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Since radio's debut in the 1920s and television's in the '30s, the baseball announcer has become entertainer, observer, and extended member of the family. In *A Talk in the Park: Nine Decades of Baseball Tales from the Broadcast Booth*, many of the pastime's most popular and famous announcers--the Voices--tell their favorite stories in their own distinctive words. It is riveting oral history. Herein is the largest total of active and retired broadcasters featured in any sports book: 116. Its radio and TV tales include every major-league team and such networks as ESPN, Fox, TBS, and the new MLB channel, and capture the Voices commenting on ballparks, managers, the

characters of the game, umpires, special teams, interleague play, improvements to the game--and on one another, including the beloved Ernie Harwell, who died in 2010 and to whom the book is dedicated. Here are Bob Wolff airing the longest-ever wild pitch Howie Rose using the 1969 Mets to pass a high school exam, and Charley Steiner telling why George Steinbrenner "hired" Jason Giambi. Denny Matthews recalls George Scott's faux uniform number 6-4-3. Ken Harrelson defends his one-handed catch: "With bad hands like mine, one hand was better than two." Eduardo Ortega announces for his mother, who is deaf. Pat Hughes remembers when Harry Caray called a game with a tea bag dangling from his ear. Voices hail Lou Piniella: dressed, undressed, volatile, and lovable. Columnist Christine Brennan says of author Curt Smith: "No one knows baseball broadcasters as well as he does."

In particular, *A Talk in the Park* addresses trends of the past two decades--the rise of Hispanic and other minority announcers, interleague play, ex-jocks' warp-speed climb, whiz-bang technology, 24/7 coverage, and the evolution of broadcasting, from radio to network television to cable. Told by baseball's leading broadcast historian, endorsed by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and the National Radio Hall of Fame, and starring announcers who reach millions, *A Talk in the Park* brilliantly relates what baseball was, is, and is likely to become.

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Game of My Life New York Mets, now newly updated, takes a personal look inside the biggest moments of the Mets' greatest and most beloved players, from journeymen to superstars. Their most unforgettable games paint a picture of Mets history, as the franchise morphed

from a dismal (though lovable) expansion team in 1962 to World Series Champions in 1969 and 1986 and then back to basement dwellers before meeting the Yankees in the 2000 Subway Series, and the Royals in a surprise appearance in the 2015 World Series. Fan favorite Ron Swoboda recounts making “The Catch.” Infielder Wally Backman relives the many thrills of playing on the ’86 Mets as they marched to a championship. All-Star Edgardo Alfonzo describes going six-for-six, including three home runs, in one of the most dominating offensive games in baseball history. Right-hander Bobby Jones recalls pitching the most dominating postseason game in Mets history, when he threw a one-hit shutout to clinch the 2000 National League Division Series against the San Francisco Giants. Current ace Jacob deGrom recounts his gritty series-clinching performance against the Dodgers in Game Five of the NLDS. Journalist Michael Garry, a lifelong Mets fan, also includes stories about Tom Seaver, Mike Piazza, and David Wright, among others.

Put It In the Book! *The New York Mets in Popular Culture*

Voices of the Game Curt Smith is “...the voice of authority on baseball broadcasting.” —USA Today #1 New Release in Photography, Baseball Statistics, Photo Essays, and Photojournalism In this second in a series of Baseball Hall of Fame books, celebrate the larger-than-life role played by radio and TV baseball announcers in enhancing the pleasure of our national pastime. Commemorate the 100th anniversary of baseball broadcasting. The first baseball game ever broadcast on radio was on August 5, 1921 by Harold Wampler Arlin, a part-time baseball announcer on Pittsburgh’s KDKA, America’s first commercially licensed radio station. The Pirates defeated the Phillies 8-5. An insider’s view of baseball. Now you can own Memories from the Microphone and experience baseball from author Curt Smith. He has spent much of his life covering baseball radio and TV, and previously authored baseball books including the classic *Voices of The Game*. Relive baseball’s storied past through the eyes of famed baseball announcers. Organized chronologically, *Memories from the Microphone* charts the history of baseball broadcasting. Enjoy celebrated stories and personalities that have shaped the game—from Mel Allen to Harry Caray, Vin Scully to Joe Morgan, Ernie Harwell to Red Barber. Also discover: • Images from the Baseball Hall of Fame’s matchless archive • A multi-layered narrative exploring cultural, technological, and

economic trends that changed fans’ experience of the game • Anecdotes and quotes from Curt Smith’s original research • Interviews with broadcast greats • Little-known stories, such as Ronald Reagan calling games for WHO Des Moines in the 1930s • Accounts of diversity in baseball broadcasting, including the TV coverage of Joe Morgan and earlier Hispanic pioneers Buck Canel and Rafael (Felo) Ramirez • A special section devoted to the Ford C. Frick Award and inductees since its inception in 1978 Also read the first in the series of Baseball Hall of Fame books *Picturing America’s Pastime*.

The New York Mets in Popular Culture
Triumph Books

One Last Strike by legendary baseball manager Tony La Russa is a thrilling sports comeback story. La Russa, the winner of four Manager of the Year awards—who led his teams to six Pennant wins and three World Series crowns—chronicles one of the most exciting end-of-season runs in baseball history, revealing with fascinating behind-the-scenes details how, under his expert management, the St. Louis Cardinals emerged victorious in the 2011 World Series despite countless injuries, mishaps, and roadblocks along the way. Talking candidly about the remarkable season—and his All-Star players like Albert Pujols and David Freese—the recently retired La Russa celebrates his fifty years in baseball, his team’s amazing recovery from 10 ½ games back, and one final, unforgettable championship in a book that no true baseball fan will want to miss.

Grinders Post Hill Press

Bringing fresh perspectives to the team that has brought joy, triumph and even a miracle to New York City, this collection of new essays examines portrayals of the Mets in film, television, advertising and other media. Contributors cover little-known aspects of Mets history that even die-hard fans may not know. Topics include the popularity of Rheingold’s advertising in the 1950s and 1960s, Bob Murphy’s broadcasting career before joining the Mets’ announcing team in 1962, Mr. Met’s rivalry with the Phillie Phanatic, Dave Kingman’s icon status, the pitching staff’s unsung performance after the 1969 World Series victory, and Joan Payson’s world-renowned art collection and philanthropy.

Ebony McFarland

A Boston Globe Best Book of the Year Winner of the 2017 Casey Award for the Best Baseball Book of the Year “The ultimate biography.” —The New York Times As a player, Charles Dillon “Casey” Stengel’s contemporaries included Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, and Christy

Mathewson. As a legendary manager, he formed indelible, complicated relationships with Yogi Berra, Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle, and Billy Martin. For more than five glorious decades, Stengel was the undisputed, quirky, hilarious, and beloved face of baseball—and along the way he revolutionized the role of manager. But for a man who spent so much of his life in the limelight Stengel remains an enigma. Acclaimed New York Yankees’ historian and bestselling author Marty Appel digs into Casey Stengel’s quirks and foibles, unearthing a tremendous trove of baseball stories, perspective, and history. Weaving in never-before-published family documents, Appel creates a matchless and intimate portrait of a private man. Casey Stengel is a biography that will be treasured by fans of our national pastime for years to come.

Tom Gamboa Simon & Schuster

In his rookie year, pitcher Peterson had the opportunity to play with Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris, and he made a name for himself both on the field and off. Through his very public years as a baseball player and in his later struggle with prostate cancer, he continued to seek salvation and ultimately came to understand the truth of God’s Grace.

90% of the Game Is Half Mental

HarperCollins Australia

Relive the games, moves, and players of the hard-hitting team that won the 1986 World Series. Vin Scully called the tenth-inning groundball in Game Six of the 1986 World Series—Mets versus Red Sox—that sealed a comeback, fueled a curse, and turned a batting champion into a scapegoat. But getting there was a long, hard slog with plenty of heartache. After being knocked out of contention the previous two seasons, the Mets blasted through the National League that year. They won blowouts, nailbiters, fights, and a 14-inning game that ended with one pitcher on the mound, another in right field, and an All-Star catcher playing third base. Matt Silverman covers famous baseball players including: Ron Darling, Dwight Gooden, Keith Hernandez, Darryl Strawberry and more. Going beyond the partying and excess, Silverman recounts in this book, step by step, the team’s meteoric rise in 1986, when they captured their first division title in over a decade, shattered the franchise record, and then won it all.

Swinging '73 Villard Books

The history of the New York Mets is presented with pictures and accounts of their greatest players and teams. *Grandpa’s Beard Has Disappeared* U of Nebraska Press

The New York Mets in Popular CultureMcFarland

One on One Scholastic Inc.

A volume of baseball essays by an unlikely fan describes her transformation from a geeky Yale graduate to a Village Voice sportswriter, a short-term assignment that takes her from the press box and locker room to Milwaukee and Taiwan. Original. Sponsor Mango Media Inc.

The author of "The Dreams of Ada" and "I, JFK" pens the story of a boy in the Bronx who desperately wants to be a major league shortstop; at the end of the book, at age 53, he still does.

Sports Market Place Jones & Bartlett Learning

EBONY is the flagship magazine of Johnson Publishing. Founded in 1945 by John H. Johnson, it still maintains the highest global circulation of any African American-focused magazine.

Broadcasting Rowman & Littlefield

As more students enter the growing field of sports management, there is a greater need for information informing them about their career choices. Careers in Sports provides an overview of what students should consider and expect from the varied career options available to them. This book answers the questions students are most likely to have, including what courses they should take, what areas are available to them, what salary can they expect to earn after graduation, and how they can get the job of their dreams. In the highly competitive field of sports management, it is important for individuals to prepare themselves well and to make the right decisions along the way. Although there are no guarantees of success, this book will increase students' likelihood of finding success in the sports industry. Encouraging research and realistic expectations, this book has been developed by an author with many years of experience as a respected practitioner, teacher and internship coordinator.

The Baby-Sitters Club #95: Kristy + Bart? Grand Central Publishing

Tom Gamboa played baseball professionally, coached, scouted, managed in the minors and in Puerto Rico and coached in the majors with the Cubs and Royals. Scouring the country for talent, he discovered Jesse Orosco and helped develop Doug Glanville and Jose Hernandez in Puerto Rico and in the Cubs organization. Before Jim "The Rookie" Morris made it to the majors, Gamboa coached him on a title team in the Brewers organization. Sammy Sosa promised him a fist-bump for each home run Sosa hit--Tom didn't suspect he was due 60 of them over each of the next two

seasons. With a lot of humor, Gamboa takes his readers well inside the dugouts and clubhouses.

Notes of a Baseball Dreamer Little, Brown

The inside account of an iconic team in baseball history: the 1969 New York Mets—a consistently last-place team that turned it all around in just one season—told by '69 Mets outfielder Art Shamsky, Hall of Fame pitcher Tom Seaver, and other teammates as they reminisce about what happened then and where they are today. The New York Mets franchise began in 1962 and the team finished in last place nearly every year. When the 1969 season began, fans weren't expecting much from "the Lovable Losers." But as the season progressed, the Mets inched closer to first place and then eventually clinched the National League pennant. They were underdogs against the formidable Baltimore Orioles, but beat them in five games to become world champions. No one had predicted it. In fact, fans could hardly believe it happened. Suddenly they were "the Miracle Mets." Playing right field for the '69 Mets was Art Shamsky, who had stayed in touch with his former teammates over the years. He hoped to get together with star pitcher Tom Seaver (who would win the Cy Young award as the best pitcher in the league in 1969 and go on to become the first Met elected to the Hall of Fame) but Seaver was ailing and could not travel. So, Shamsky organized a visit to Tom Terrific in California, accompanied by the #2 pitcher, Jerry Koosman, outfielder Ron Swoboda, and shortstop Bud Harrelson. Together they recalled the highlights of that amazing season as they reminisced about what changed the Mets' fortunes in 1969. With the help of sportswriter Erik Sherman, Shamsky has written *After the Miracle* for the 1969 Mets. This is a book that every Mets fan—and every baseball fan—must own. New York Mets Simon and Schuster

Waite Hoyt was much more than a baseball player. A multi-faceted, sometimes troubled man, Hoyt was a vaudevillian, a mortician, a writer, a painter, and (of course) a Hall of Fame pitcher. He was also an alcoholic who overcame his demons and became one of the first players to make the transition to the announcer's booth. His teammates and managers were among the all-time greats, but he'll always be associated with his friend Babe Ruth. He was there when Ruth hit 29 homers for a new record in 1919; when Ruth hit his 60th in 1927; when the Babe hit his 714th, and last, home run; he was even a pallbearer at

Ruth's funeral. His career on the mound and as the Cincinnati Reds announcer lasted from 1915 to 1965, and to walk in his footsteps is to journey through the history of baseball in the 20th century. This biography of Waite Hoyt involves many great moments in baseball history, and includes some of the classic tales that Hoyt, a natural-born storyteller, would tell about his teammates. It follows his transition from a career on the field to his career behind the microphone, and his struggles with alcoholism that almost cost him his dream of working as a broadcaster. Later chapters chronicle his years in the announcer's booth, his induction into Cooperstown, and his longtime championing of Babe Ruth as beyond compare, even as Ruth's most prominent records fell to Maris and Aaron. Waite Hoyt Quill

Sweet '60: The 1960 Pittsburgh Pirates is the joint product of 44 authors and editors from the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) who have pooled their efforts to create a portrait of the 1960 team which pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the last 60 years. Game Seven of the 1960 World Series between the Pirates and the Yankees swung back and forth. Heading into the bottom of the eighth inning at Forbes Field, the Yankees had outscored the Pirates, 53-21, and held a 7-4 lead in the deciding game. The Pirates hadn't won a World Championship since 1925, while the Yanks had won 17 of them in the same stretch of time, seven of the preceding 11 years. The Pirates scored five times in the bottom of the eighth and took the lead, only to cough it up in the top of the ninth. The game was tied 9-9 in the bottom of the ninth. At 3:36, Bill Mazeroski swung at Ralph Terry's slider. As Curt Smith writes in these pages: "There goes a long drive hit deep to left field!" said Gunner. "Going back is Yogi Berra! Going back! You can kiss it good-bye!" No smooch was ever lovelier. "How did we do it, Possum? How did we do it?" Prince said finally, din all around. Woods didn't know—only that, "I'm looking at the wildest thing since I was on Hollywood Boulevard the night World War II ended." David had toppled Goliath. It was a blow that awakened a generation, one that millions of people saw on television, one of TV's first iconic World Series moments. After the Miracle Potomac Books, Inc.

A special man in my life had a beard. One day it was gone. This inspired me to write the poem *Grandpa's Beard Has Disappeared*. This in turn grew into this collection of stories and poems for children. All are biographic or autobiographic.

**If These Walls Could Talk: New York
Mets** McFarland

When Kristy's friend, Bart, decides that he wants to be her real boyfriend, Kristy is afraid to tell him that she does not feel the

same and enlists the help of Mary Anne for courage in expressing herself.

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