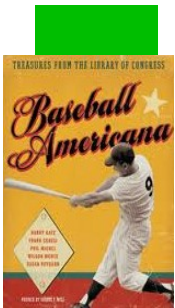
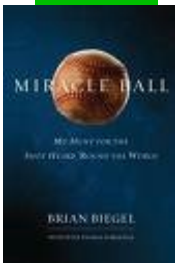


# Let's Play Ball!



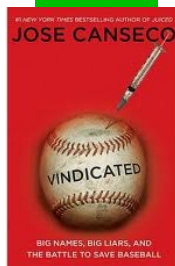
## [Baseball Americana: Treasures from the Library of Congress](#) (796.357 BASEB)

Spanning nearly two centuries of history, this volume tells the story of baseball's evolution. Each section features essays outlining that historical period. Tells the story of baseball's evolution, beginning in the late 1700s. Illustrations compiled from the Library of Congress's collections will delight all kinds of fans.



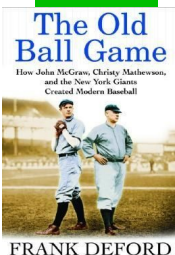
## [Miracle Ball: My hunt for the shot heard round the world](#) by Brian Biegel (796.357 BIEGE)

On October 3, 1951, Giants third baseman Bobby Thomson hit the most dramatic home run in the history of baseball at the bottom of the ninth inning of a sudden-death playoff game between the Giants and the Dodgers. But the ball was never seen again after it flew over the left field wall. This moving account describes Brian Biegel's two year quest to solve the mystery of where that famous ball went.



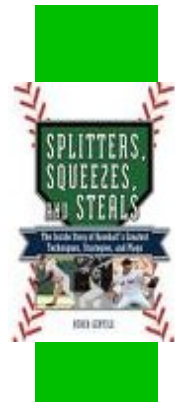
## [Vindicated: Big names, big liars, and the battle to save baseball](#) by Jose Canseco (796.357 CANSE)

In this follow-up book to [Juiced](#) (796.357 CANSE), Canseco presents even more insider information about baseball's steroids scandal, including reasons why steroid use became so rampant, the scandal's biggest players, and reflections about the future of baseball.



## [The Old Ball Game: How John McGraw, Christy Mathewson and the New York Giants invented modern baseball](#) by Frank Deford (796.357 DEFOR)

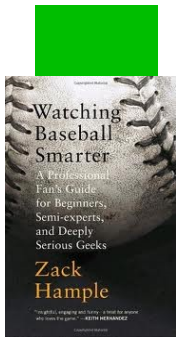
Frank Deford, an NPR sports commentator and Sports Illustrated journalist, tells the story of the unusual friendship between Christy Mathewson and John McGraw. When McGraw began managing the New York Giants in 1902, they were finishing their worst season ever. Within three years, Mathewson's pitching arm secured New York City's first World Series by throwing three straight shutouts in six days, known as the greatest World Series performance ever.



## [Splitters, Squeezes, and Steals: The inside story of baseball's greatest techniques, strategies, and plays](#) by Derek Gentile (796.357 GENTI)

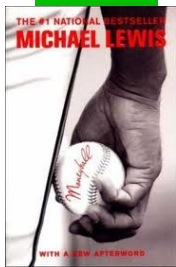
Gentile examines the evolution of the plays, moves, rules, equipment, and strategies that have made baseball the great game it is today. Featuring full-color photographs of the greatest players, this book is divided into seven parts: pitching, batting, fielding, baserunning, umpires and management, equipment, and ballparks. Fans of all ages will appreciate this fact-filled book.

# Let's Play Ball!



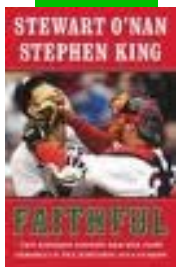
[Watching Baseball Smarter: a professional fan's guide for beginners, semi-experts, and deeply serious geeks](#) by Zack Hampl (796.357 HAMPL)

Hampl explains pitching, hitting, running, and fielding, along with insider trivia and anecdotes. This informative, yet funny, guide will increase your enjoyment and understanding of baseball for fans of all types.



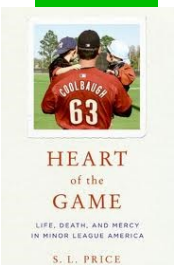
[Moneyball: The art of winning an unfair game](#) by Michael Lewis (796.357 LEWIS)

The Oakland A's general manager, Billy Beane, has found a way to win in the Major Leagues with a budget that's smaller than nearly every other MLB team's. Using statistical data to show that wins are possible with hitters with high on-base percentages and pitchers who throw lots of ground outs, Beane builds his teams using young affordable players and economical veterans.



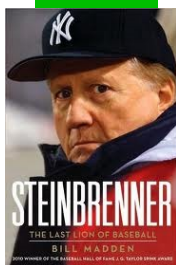
[Faithful: Two diehard Boston Red Sox fans chronicle the 2004 season](#) by Stewart O'Nan and Stewart O'Nan and Stephen King (796.357 O'NAN)

In 2004, writers and Red Sox fans Stewart O'Nan and Stephen King decided to work together to document the upcoming Red Sox season, one of the most anticipated in baseball history. O'Nan, King, and Red Sox fans everywhere witnessed one of the greatest comebacks in sports history as the Red Sox won their first World Series championship in eighty-six years.



[Heart of the Game: Life, death, and mercy in Minor League America](#) by S.L. Price (796.357 PRICE)

An account of Mike Coolbaugh's accidental death when an errant foul ball struck and killed him. A thirty-five-year-old minor league first base coach and father of two with a third child on the way, Coolbaugh was devoted to the game and to his family. Price recounts the drama of what happens when a projectile hits the human body, how the people in the ball park responded, and the impact of Coolbaugh's death on Tino Sanchez, the man who hit the foul ball.



[Steinbrenner: The last lion of baseball](#) by Bill Madden (B STEINBRE)

Beginning with Steinbrenner's early days in Cleveland and continuing through his decades reigning over the Yankees, this book covers The New York Yankees' transition from the House That Ruth Built to the House that George Built. Using his hundreds of sources at every level of the Yankees' organization, as well as Steinbrenner's last print interview, Madden provides an in-depth look at the life of one of baseball's biggest icons.