietrusza balances precise research with an eye for intriguing anecdotal material.

**Baseball in Springfield** McFarland

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER \* Winner of the CASEY Award for Best Baseball Book of the Year "An instant sports classic." —New York Post \* "Stellar." —The Wall Street Journal \* "A true masterwork...880 pages of sheer baseball bliss." —BookPage (starred review) \* "This is a remarkable achievement." —Publishers Weekly (starred review) A magnum opus from acclaimed baseball writer Joe Posnanski, *The Baseball 100* is an audacious, singular, and masterly book that took a lifetime to write. The entire story of baseball rings through a countdown of the 100 greatest players in history, with a foreword by George Will. Longer than *Moby-Dick* and nearly as ambitious,? *The Baseball 100* is a one-of-a-kind work by award-winning sportswriter and lifelong student of the game Joe Posnanski. In the book's introduction, Pulitzer Prize-winning commentator George F. Will marvels, "Posnanski must already have lived more than two hundred years. How else could he have acquired such a stock of illuminating facts and entertaining stories about the rich history of this endlessly fascinating sport?" Baseball's legends come alive in these pages, which are not merely rankings but vibrant profiles of the game's all-time greats. Posnanski dives into the biographies of iconic Hall of Famers, unfairly forgotten All-Stars, talents of today, and more. He doesn't rely just on records and statistics—he lovingly retraces players' origins, illuminates their characters, and places their accomplishments in

the context of baseball's past and present. Just how good a pitcher is Clayton Kershaw in the 21st-century game compared to Greg Maddux dueling with the juiced hitters of the nineties? How do the career and influence of Hank Aaron compare to Babe Ruth's? Which player in the top ten most deserves to be resurrected from history? No compendium of baseball's legendary geniuses could be complete without the players of the segregated Negro Leagues, men whose extraordinary careers were largely overlooked by sportswriters at the time and unjustly lost to history. Posnanski writes about the efforts of former Negro Leaguers to restore sidelined Black athletes to their due honor and draws upon the deep troves of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and extensive interviews with the likes of Buck O'Neil to illuminate the accomplishments of players such as pitchers Satchel Paige and Smokey Joe Williams; outfielders Oscar Charleston, Monte Irvin, and Cool Papa Bell; first baseman Buck Leonard; shortstop Pop Lloyd; catcher Josh Gibson; and many, many more. The *Baseball 100* treats readers to the whole rich pageant of baseball history in a single volume. Engrossing, surprising, and heartfelt, it is a magisterial tribute to the game of baseball and the stars who have played it.

#### **Baseball in Fort Worth** Arcadia Publishing

The art of baseball is evident at Wichita State University's Eck Stadium. The bronze sculpture, "Put Me in Coach," overlooks the stadium entry. Behind it a 70-foot mural, the longest of its kind at any university ballpark, depicts WSU's storied baseball history. The art of baseball has also been evident on Wichita's playing fields for well over a century. During and after the Civil War, baseball quickly spread across the nation. When Wichita was

incorporated in 1870, the town and the game were ready for each other, and Wichita had its first professional nine the following decade. Baseball in Wichita tells the story of local baseball at all levels—amateur, collegiate and pro—in words and images dating from the 19th century to the present day.

#### *The Amazing Tale of Mr. Herbert and His Fabulous Alpine Cowboys Baseball Club* JHU Press

Rediscover the simple pleasures of a day trip with Day Trips from Kansas City. Packed with full trip-planning information for hundreds of exciting things for locals and vacationers to do, see, and discover—all within a two-hour drive of the Kansas City metro area—Day Trips from Kansas City helps locals and vacationers make the most of a brief getaway.

#### Baseball America 2022 Prospect Handbook Arcadia Publishing

In 2003, over 160,000 fans watched professional baseball in downtown Fort Worth's near north side. Baseball, which had been played in this north side area since 1911, had returned after a near 40-year absence. Fort Worth's rich tradition of professional baseball dates back to the start of the Texas League of Professional Baseball Clubs in 1888 and includes many players who continued to impact our national pastime at the major league level. Presenting over 170 photographs, programs, and maps this volume documents not only the play on the field, but the fun and excitement off the field as well. The book contains a chapter on Fort Worth's black baseball history, which dates back to the turn of the 20th century, and includes the new discovery of a forgotten ballpark dedicated to the black players and leagues of the early 1900s. Though the details are difficult to trace, this chapter showcases the pride the players demonstrated at the

local level and the force they became in the national Negro leagues.

**Sports in America from Colonial Times to the Twenty-First Century: An Encyclopedia** ReadHowYouWant.com

Sandlot Stats uses the national pastime to help students who love baseball learn—and enjoy—statistics. As Derek Jeter strolls toward the plate, the announcer tosses out a smattering of statistics—from hitting streaks to batting averages. But what do the numbers mean? And how can America's favorite pastime be a model for learning about statistics? Sandlot Stats is an innovative textbook that explains the mathematical underpinnings of baseball so that students can understand the world of statistics and probability. Carefully illustrated and filled with exercises and examples, this book teaches the fundamentals of probability and statistics through the feats of baseball legends such as Hank Aaron, Joe DiMaggio, and Ted Williams—and more recent players such as Barry Bonds, Albert Pujols, and Alex Rodriguez. Exercises require only pen-and-paper or Microsoft Excel to perform the analyses. Sandlot Stats covers all the bases, including • descriptive and inferential statistics • linear regression and correlation • probability • sports betting • probability distribution functions • sampling distributions • hypothesis testing • confidence intervals • chi-square distribution Sandlot Stats offers information covered in most introductory statistics books, yet is peppered with interesting facts from the history of baseball to enhance the interest of the student and make learning fun.

*Kansas Baseball, 1858-1941* Arcadia Publishing

Town team baseball was a popular sport in the mid-west during the late 1800s and 1900s. Towns would compete against area

towns with the best teams advancing to semi-pro state and national tournaments. Plainville had a town baseball team as early as 1882; four years after the town was founded. The last town team was fielded in 1958. This book details the teams, memorable games and players who represented Plainville during that time. (All profits go to Plainville not for profit organizations.)

Sandlot Stats University Press of Kansas

A collection of essays which "describe developments in the game's past, assess their impact, and explain how they reflect the period in which they occurred; ... explore baseball's influences outside the field of play as well as the effect of external factors on the game; ... [and] discuss such key issues as demographics, communities, social mobility, race and ethnicity." -Cover.

**Baseball History from Outside the Lines** Routledge

In *Whats My Name, Fool?* sports writer Dave Zirin shows how sports express the worst - and at times the most creative, exciting, and political - features of our society. Zirin's sharp and insightful commentary on the personalities, politics, and history of American sports is unlike any sports writing being done today. Zirin explores how NBA brawls highlight tensions beyond the arena, how the bold stances taken by sports unions can chart a path for the entire labor movement, and the unexplored political stirrings of a new generation of athletes who are no longer content to just "play one game at a time." *Whats My Name, Fool?* draws on original interviews with former heavyweight champ George Foreman, Olympic athlete John Carlos, NBA player and anti-death penalty activist Etan Thomas, antiwar womens college hoopster Toni Smith, Olympic Project for Human Rights leader

Lee Evans and many others. It also unearths a history of athletes ranging from Jackie Robinson to Muhammad Ali to Billie Jean King, who charted a new course through their athletic ability and their outspoken views.

*Baseball Hits and Bible Bits* McFarland

Tulsa's longest relationship with any professional sport has been with baseball. And that love affair with its minor league teams has endured its share of peaks and valleys, of passionate embraces, periods of frustration and despair and joyous celebrations. Baseball and Tulsa are currently living "happily ever after" with record-setting season attendance figures, more frequent appearances in postseason playoffs, having one of the finest stadiums on the Double-A level and its new partnership with one of baseball's most prestigious organizations, the Los Angeles Dodgers. Ten major league teams, from powerhouses such as the Dodgers and St. Louis Cardinals to the woeful St. Louis Browns, have placed developmental teams in Tulsa with varying degrees of success. This book tells the stories of not only the men who wore the uniforms of Tulsa's professional baseball teams but also of opposing players along with others who came through town and left their mark on the sport, for better or for worse. You can read about ... How a crude invention by the manager of the 1966 Tulsa Oilers opened up baseball to be played and enjoyed by young boys and girls around the world. How a fan got fed up with constant booing from others nearby and his response was a yell that became a battle cry for Tulsa baseball fans. How the 1921 Oilers and their home stadium were involved in one of America's darkest hours, the Tulsa Race Massacre. What happened when future Hall of Fame players and

managers visited the Oil Capital of the World for exhibition games. How the Tulsa Drillers were the stepping stone for superstars with the Texas Rangers, Colorado Rockies and Los Angeles Dodgers. Members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame with connections to Tulsa. And how the 1966 Oilers lost nine games in a row and, incredibly, strengthened its hold on first place.

*The African American Baseball Experience in Nebraska* Simon and Schuster

As baseball was becoming the national pastime, Kansas was settling into statehood, with hundreds of towns growing up with the game. The early history of baseball in Kansas, chronicled in this book, is the story of those towns and the ballparks they built, of the local fans and teams playing out the drama of the American dream in the heart of the country. Mark Eberle's history spans the years between the Civil War-era and the start of World War II, encapsulating a time when baseball was adopted by early settlers, then taken up by soldiers sent west, and finally by teams formed to express the identity of growing towns and the diverse communities of African Americans, Native Americans, and Hispanic Americans. As elsewhere in the country, these teams represented businesses, churches, schools, military units, and prisons. There were men's teams and women's, some segregated by race and others integrated, some for adults and others for youngsters. Among them we find famous barnstormers like the House of David, the soldiers of the Seventh Cavalry who played at Fort Wallace in the 1860s, and Babe Didrikson pitching the first inning of a 1934 game in Hays. Where some of these games took place, baseball is still played, and *Kansas Baseball, 1858-1941*

takes us to nine of them, some of the oldest in the country. These ballparks, still used for their original purpose, are living history, and in their stories Eberle captures a vibrant image of the state's past and a vision of many innings yet to be played—a storied history and promising future that readers will be tempted to visit with this book as an informative and congenial guide.

*Louisiana History* Indiana University Press

Nebraska is not usually thought of as a focal point in the history of black baseball, yet the state has seen its share of contributions to the African American baseball experience. This book examines nine of the most significant, including the rise and fall of the Lincoln Giants, Satchel Paige's adventures in the Cornhusker State, a visit from Jackie Robinson, and the maturation of Bob Gibson both on and off the field. Also, recollections are featured from individuals who participated in or witnessed the African American baseball experience in the Omaha area.

**The KOM League Remembered** Minor League Baseball in Wichita Falls Citizens of Wichita Falls believed that its destiny was to be one of expansion and regional domination. With the dynamic city leadership of Joseph Kemp and Frank Kell, and the sudden influx of tens of thousands of people and big money due to oil production, Wichita Falls was thought destined to be a major population center that would compete with the major metropolitan areas of Dallas, coupled with city pride, had created a pseudo-rivalry which only existed in the minds of the residents of Wichita Falls. It would be the Spudders minor league baseball team that would make that pseudo-rivalry into a true rivalry with the teams of Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio as well as the other teams that competed in the Texas League at the

time. Among these "Goliath" markets stood Wichita Falls, a proverbial "David" with its population of about 44,000 people at the time. Nonetheless, citizens of Wichita Falls, swollen with city pride and a burning desire to compete against the larger cities, found the courage and audacity to field a team which would do just that. It wasn't enough to be on the field opposite the much larger cities. They had to win. In the twelve full seasons that Wichita Falls competed in the Texas League, the Spudders tallied the second best overall record and had a winning season every year except for 1926 and 1931. The hopes and ambitions for the future may not have rested entirely on the Spudders by any means, but the Spudders were a representation of what Wichita Falls was attempting to accomplish: compete with the larger cities, and win. Baseball in Wichita

Indiana boasts a rich baseball tradition, with 10 native sons enshrined in Cooperstown. This biographical dictionary provides a close look at the lives of all 364 Hoosier big leaguers, who include New York City's first baseball superstar; the first rookie pitcher to win three games in a World Series; the man who caught most of Cy Young's record 511 career wins; one of the game's first star relievers; the player who held the record for consecutive games played before Lou Gehrig; an obscure infielder mentioned in Charles Schulz's Peanuts comic strip; baseball's only one-legged pitcher; Indiana's first Mr. Basketball, who became one of baseball's greatest pinch-hitters; the first African American to play for the Cincinnati Reds; the only pitcher to throw a perfect game in the World Series; the skipper of the 1969 "Miracle Mets"; the pitcher for whom a ground-breaking surgical procedure is named; and the only two men to have played in both the World

Series and the Final Four of the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

We Are the Ship Elven Lindblad

In *Baseball Hits and Bible Bits*, pastor and former Minor League pitcher Frank D. Minton shares unforgettable stories and anecdotes about two of his great loves in life: baseball and the Bible. When Minton was eleven years old, God called him to preach; that call to serve the Lord would never leave his heart. His north high school exploits on the ball fields of Wichita, Kansas, earned him a scholarship at the University of Oklahoma and eventually a contract with the Dodgers organization. After three years in the minors, he realized that following God's call was more important than making it to the big leagues. He turned down the Dodgers contract offer for a fourth year, leaving baseball behind to become a Baptist minister. It was one of the most difficult decisions of his life, but according to Minton, he traded a diamond for a crown. Baseball poems and songs are sprinkled throughout, and sketches by artist Berth-el Young add dimension and feeling. With stories about baseball greats both past and present such as Sandy Koufax, Josh Hamilton, and Albert Pujols and rich autobiographical details of a life lived in the service of the Lord, *Baseball Hits and Bible Bits* has something for just about everybody: from little leaguers to bush leaguers to big leaguers.

*The Tobacco State League* Rowman & Littlefield

In short episodic chapters, Kayser and King create a history of this storied minor league, providing a broad picture of the shifting character of baseball operations over the past century or so. Portrayed are the many and varied and often colorful owners, managers, and players who did so much to give this league a

powerful place in Texas culture. Accompanying the text are dozens of B&W photos, dating to the founding of the league, and an appendix of baseball statistics, essential information for the true aficionado. With nine teams in states from Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma, the Texas League has brought America's favorite sport to local fans for more than 100 summers. This book chronicles those games, their players, and will delight the legions of diehard fans of teams like the San Antonio Missions or El Paso Diablos or the Midland Rock Hounds who devotedly cheer loudly and boo lustily.

*Mike Torrez Jump At The Sun*

In July of 1859, seventy-five young New Orleanians came together to form the seven teams that comprised the Louisiana Base Ball Club. They played their games in the fields of the de la Chaise estate on the outskirts of New Orleans near present-day Louisiana Avenue. As America's population grew through immigration, so did the popularity of what the largest newspaper in New Orleans, the *Daily Picayune*, called in November of 1860 "the National Game." Baseball quickly replaced cricket as the city's most popular participant sport. In 1887, local businessmen and promoters secured a minor league franchise for the city of New Orleans in the newly formed Southern League, beginning the city's 73-year love affair with the New Orleans Pelicans. From Shoeless Joe Jackson, to Hall of Famers Dazzy Vance, Joe Sewell, Bob Lemon, and Earl Weaver, to today's stars such as Jeff Cirillo and Lance Berkman, the road to the majors brought many notable players through New Orleans. From these early beginnings to the present-day New Orleans Zephyrs of the AAA Pacific Coast League, local fans have continued the tradition of



baseball in New Orleans.

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