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Cancerland David Scadden 2018-07-10 An Amazon Best of the Month Book “For all the insight he offers into the hard science and thorny logistics of studying cancer, Dr. Scadden’s most moving passages consider the effect of the disease on the people who suffer from it and those who care for them.” —The Wall Street Journal A doctor’s riveting story of loss and hope in the world of cancer. What is it like to encounter cancer? How does it feel to face the unknown, to enter a world of hope, loss, and dread? From the diagnosis of his childhood friend’s mother to his poignant memories in the lab, David Scadden’s seen the unknown world of cancer from the lens of a young boy, a classmate, a researcher, a friend, a doctor, and a neighbor. Scadden chronicles his personal memories of cancer – his visits to his sick neighbor and his classmate who left school and never came back. Now Dr. David Scadden, co-founder of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute and one of the world’s leading experts on immunology and oncology, writes his memoir, Cancerland, with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Michael D’Antonio. With riveting stories and moving compassion, Scadden and D’Antonio paint a still rapidly changing landscape in the context of all too common stories of loss. Ranging from Scadden’s personal childhood memories to his triumphs and regrets as a doctor, Scadden illuminates a light at the end of a dark tunnel. Through opening a window into the science of medicine in the world of the unknown, Scadden and D’Antonio humanize cancer while inspiring action that we all so desperately need.

The Curse of the Bambino Dan Shaughnessy 2004

A Wolf at the Table Augusten Burroughs 2009-03-05 From the author: ‘My father doesn’t feature much in Running with Scissors. And one of the reasons for this is because he didn’t feature much in my life. But there’s another reason, too: Our relationship was so complicated, so dark, so confusing and so big, that to tell the story would require a book. So finally, upon the death of my father in 2005, I decided to tell the story I have been most afraid yet most compelled to tell.’ This prequel to international hit Running With Scissors tells the story of Augusten’s relationship with his tormented father: a man who sent his wife mad and saw his other son run away from home, prior to Augusten going into foster care. Harrowing, insightful, and amusing by turns.

Heat and Light Jennifer Haigh 2016-05-03 Acclaimed New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Haigh returns to the Pennsylvania town at the center of her iconic novel Baker Towers in this ambitious, achingly human story of modern America and the conflicting forces at its heart—“a bold, moving drama of hope and desperation, greed and power, big business and small-town families. Forty years ago, Bakerton coal fueled the country. Then the mines closed, and the town wore away like a bar of soap. Now Bakerton has been granted a surprise third act: it sits squarely atop the Marcellus Shale, a massive deposit of natural gas. To drill or not to drill? Prison guard Rich Devlin leases his mineral rights to finance his dream of farming. He doesn’t count on the truck traffic and nonstop noise, his brother’s skepticism or the paranoia of his wife, Shelby, who insists the water smells strange and is poisoning their frail daughter. Meanwhile his neighbors, organic dairy farmers Mack and Rena, hold out against the drilling—until a passionate environmental activist disrupts their lives. Told through a cast of characters whose lives are increasingly bound by the opposing interests that underpin the national debate, Heat and Light depicts a community blessed and cursed by its natural resources. Soaring and ambitious, it zooms from drill rig to shareholders’ meeting to the Three Mile Island nuclear reactor to the ruined landscape of the “strippings,” haunting reminders of Pennsylvania’s past energy boom. This is a dispatch from a forgotten America—a work of searing moral clarity from one of the finest writers of her generation, a courageous and necessary book.” —A COURAGEOUS AND NECESSARY BOOK

Don’t Let Us Wait Tonight Allan Wood and Bill Nowlin 2014-04-01 Commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Boston Red Sox’s unprecedented championship run in the fall of 2004, this guide takes fans behind the scenes and inside the dugout, bullpen, and clubhouse to reveal to baseball fans how it happened, as it happened. The book highlights how, during a span of just 76 hours, the Red Sox won four do-or-die games against their archrivals, the New York Yankees, to qualify for the World Series and complete the greatest comeback in baseball history. Then the Red Sox steamrolled through the World Series, sweeping the St. Louis Cardinals in four games, capturing their first championship since 1918. Don’t Let Us Wait Tonight is brimming with revealing quotes from Boston’s front office personnel, coaches, medical staff, and players, including Kevin Mllar talking about his infectious optimism and the team’s pregame ritual of drinking whiskey. Dave Roberts revealing how he prepared to steal the most famous base of his career, and Dr. William Morgan describing the radical surgery he performed on Curt Schilling’s right ankle. The ultimate keepsake for any Red Sox fan, this is the 2004 team in their own words.

Belichick Ian O’Connor 2018-09-25 A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER THE DEFINITIVE BIOGRAPHY OF THE NFL’S MOST ENIGMATIC, CONTROVERSIAL, AND YET SUCCESSFUL COACH Bill Belichick is perhaps the most fascinating figure in the NFL—the infamously dour face of one of the winnigest franchises in sports. As head coach of the New England Patriots, he’s led the team to five Super Bowl championship trophies. In this revelatory and robust biography, readers will come to understand and see Belichick’s full life in football, from watching college games as a kid with his father, a Naval Academy scout, to orchestrating two Super Bowl-winning game plans as defensive coordinator for the Giants, to his dramatic leap to New England, where he has made history. Award-winning columnist and New York Times best-selling author Ian O’Connor delves into the mind of the man who has earned a place among coaching legends lo Lombardi, Halas, and Paul Brown, presenting sides of Belichick that have been previously unexplored. O’Connor discovers how this legendary coach shaped the people he met and worked with in ways perhaps even Belichick himself doesn’t know. Those who follow and love pro football know Bill Belichick only as the hooded genius of the Patriots. But there is so much more—from the hidden tensions and deep layers to his relationship with Tom Brady to his sometimes frosty dealings with owner Robert Kraft to his ability to earn the unmitigated respect of his players—if not their affection. This is a man who has many facets and, ultimately, has created a notorious football dynasty. Based on exhaustive research and countless interviews, this book circles around Belichick to tell his full story for the first time, and presents an incisive portrait of a masteermind at work.

DYNASTY Tony Massarotti 2008-04 A unique look at the inner workings of a major league baseball team and how the Red Sox went from perennial losers to baseball’s next dynasty. When the Boston Red Sox defeated the Colorado Rockies in the 2007 World Series, they did more than win their second world championship in four seasons—they changed forever the identity of a franchise once defined by its spectacular failures. If winning the 2004 World Series permanently buried Boston’s tragic past, the team’s 2007 championship reinforced its promising future while changing the culture, mentality, and mind-set of the Red Sox and their followers. But the team’s meteoric rise was not without controversy, and behind-the-scene clashes and infighting within the organization are revealed here in detail for the first time: The wildly popular pitcher Pedro Martinez and outfield sensation Johnny Damon were allowed to depart as free agents, and the Red Sox had to endure the temporary resignation of General Manager Theo Epstein. Author Tony Massarotti has been covering the Red Sox since the 1991 season and in Dynasty, Massarotti provides an in-depth and probing look at how the Red Sox became the most successful franchise in baseball.

Tony La Russa Rob Rains 2011-03-01 DISCUSSES THE LIFE AND CONTROVERSIAL CAREER OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL COACH TONY LA RUSSA. REPRINT.

PUDGE DOUG WILSON 2015-10-20 THE FIRST BIOGRAPHY OF THE HALL OF FAME CATCHER, WHOSE FAMOUS HOME RUN IN THE 1975 WORLD SERIES HAS BEEN CALLED ONE OF THE GREATEST MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF TELEVISED SPORTS

Put It In the Book! Howie Rose 2013-02-01 In PUT IT IN THE BOOK, NEW YORK METS BROADCASTER AND LIFELONG FAN HOWIE ROSE TAKES FANS BEHIND THE MICROPHONE, INTO THE LOCKER ROOMS, AND THROUGH THE LAST 60 YEARS OF METS BASEBALL. MILLIONS OF FANS HAVE LISTENED TO ROSE’S TRADEMARK CALLS OVER THE YEARS, AND NOW, WITH HIS PATENTED HONESTY AND HUMOR, HE GIVES A FIRSTHAND ACCOUNT OF THE AMAZING—from the greatness of Tom Seaver to Johan Santana’s recent no-no. In addition to a personalized look at the rich history of the of the team, this work also features Rose’s thoughts and opinions on the current Mets team and roster and his thoughts on the future of the club.

DICE-K Ian Browne 2008 PRESENTS THE LIFE OF JAPANESE PITCHER DAISUKE MATSUZAKA, CHRONICLING HIS SUCCESSFUL SIGNING TO THE BOSTON RED SOX IN 2006 AND DETAILING EACH GAME OF HIS FIRST MAJOR LEAGUE SEASON WHICH ENDED IN A 2007 WORLD SERIES TITLE. IT’S BETTER TO BE FEARED SETH WICKERSHAM 2022-08-30 “Seth Wickersham has managed to do the impossible: He has pulled off the definitive document of the Belichick/Brady dynasty.” --Bill Simmons, The Ringer The explosive, long-awaited account of the making of the greatest dynasty in football history--from the acclaimed ESPN reporter who has been there from the very beginning.

Boston Red Sox and the Meaning of Life Mark Rucker 2009-05-15 “If we could have scored one more run than the White Sox in each game, I think we would have won the series”---so opined Boston manager Terry Francona. Sharp observations such as this have brightened the Red Sox Nation through the years. “All literary men are Red Sox fans,” said John Cheever. And while the Red Sox made it to the top of the baseball world in 2004 after a long and tortured history, presidential hopeful John Kerry remarked, “If anything prepares you to be president, it’s being a Red Sox fan”---even though he ultimately failed to reach his goal. The franchise that has gone from dynasty to dud and back to dynasty has inspired its share of comments from pundits and wisecrackers, legends and tofs. And the Sox have had their own world-class quipsters and philosophers, from Cy Young, Bill Lee, and Ted Williams to Jimmy Piersall and Manny Ramirez. Collected here are the best-known, wittiest, piestish, and most entertaining writings, quotes, and quips relating to the Red Sox, accompanied by a rich collection of historic and modern photographs.

Big Papi David Ortiz 2008-04 A Boston Red Sox all-star slugger recounts his childhood in the impoverished Dominican Republic, his lesser achievements with the Mariners and Twins, and the influence of his respected parents on his athletic achievements. REPRINT. 50,000 FIRST PRINTING.

Red Sox Rule Michael Holley 2009-03-17 THE STORY OF THE CHANGING FACE OF BASEBALL AND THE INNER WORKINGS OF ITS FINEST ORGANIZATION AFTER A HUNDRED “CURSED” YEARS, THE BOSTON RED SOX ROSE GLORIOUSLY TO BASEBALL DOMINATION. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MANAGER TERRY FRANCONA, AN EXTRAORDINARY TEAM OF WILDLY DISPARATE PERSONALITIES—from the inscrutable Manny Ramirez to the affable David “Big Papi” Ortiz—pulled off two improbable post-season comebacks to make it to the World Series twice in three years . . . and ultimately emerged victorious. In Red Sox Rule, Michael Holley, bestselling author of Patriot Reign, provides a fascinating, insightful, and surprising inside look at how it all happened. With the exclusive cooperation of Terry Francona and stories from the clubhouse and the conference room, Holley reveals the private sessions and the dugout and front-office strategies that have made the Red Sox a budding dynasty, overtaking their archrivals, the powerful New York Yankees, as the American League’s elite team.

Step Out on Nothing Byron Pitts 2010-10-12 It was August 25, 2006, my first on-camera studio open for the CBS News broadcast 60 Minutes. Executive Producer Jeff Fager poked his head in the dressing room.” Good luck, Brotha! You’ve come a long way to get here. You’ve earned it.” . . .if only he knew. My mind flashed back to elementary school, when a therapist had informed my mother, “I’m sorry, Mrs. Pitts, your son cannot read.” In Step Out on Nothing, Byron Pitts chronicles his astonishing story of overcoming a childhood filled with obstacles to achieve enormous success in life. Throughout Byron’s difficult youth—his parents separated when he was twelve and his mother worked two jobs to make ends meet—he suffered from a debilitating stutter. But Byron was keeping an even more embarrassing secret: He was also functionally illiterate. For a kid from inner-city Baltimore, it was a recipe for failure. Pitts turned struggle into strength and overcame both of his impediments. Along the way, a few key people “stepped out on nothing” to make a difference for him—from his mother, who worked tirelessly to raise her kids right and delivered ample amounts of tough love, to his college roommate, who helped Byron practice his vocabulary and speech. Pitts even learns from those who didn’t believe in him, like the college professor who labeled him a failure and told him to drop out of college. Through it all, he persevered, following his steadfast passion. After fifteen years in local television, he landed a job as a correspondent for CBS News in 1998, and went on to become an Emmy Award-winning journalist and a contributing correspondent for 60 Minutes. Not bad for a kid who couldn’t read. From a challenged youth to a reporting career that has covered 9/11 and Iraq, Pitts’s triumphant and uplifting story will resonate with anyone who has felt like giving up in the face of seemingly insurmountable hardships.

The Adventures of Herbie Cohen Rich Cohen 2022-05-10 The New York Times bestselling author Rich Cohen tells the story of Herbie: the king of Bensonhurst, the world’s best negotiator—and Cohen’s wise, wisecracking father. Meet Herbie Cohen, World’s Greatest Negotiator, dealmaker, risk taker, raconteur, adviser to presidents and corporations, hostage and arms negotiator, lesson giver and justice seeker, author of the how-to business classic You Can Negotiate Anything. And, of course, Rich Cohen’s father. The Adventures of Herbie Cohen follows our hero from his youth spent running around Brooklyn with his pals Sandy Koufax, Larry King, Who Ha, Inky, and Ben the Worrier (many of them members of his Bensonhurst gang, “the Warriors”); to his days coaching basketball in the army in Europe; to his years as a devoted and unconventional husband, father, and freelance guru crossing the country to give lectures, settle disputes, and hone the art of success while finding meaning in this strange, funny world. This book is an ode to a remarkable man by an adoring but not undiscerning son, and a treasure trove of hilarious antics and counterintuitive wisdom. (Some of this stuff you can use at home.) It’s a bildungsroman, a collection of tall tales, the unfolding of a unique biography coiled around Herbie’s great insight and guiding principle: The secret of life is to care, but not that much. Includes black-and-white photographs

100 Things Red Sox Fans Should Know & Do Before They Die Nick Cafardo 2014-05-01 With 100-plus years of Red Sox history, this lively, detailed book explores the personalities, events, and facts every Boston fan should know. It contains crucial information such as important dates, player nicknames, memorable moments, singular achievements, and signature calls. This guide to all things Red Sox covers the tradition of singing Neil Diamond’s “Sweet Caroline” at the stadium, the history of the Yawkey family, Wally the Green Monster, and the myth that Lefties can’t pitch at Fenway Park. Now updated through the 2013 World Series win, the book includes information about the signing of Shane Victorino and John Farrell taking over as manager.

The Big Chair Ned Colletti 2017-10-03 “An important contribution to 21st-century baseball literature. . . . Mr. Colletti’s book might be even more groundbreaking [than Moneyball.] in some ways: It’s a nearly unprecedented opportunity to see what running a baseball franchise looks like through the eyeballs of an actual general manager. . . . [Colletti] has a gift for entertaining story-telling. . . . These are stories modern general managers rarely tell, except in late-night gatherings at their favorite bars with people they know and trust. So to read them here, told in such colorful detail, makes you feel as if Ned Colletti has just invited you to flop down on the next bar stool.” --Wall Street Journal “Ned Colletti is a baseball treasure with fascinating stories to tell from inside the game. The Big Chair is your all-access pass. After reading this book, you will not only understand the job of a general manager better but also the game of baseball itself.” --Tom Verducci, author of The Cubs Way and co-author of The Yankee Years An unprecedented, behind-the-scenes look at the career of famed former Los Angeles Dodgers General Manager (a position also known as “The Big Chair”), whose tenure spanned nine of the most exciting and turbulent years in the franchise’s history. During his tenure with the Dodgers, Colletti had the highest winning percentage of any general manager in the National League. In The Big Chair, he lets readers in on the real GM experience from his unique vantage point—sharing the inner workings of three of the top franchises in the sport, revealing the out-of-the-headlines machinations behind the trades, the hires and the deals; how the money really works; how the decision-making really works; how much power the players really have and why—the real brass tacks of some of the most pivotal decisions made in baseball history that led to great success along with heartbreak and failure on the field. Baseball fans will come for the grit and insight, stay for the heart, and pass it on for the wisdom. Ned Colletti began his MLB career with his beloved hometown team, the Chicago Cubs, more than 35 years ago. He worked in Chicago for a dozen years and was in the front office when the Cubs won the National League East in 1984 and 1989, after which he moved on as director of baseball operations for the SF Giants. By 1996, he became the Assistant GM for the Giants, before being hired as the GM in Los Angeles in 2006. There he oversaw the Dodgers through the highly publicized and acrimonious divorce battle between Frank and Jamie McCourt that culminated in the equally highly publicized sale of the team. He was present at the press conference where Don Mattingly, having just watched his team eliminated from the playoffs, used the post-season conference to vehemently discuss his lack of a contract extension. He brought marquee names like Greg Maddux and Clayton Kershaw to LA, as well as marquee drama with the

likes of Manny Ramirez and Yasiel Puig; hired future Hall of Famer Joe Torre as manager; and oversaw fourteen Dodgers playoff wins. And these are just a few of the highlights. Colletti serves up a huge dish of first-hand experiences with some of the biggest names in baseball history (Barry Bonds, Greg Maddux, Don Mattingly, Don Zimmer, Tommy Lasorda, Scott Boras, Vin Scully, and more). From his humble early years living in a Chicago garage to his path to one of the most prestigious positions in professional sports, his very public and illustrious career has left a permanent handprint in the history of America’s sport—and now he’s ready to share the insight only those who have sat in The Big Chair have ever seen. **Loved and Wanted** Christa Parravani 2020-11-10 “Haunting, wild, and quiet at once. A shimmering look at motherhood, in all its gothic pain and glory. I could not stop reading.” —Lisa Taddeo, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Three Women* A stressed family, an unplanned pregnancy, and a painful, if liberating, awakening from the author of the lauded memoir Her Christa Parravani was forty years old, in a troubled marriage, and in bad financial straits when she learned she was pregnant with her third child. She and her family were living in Morgantown, West Virginia, where she had taken a professional position at the local university. Haunted by a childhood steeped in poverty and violence and by young adult years rocked by the tragic death of her identical twin sister, Christa hoped her professor’s salary and health care might set her and her young family on a safe and steady path. Instead, one year after the birth of her second child, Christa found herself pregnant again. Six weeks into the pregnancy, she requested an abortion. And in the weeks, then months, that followed, nurses obfuscated and doctors refused outright or feared being found out to the point of, ultimately, becoming unavailable to provide Christa with reproductive choice. By the time Christa understood that she would need to leave West Virginia to obtain a safe, legal abortion, she’d run out of time. She had failed to imagine that she might not have access to reproductive choice in the United States, until it was too late for her, her pregnancy too far along. So she gave birth to a beautiful baby boy named Keats. And another frightening episode began: available healthcare was dangerously inadequate to her newborn son’s needs; indeed, environmental degradations and poor healthcare endangered Christa’s older children as well. **Loved and Wanted** is the passionate story of a woman’s love for her children, and a poignant and bracing look at the difficult choices women in America are forced to make every day, in a nation where policies and a cultural war on women leave them without sufficient agency over their bodies, their futures, and even their hopes for their children’s lives.

Kardashian Confidential Kourtney Kardashian 2010-11-23 An authorized, three-way confessional by the reality television celebrities shares fun facts about their shared childhoods, presents beauty and style secrets and reveals family insights that sustain their professional lives. Media tie-in.

Watching Baseball Jerry Remy 2005-03 A fascinating look at the game within the game by All-Star second baseman and Red Sox broadcaster Remy with professional journalist Sandler.

David Ortiz 2018-06 An entertaining, unfiltered memoir by one of the game’s greatest, most clutch sluggers at the end of his career, written with best-selling sports writer and talk show host Michael Holley

Still Foolin’ Eh Billy Crystal 2015-08-27 **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** “A book with a thousand laughs entwined with unknown stories about some of the most popular movies of the past decades.” --Steve Martin “This book is kick-ass funny and truly unique. A Hollywood autobiography with only one wife, no rehab, a loving family and loyal friends.” --Robin Williams “Billy Crystal is a national treasure. Thank God he wrote this hilarious and emotional book because now I don’t have to and I’ll still have something personal to give everyone at Christmas.” --Bette Midler In this book Billy Crystal, currently starring in the new TV show **THE COMEDIANS** as an aging comic, gives a hilarious and heartfelt account of what it’s **really** like to be older. Billy Crystal is turning 65, and he’s not happy about it. With his trademark wit and heart, he outlines the absurdities and challenges that come with growing old, from insomnia to memory loss to leaving diners with half your meal on your shirt. He also looks back at the most powerful and memorable moments of his long and storied life, from entertaining his relatives as a kid in Long Beach, Long Island, his years doing stand-up in the Village, up through his legendary stint at Saturday Night Live. When Harry Met Sally, and his long run as host of the Academy Awards. Readers get a front-row seat to his one-day career with the New York Yankees, his love affair with Sophia Loren, and his enduring friendships with several of his idols, including Mickey Mantle and Muhammad Ali. He lends a light touch to more serious topics like religion (“the aging friends I know have turned to the Holy Trinity: Advil, bourbon, and Prozac”), grandparenting, and, of course, dentistry. As wise and poignant as they are funny, Crystal’s reflections are an unforgettable look at an extraordinary life well lived.

Pat O’Brien 2014-08-19 A New York Times Best Seller! Pat O’Brien was a skinny South Dakota kid with long hair, a rock and roll band, divorced parents and an alcoholic father. In all the familiar ways, he was on the road to nowhere until a professor, who envisioned his future as the household name he would soon become, dramatically changed his life. From that day forward Pat’s life took turns that were both spectacular and destructive from the Huntley-Brinkley Report and afternoons at Bobby Kennedy’s living room with Muhammad Ali to conversations with six Presidents. He did acid with Timothy Leary, drank with Mickey Mantle, and over the course of a remarkable career up close and personal **with** the Beatles, The Stones, The Kennedy’s, Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods and virtually every star in Hollywood. In I’ll Be Back Right After This, Pat reveals the highs and lows of the life of a radio and TV broadcaster, spent sharing the mic with the world’s rich and famous while battling an infamous public scandal and demons that nearly killed him. With laughter, tears and miracles he reveals how he learned to accept his mistakes, find redemption and become the father he never had, proving there really are second and even third acts in life.

This Thing Called Life Neal Karlen 2020-10-06 A warm and surprisingly real-life biography, featuring never-before-seen photos, of one of rock’s greatest talents: Prince. Neal Karlen was the only journalist Prince granted in-depth press interviews to for over a dozen years, from before Purple Rain to when the artist changed his name to an unpronounceable glyph. Karlen interviewed Prince for three Rolling Stone cover stories, wrote “3 Chans o’ Gold,” Prince’s “rock video opera,” as well as the star’s last testament, which may be buried with Prince’s will underneath Prince’s vast and private compound, Paisley Park. According to Prince’s former fiancé e Susannah Melvoin, Karlen was “the only reporter who made Prince sound like what he really sounded like.” Karlen quit writing about Prince a quarter-century before the mega-star died, but he never quit Prince, and the two remained friends for the last thirty-one years of the superstar’s life. Well before they met as writer and subject, Prince and Karlen knew each other as two of the gang of kids who biked around Minneapolis’s mostly-segregated Northside. (They played basketball at the Dairy Queen next door to Karlen’s grandparents, two blocks from the budding musician.) He asserts that Prince can’t be understood without first understanding ’70s Minneapolis, and that even Prince’s best friends never only 15 percent of him: that was all he was willing and able to give, no matter how much he cared for them. Going back to Prince Rogers Nelson’s roots, especially his contradictory, often tortured, and sometimes violent relationship with his father, This Thing Called Life profoundly changes what we know about Prince, and explains him as no biography has: a superstar who calls in the middle of the night to talk, who loved The Wire and could quote from every episode of The Office, who frequented libraries and jammed spontaneously for local crowds (and fed everyone pancakes afterward), who was lonely but craved being alone. Readers will drive around Minneapolis with Prince in a convertible, talk about movies and music and life, and watch as he tries not to curse, instead dishing a healthy dose of “mama jamma.”

Sixty-One Chris Pail 2023-06-20 By the NBA superstar • A powerful and unexpected memoir of family, faith, tragedy, and life’s most important lessons. The day after future NBA superstar Chris Pail signed his letter of intent to play college basketball for Wake Forest, he received a world-shattering phone call. His grandfather, Nathaniel “Papa” Jones, a pillar of the Winston-Salem community where he owned and operated the first Black-owned service station in North Carolina, was mugged and ultimately died from a heart attack resulting from the assault. His funeral filled the largest church in the county, which held over one thousand people. He was sixty-one years old. The day after burying his grandfather, Chris was coping the best way he knew how: by playing basketball for his high school team. After pouring in shot after shot, his last attempt was an airball purposely flung out of bounds from the foul line before Chris exited the game. The next day, local news headlines declared that he fell six points shy of the statewide single game high school scoring record. But he accomplished exactly what he set out to do: scoring sixty-one points, one for each year of his life lived by his grandfather. In Sixty-One, Chris opens up about life beyond basketball and the role his grandfather played in molding him into the man and father he is today. He’ll speak about the foundation of faith and family he built his life upon, what it means to be a positive light within your community and beyond, and the importance of setting the proper example for future generations. Most importantly, Chris will talk about his home, Winston-Salem, and the close-knit family and village that raised him to become one of the most respected leaders in all of sports.

Augusten Burroughs 2012-06-01 From the #1 bestselling author of Running with Scissors and Dry came a contagiously funny, heartwarming, shocking, twisted, and absolutely magical collection. True stories that give voice to the thoughts we all have but dare not mention. It begins with a Tang Instant Breakfast Drink television commercial when Augusten was seven. Then there is the contest of wills with the deranged cleaning lady. The execution of a rodent carried out with military precision and utter horror. Telemarketing revenge. Dating an undertaker and much more. A collection of true stories that are universal in their appeal yet unabashedly intimate and very funny.

Can You Believe It? Joe Castiglione 2012 A radio announcer for the Boston Red Sox gives readers an intimate, behind-the-scenes look at BoSox baseball.

One Last Strike (Enhanced Edition) Tony La Russa 2012-09-25 **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.

Terry Francona 2013 AN INSIGHTFUL, HONEST & ENTERTAINING NARRATIVE OF TERRY FRANCONA’S TENURE WITH THE RED SOX FRANCHISE, DURING WHICH TIME HE MANAGED TWO TEAMS TO WORLD SERIES VICTORIES & OVERSAW SOME OF THE MOST ICONIC & COLORFUL PLAYERS IN THE GAME.

Wish It Lasted Forever Dan Shaughnessy 2021-11-16 “Drawing on unprecedented access and personal experiences that would not be possible for any reporter today, Shaughnessy takes us inside the legendary Larry Bird-led Celtics teams, capturing the camaraderie as they rose to dominate the NBA. Fans can witness the cockiness of Larry Bird (who once walked into an All Star Weekend locker room, announced that he was going to win the three-point contest, and did), the ageless athleticism of Robert Parish; the shooting skills of Kevin McHale; the fierce, self-sacrificing play of Bill Walton; and the playful humor of players like Danny Ainge, Cedric Cornbreed Maxwell, and M.L. Carr.”--

Fenway Park: The Centennial Saul Wisnia 2011-09-13 Honoring the 100th anniversary of Fenway Park, this is a nostalgic and reverent look at America’s #1 baseball shrine—the national treasure that has been home to more than 600 straight sellouts and some of baseball’s greatest games and players over the last century. Relive 100 years of memories in Fenway Park with this monumental book—with an original DVD documentary hosted by Carlton Fisk. With supreme photography, a wealth of memorabilia, and original commentary by three generations of Boston Red Sox players and fans, this book celebrates the stadium in style. It also includes treasures from the Sports Museum of New England—rarely seen photographs and artifacts—that enhance the nostalgic experience. **FENWAY PARK: THE CENTENNIAL** is a visually stunning and thoroughly engaging celebration of this great monument and its 100 year history. Packed with original essays, commentary and history, this landmark book includes sections on: the inception, construction, and early years of Fenway Park • Detailed looks at Red Sox legends from Babe Ruth and Ted Williams to Pedro Martinez and David Ortiz • The greatest moments of the Green Monster, Fenway’s most famous feature • A trip inside the Monster’s manually operated scoreboard • Fenway fans and their love affair with the legendary stadium through the years • Unforgettable seasons, including the Impossible Dream team and the 2004 World Series champs

Mind Game Steven Goldman 2005-01-01 An account of the 2004 winning season of the Red Sox debunks popular myths and provides statistics and commentary on players and teams to explain how baseball games are won.

Born to Play Dustin Pedroia 2009-07-14 THE INSPIRATIONAL STORY OF BOSTON RED SOX SECOND BASEMAN DUSTIN PEDROIA—a GIANT TALENT IN A SMALL PACKAGE—who defied his critics to become one of the greatest players in the game today. Dustin Pedroia, at five feet seven inches and 170 pounds, is not the biggest, the strongest, or the fastest player in the game of baseball, but in just two years of major-league play he was named Rookie of the Year, Most Valuable Player, and helped the Boston Red Sox win a World Championship. At a time when steroid scandals dominated media coverage of America’s beloved pastime, Pedroia has proven to the world that a good baseball player is more than size and statistics. His success comes from the heart. In Born to Play, Pedroia shares the story of his difficult and uplifting journey to prove himself at every turn. More than anything, his love of the game and desire to win, not just for himself but for his teammates, defines Pedroia as an athlete—but his dedication, his perseverance, and of course, his monster swing have made him a beloved new symbol of baseball and offer hope for the future of America’s favorite game.

The Andy Cohen Diaries Andy Cohen 2014-11-11 A New York Times Bestseller, The Andy Cohen Diaries chronicles a year in the whirlwind life of the beloved pop icon, in his own cheeky, candid, and irreverent words. As a TV Producer and host of the smash late night show *Watch What Happens Live*, Andy Cohen has a front row seat to an exciting world not many get to see. In this dishy, detailed diary of one year in his life, Andy goes out on the town, drops names, hosts a ton of shows, becomes copendent with Real Housewives, makes trouble, calls his mom, drops some more names, and, while searching for love, finds it with a dog. We learn everything from which celebrity peed in her W/WHL dressing room to which Housewives are causing trouble and how. Nothing is off limits – including dating. We see Andy at home and with close friends and family (including his beloved and unforgettable mom). Throughout, Andy tells us not only what goes down, but exactly what he thinks about it. Inspired by the diaries of another celebrity-obsessed Andy (Warhol), this honest, irreverent, and laugh-out-loud funny book is a one-of-a-kind account of the whos and whats of pop culture in the 21st century.

Senior Year Dan Shaughnessy 2007 THE AUTHOR CHRONICLES HIS SON’S SENIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL, THE BOY’S OBSESSION WITH AND TALENT FOR SPORTS, AND HIS EFFORTS TO KEEP HIS GRADES UP WHILE DECIDING WHAT COLLEGE TO ATTEND AND AVOIDING PROBLEMS UNTIL GRADUATION.

Pedro Martinez 2015-05-05 A memoir by the World Series champion pitcher describes his youth in the Dominican Republic, hardscrabble days in the minor leagues and legendary run with the Red Sox. 100,000 FIRST PRINTING. **BASEYISHS** Gary Busey 2018-09-04 WORDS OF WISDOM AND INCREDIBLE LIFE STORIES, TOLD THROUGH GARY BUSEY’S UNUSUAL BUSEYISHS. TAKE A WILD RIDE THROUGH THE LIFE AND MIND OF GARY BUSEY IN HIS NEW HILARIOUS, UPLIFTING, TELL-ALL MEMOIR. BUSEYISHS, GARY TRANSPORTS YOU ON A LAUGH-OUT-LOUD JOURNEY THROUGH THE CRAZY TWISTS AND TURNS OF HIS RISE TO FAME, HIS DESCENT INTO DRUG ADDICTION, AND HIS TRIP TO THE ‘OTHER SIDE’ AFTER A NEAR-FATAL MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT. GARY ALSO SHARES UNFOLD STORIES OF HIS MILITANT UPRISING, SURVIVING CANCER IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS FACE, AND FUN BEHIND THE SCENES STORIES OF HIS MOST POPULAR MOVIES AND TELEVISION ROLES INCLUDING: *A Star Is Born*, *The Buddy Holly Story*, *Lethal Weapon*, *Pont Break*, *Under Siege*, *The Firm*, *Entourage*, *Celebrity Apprentice*, and more. INCLUDED IN THIS BOOK ARE DOZENS OF PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHS FROM GARY’S EARLY YEARS UP UNTIL NOW. GARY IS A LIVING TESTIMONY TO THE RESILIENCE OF THE HUMAN BODY AND SPIRIT. IN HIS SIMPLY WRITTEN BUT PROFOUND MEMOIR, HE SHARES HIS BASIC INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE LEAVING EARTH TO HELP OTHERS, WHO MAY BE GOING THROUGH SIMILAR THINGS, TO REALIZE THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO SURVIVE CHALLENGING LIFE EVENTS AND COME OUT A HAPPY CHAMPION.

Promise That You Will Sing About Me Miles Marshall Lewis 2021-09-28 A stunning, in-depth look at the power and poetry of one of the most consequential rappers of our time. Kendrick Lamar is one of the most influential rappers, songwriters and record producers of his generation. Widely known for his incredible lyrics and powerful music, he is regarded as one of the greatest rappers of all time. In *Promise That You Will Sing About Me*, pop culture critic and music journalist Miles Marshall Lewis explores Kendrick Lamar’s life, his roots, his music, his lyrics, and how he has shaped the musical landscape. With incredible graphic design, quotes, lyrics and commentary from Ta’Nehisi Coates, Alicia Garza and more, this book provides an in-depth look at how Kendrick came to be the powerhouse he is today and how he has revolutionized the industry from the inside.