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**Next REGIONAL MEETING**  
**Saturday, January 26th, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Community Room, Petco Park**

Details about our Chapter's winter program are being formulated but the time, date, and venue have been decided. Join us on for baseball talk in advance of the start of spring training.

Date: Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Venue: Petco Park (*the Community Room is next to the office entrance on Park Boulevard, north of the intersection with Imperial Avenue*)

Look for our next e-News in early January 2008 when we will provide more information on the program.

## WELCOME DAN BOYLE AS NEW CHAPTER PRESIDENT... plus FOUR NEW MEMBERS to STEERING COMMITTEE

Your Chapter has a new slate of officers, led by **Dan Boyle**, and four new members added to the Steering Committee: **Greg Funk**, **John Green**, **Michael Metzger**, and **Steve Wheeler**. Steve replaces **Vic Cardell** as our liaison between the San Diego Public Library and our Baseball Research Center. They join **Bob Hicks**, our Webmaster, and long-time Committee member **Jay Walker**, plus the four officers to comprise your Chapter's Steering Committee. Here are your officers along with their contact information:

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## RECAP of June 23, 2007 Regional Meeting

Our June meeting at Balboa Park's House of Hospitality featured two authors: Todd Anton and Bill Nowlin (in the photo Bill is on the left and Todd on the right).

**Todd Anton** presented stories from his book, *No Greater Love: Life Stories from the Men Who Saved Baseball*. He interviewed some of baseball's military veterans—including Bert Shepard, Don Newcombe, Dom DiMaggio, Jerry Coleman, Johnny Pesky, Ernie Harwell, Vin Scully, and Bob Feller. Anton offered some interesting and heart warming personal stories of these men and how they felt about their service and how their war experiences changed them as players and as men.



**Bill Nowlin**, SABR's Vice President, discussed his book, *Ted Williams at War*. His remarks provided an extensive look into Ted's service in World War II and the Korean War. Bill, a renowned Ted Williams and Red Sox historian, has authored more than a dozen books on both subjects.

The meeting also included *Greg Funk's* trivia contest and *David Kinney's* reviews of four books: *Level Playing Fields*, by Peter Morris; *Opening Day* by Jonathan Eig; *Spalding's World Tour*, by Mark Lamster; and *Cheater's Guide to Baseball*, by Derek Zumsteg.

## **"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME" CELEBRATES 100 YEARS IN 2008**

### **"Take Me Out' turns 100"**

**MLB to commence 2008 season with celebration of song**

By Mark Newman / MLB.com 11/14/2007 6:24 PM ET

Jack Norworth, a songwriter and Vaudeville performer, saw that sign while riding a New York subway in 1908. Although not a baseball fan himself at the time, he saw the meaning in a single game for New York Giants fans and for so many others.

It inspired him to pen the lyrics to a song that would be called "Take Me Out To The Ball Game," and now an institution within the national pastime is about to be celebrated in fitting style.

Major League Baseball and Baby Ruth, the Official Candy Bar of Major League Baseball, today announced the 2008 season will be ushered in with a nationwide celebration in honor of the 100th anniversary of one of America's most well-known and well-loved songs.

Beginning Opening Day and continuing throughout Opening Week, Major League Baseball, along with many Major League clubs, will host in-park searches for the most talented performers of the unofficial anthem of baseball fans everywhere. Starting on Opening Day and continuing through June, fans will also be able to enter by submitting audio or video clips of their performance to Major League Baseball at MLB.com. Club winners will also be featured on MLB.com.

The winner of the nationwide search will lead the crowd in the singing of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" during the seventh-inning stretch of the 2008 All-Star Game at Yankee Stadium.

"Singing 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game' is a quintessential part of every ballpark experience and giving our fans a fun and interactive way to honor its 100th anniversary is a perfect way to start the 2008 season," said Bob DuPuy, president and chief operating officer of Major League Baseball. "Baby Ruth knows how to help our fans take time to savor the baseball experience and we are delighted to partner with them to celebrate one of the great American traditions -- Opening Day -- and this timeless song."

Many notable recordings of the song include those by Nora Bayes, wife of Norworth; The Haydn Quartet, with popular tenor Harry MacDonough, who recorded a popular hit rendition of the song in 1908 for Victor Records; and Harry Caray, the late Hall of Fame broadcaster who first sang the song during a game in 1971. Since Caray's passing, it has been a wonderful tradition for a different guest to perform the song during each seventh-inning stretch at Wrigley Field -- typical of the music's eternal allure.

But this song is everyone's. In fact, it is generally acknowledged to be the third most-performed song in America in a typical year, behind only "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Happy Birthday to You."

Baseball fans also made a big deal of the song's 50th anniversary back in 1958, but there was no such technological capacity for this kind of widespread search for the best renditions. Here are some of the comments then, showing the true timeliness of this song:

"Of the several hundred songs written for or about the National Game, 'Take Me Out To The Ball Game' looms above them all -- like a Stan Musial coming to bat in the ninth inning," Harold Rosenthal wrote in the March 16, 1958, issue of *The Sporting News*. "It was so good that the song is probably familiar to 999 out of every 1,000 persons in the United States."

"Although more than 300 other baseball songs have been composed in the last 50 years, 'Take Me Out To The Ball Game' has withstood all the challenges and remains the musical classic of our national sport," Clyde Snyder wrote that year in the *Los Angeles Times*.

That kind of history will be captured in a forthcoming book called "Baseball's Greatest Hit: 100 years of Take Me Out to the Ball Game." It is being published on Opening Day by Hal Leonard, the world's largest music publisher, and the other two authors are **Andy Strasberg** and Bob Thompson. The 46-chapter book will include: a bio on Norworth as well as Albert Von Tilzer, who co-wrote the song; the more than 500 artists who have recorded the song; the more than 1,500 times it has been used in movies or TV; and how the song became linked to the seventh-inning stretch.

Tim Wiles, a foremost authority on the subject at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, contributed to that book and said, "One of the things we argue in the book is that the song reached new heights of popularity during its second 50 years, largely due to Bill Veeck and Caray."

A Jan. 20, 1981, *Chicago Tribune* article by Bob Verdi (headline: "Unsigned Caray Bit Itchy in Eden") speculated whether new owners of the White Sox would rehire Caray. The legendary broadcaster went on a rant against his critics, and against team management that had generally fielded a poor product: "When the talent isn't there," Caray said in the article, "that's when you start singing 'Take Me Out To The Ball Game.'"

The song also was made popular in the 1949 MGM musical film, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," with Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra, and Harpo Marx played it on his harp in an episode of "I Love Lucy." It is known by the oldest and youngest fans alike, and singing it for the first time is part of the initiation into this tradition.

The original lyrics penned by Norworth in 1908 are part of the collections at the National Baseball Hall of Fame. The average person has no idea what any of the lyrics are other than the chorus. Here is the 1908 versions written by Norworth, who went to his first Major League game in 1940:

*Katie Casey was baseball mad,  
Had the fever and had it bad.  
Just to root for the home town crew,  
Ev'ry sou\*  
Katie blew.  
On a Saturday her young beau  
Called to see if she'd like to go  
To see a show, but Miss Kate said "No,  
I'll tell you what you can do:"*

*Take me out to the ball game,  
Take me out with the crowd;  
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,  
I don't care if I never get back.  
Let me root, root, root for the home team,*

*If they don't win, it's a shame.  
For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out,  
At the old ball game.*

*Katie Casey saw all the games,  
Knew the players by their first names.  
Told the umpire he was wrong,  
All along,  
Good and strong.  
When the score was just two to two,  
Katie Casey knew what to do,  
Just to cheer up the boys she knew,  
She made the gang sing this song:*

*(Repeat chorus.)*

\* A "sou" was common slang at the time for a low-denomination coin.

There is a 1927 version as well. But again, it is only the chorus that the average fan knows and cares about. That is what you will hear constantly in 2008, more than in any baseball season before. Baby Ruth will undertake a fan-oriented multi-platform campaign to support the promotion, and details will be announced in early 2008.

In commemoration of this major anniversary, Baby Ruth also will release a special seven-inch long "stretched" version of the popular candy bar. This limited edition "Seventh Inning Stretch" Baby Ruth bar will be available during the 2008 season at retailers nationwide.

"'Take Me Out to the Ball Game' is a song that belongs to baseball fans everywhere," said Hyder Raheem, marketing manager for Baby Ruth. "No matter what team you root for, the song has been a part of our collective baseball experience throughout the years. Baby Ruth is thrilled to be able to give fans the opportunity to have some fun and really express their unique style and passion for their teams while also savoring one of the truly great moments in life: the seventh-inning stretch."

*Mark Newman is enterprise editor for MLB.com. This story was not subject to the approval of Major League Baseball or its clubs.*

## NEW ACQUISITIONS -- BASEBALL RESEARCH CENTER (BRC)



For the past two years we have had a partnership with the Cleveland Public Library—they have agreed to send us excess baseball resources that come their way. Resulting from this partnership, *Steve Wheeler* reports that our BRC has received Pittsburgh Pirates Yearbooks from 1960-64, 1970, 1972, 1974-1976; a 1970 Three Rivers Stadium Souvenir Book; and New York Yankees Yearbooks from 1961, 1963-4, 1975, and 1978.

On the following pages Steve has provided a summary of new baseball resources received at the San Diego Public Library between April-September 2007. *All holdings are at the Central Library only unless noted otherwise.*

## APRIL-JUNE

### MICROFILMS

National League official averages. From the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Call number: **NBHoF Coll** Library has: 1891-1899 (9 reels)

### BOOKS

American Sport Education Program. *Coaching baseball technical and tactical skills*. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics, 2006. Call number: **796.35707/COACHING** Branch libraries only

Banks, Kerry. *The glory years: old-time baseball trivia*. Vancouver: Greystone Books, 1997. Call number: **796.357/BANKS**

Bennett, Bob and Robert S. Bennett. *Johnny Podres: Brooklyn's only Yankee killer*. Bloomington, Ind.: AuthorHouse, 2005. Call number: **796.35709/BENNETT**

Bjarkman, Peter C. *A history of Cuban baseball, 1864-2006*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2007. Call number: **796.35709/BJARKMAN**

Boxerman, Burton Alan and Benita W. Boxerman. *Jews and baseball. Volume 1: Entering the American mainstream, 1871-1948*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2007. Call number: **796.35709/BOXERMAN** Central and branch libraries

Carney, Gene. *Burying the Black Sox: how baseball's cover-up of the 1919 World Series fix almost succeeded*. Washington, D.C.: Potomac Books, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/CARNEY**

Cook, William A. *The Louisville Grays scandal of 1877: the taint of gambling at the dawn of the National League*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2005. Call number: **796.35764/COOK**

Cooper, Brian E. *Red Faber: a biography of the hall of fame spitball pitcher*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2007. Call number: **796.35709/COOPER**

Dellinger, Susan. *Red legs and black sox: Edd Roush and the untold story of the 1919 World Series*. Cincinnati, OH: Emmis Books, 2005. Call number: **796.35709/DELLINGER** Central and branch libraries

Dewan, John. *The fielding bible*. Skokie, IL: ACTA Sports, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/DEWAN**

Dierker, Larry. *My team: choosing my dream team from my forty years in baseball*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2006. Call number: **796.35709/DIERKER**

Fidler, Merrie A. *The origins and history of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/FIDLER**

Fitts, Robert K. *Remembering Japanese baseball: an oral history of the game*. Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2005. Call number: **796.35709/FITTS**

Forker, Dom. *The ultimate baseball quiz book*. New York, N.Y.: Signet, 2002. Call number: **796.35702/FORKER** Branch libraries only

Formosa, Dan and Paul Hamburger. *Baseball field guide: an in-depth illustrated guide to the complete rules of baseball*. New York, NY: Thunder's Mouth Press, 2006. Call number: **796.3572/FORMOSA** Branch libraries only

Freeman, S. H. *Basic baseball strategy: an introduction for coaches and players*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2006. Call number: **796.3572/FREEMAN** Branch libraries only

Green, Ron. *101 reasons to love the Yankees*. New York: Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 2005. Call number: **796.35764/GREEN** Branch libraries only

Hanlon, Thomas W. *Absolute beginner's guide to coaching youth baseball*. Indianapolis, IN: Que Pub., 2005. Call number: **796.35707/HANLON** Branch libraries only

Heaphy, Leslie A. and Mel Anthony May, eds. *Encyclopedia of women and baseball*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2006. Call number: **R 796.35709/ENCYCLOPEDIA**

Jacobson, Sidney. *Pete Reiser: the rough-and-tumble career of the perfect ballplayer*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2004. Call number: **796.35709/JACOBSON**

Kahn, Roger. *The boys of summer*. New York: HarperPerennial, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/KAHN** Branch libraries only

Kirkpatrick, Rob. *Cecil Travis of the Washington Senators: the war-torn career of an all-star shortstop*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2005. Call number: **796.35709/KIRKPATRICK**

Koszarek, Ed. *The Players League: history, clubs, ballplayers and statistics*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/KOSZAREK**

Kuenster, John, ed. *The best of Baseball Digest: the greatest players, the greatest games, the greatest writers from baseball's most exciting years*. Chicago: Ivan R. Dee, 2006. Call number: **796.357/BEST** Branch libraries only

Kun, Michael and Howard Bloom. *The baseball encyclopedia: a highly-opinionated, myth-busting guide to the great American game*. Cincinnati, Ohio: Emmis Books, 2006. Call number: **796.357/KUN** Branch libraries only

Lee, Bill. *The little Red (Sox) book: a revisionist Red Sox history*. Curse reversed ed. Chicago: Triumph Books, 2005. Call number: **796.35764/LEE**

Leventhal, Josh. *Take me out to the ballpark: an illustrated tour of baseball parks past and present*. New York: Black Dog & Leventhal, 2006. Call number: **796.35706/LEVENTHAL** Branch libraries only

Lewis, Michael. *Moneyball: the art of winning an unfair game*. New York: W.W. Norton, 2004. Call number: **796.35706/LEWIS** Branch libraries only

Luke, Bob. *Dean of umpires: a biography of Bill McGowan, 1896-1954*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2005. Call number: **796.35709/LUKE**

Lyons, Douglas B. *The baseball geek's bible*. New York: MQ Publications, 2006. Call number: **796.357/LYONS** Branch libraries only

Maloof, Jack. *Hit like a big leaguer: batting tips, techniques, and strategies for coaches and players*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2006. Call number: **796.35726/MALOOF** Branch libraries only

McNeil, William. *Backstop: a history of the catcher and a sabermetric ranking of 50 all-time greats*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2006. Call number: **796.35723/MCNEIL**  
Central and branch libraries

Morgan, Joe. *Baseball for dummies*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Pub., 2005. Call number: **796.357/MORGAN** Branch libraries only

Morris, Peter. *A game of inches: the stories behind the innovations that shaped baseball: the game behind the scenes*. Chicago: Ivan R. Dee, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/MORRIS** Central and branch libraries

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Nemec, David. *The great encyclopedia of nineteenth century major league baseball*. 2nd ed. Tuscaloosa, Ala.: University of Alabama Press, 2006. Call number: R **796.35709/NEMEC**

Neyer, Rob. *Rob Neyer's big book of baseball blunders: a complete guide to the worst decisions and stupidest moments in baseball history*. New York: Fireside/Simon & Schuster, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/NEYER** Branch libraries only

Noren, Rick. *Softball fundamentals*. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics, 2005. Call number: **796.3578/NOREN** Branch libraries only

Patterson, Jake. *How to coach little league baseball: a short easy to follow guide on how to begin your little league coaching career*. Putnam, CT: Patterson Sports, 2006. Call number: **796.35762/PATTERSON** Branch libraries only

Purdy, Dennis. *The team by team encyclopedia of major league baseball*. New York: Workman Pub., 2006. Call number: R **796.35764/PURDY**  
Central and branch libraries

Roer, Mike. *Orator O'Rourke: the life of a baseball radical*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2005. Call number: **796.35709/ROER**

Rolfe, Red. *The view from the dugout: the journals of Red Rolfe*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2006. Call number: **796.35709/ROLFE**

Rosen, Ira. *The American game: a celebration of minor league baseball*. New York: Collins, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/ROSEN** Central and branch libraries

\_\_\_\_\_. *Blue skies, green fields: a celebration of 50 major league baseball stadiums*. New York: Gramercy Books, 2006. Call number: **796.35706/ROSEN**  
Branch libraries only

Rosenberg, Howard W. *Cap Anson 2: the theatrical and kingly Mike Kelly: U.S. team sport's first media sensation and baseball's original Casey at the bat*. Arlington, VA: Tile Books, 2004. Call number: **796.35709/ROSENBERG**

Ross, Alan. *The Yankees century: voices and memories of the pinstripe past*. Nashville, Tenn.: Cumberland House, 2001. Call number: **796.35764/ROSS**

Schupak, Marty. *Youth baseball drills*. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics, 2005. Call number: **796.35762/SCHUPAK** Branch libraries only

Smiles, Jack. *"Ee-yah": the life and times of Hughie Jennings, Baseball Hall of Famer*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2005. Call number: **796.35709/SMILES**

Snider, Duke. *Few and chosen: defining Dodgers greatness across the eras*. Chicago: Triumph Books, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/SNIDER** Branch libraries only

Suzuki, Ichiro. *Ichiro's art of playing baseball: learn how to hit, steal, and field like an all-star*. New York: St. Martin's Griffin, 2006. Call number: **796.357/SUZUKI** Branch libraries only

Swanton, Barry. *The ManDak League: haven for former Negro league ballplayers, 1950-1957*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/SWANTON**

*Toronto Blue Jays official guide*. Toronto: Dan Diamond and Associates [for the] Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Club, 2000- Call number: **R 796.357/TORONTO** Library has: 2004

Wagner, Honus. *Honus Wagner: a self-portrait*. Ann Arbor: Sports Media Group, 2006. Call number: **796.35709/WAGNER**

Winfield, Dave. *Dropping the ball: baseball's troubles and how we can and must solve them*. New York, NY: Scribner, 2007. Call number: **796.357/WINFIELD** Central and branch libraries

Zweig, Eric, comp. *Home plate don't move: baseball's best quotes and quips*. Richmond Hill, Ont.: Firefly Books, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/HOME** Branch libraries only

## JULY-SEPTEMBER

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Barthel, Thomas. *Baseball barnstorming and exhibition games, 1901-1962: a history of off-season major league play*. Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2007. Call number: **796.35709/BARTHEL**

Bennett, Bob. *101 pitching drills*. Champaign, IL: Coaches Choice, 1999. Call number: **796.3572/BENNETT** Branch libraries only

Benson, John and Tony Blengino. *Baseball's top 100: the best individual seasons of all time*. Wilton, CT: Diamond Library, 1995. Call number: **796.357/BENSON**

Carrington, Tori. *Foul play: a Sofie Metropolis novel*. New York: Forge, 2007. Call number: **[MYST] FIC/CARRINGTON** Central & branch libraries

Cecchini, Glenn et al. *101 championship baseball drills*. Champaign, IL: Coaches Choice, 1999. Call number: **796.3572/CECCHINI** Branch libraries only

Center, Bill. *Padres essential: everything you need to be a real fan!* Chicago: Triumph Books, 2007. Call number: **796.357/CENTER** Central & branch libraries

Chandler, Bob with Bill Swank. *Bob Chandler's tales from the San Diego Padres*. Champaign, IL: Sports Publishing, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/CHANDLER** Central & branch libraries

Deaver, Philip F. *Scoring from second: writers on baseball*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2007. Call number: **796.357/SCORING** Central & branch libraries

Euchner, Charles C. *The last nine innings: inside the real game the fans never see*. Naperville, IL: Sourcebooks, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/EUCHNER** Central & branch libraries

Euchner, Charles C. *Little League, big dreams: the hope, the hype and the glory of the greatest World Series ever played*. Naperville, IL: Sourcebooks, 2006. Call number: **796.35762/EUCHNER** Central & branch libraries

Fleder, Rob. *Great baseball writing: Sports Illustrated 1954-2004*. New York: Time, 2007. Call number: **796.357/GREAT** Central & branch libraries

Frommer, Frederic J. *The Washington Nationals 1859 to today: the story of baseball in the nation's capital*. Lanham, MD: Taylor Trade, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/FROMMER**

Guzzo, Glenn. *The new ballgame: understanding baseball statistics for the casual fan*. Skokie, IL: ACTA Sports, 2007. Call number: **796.357/GUZZO** Central & branch libraries

Hample, Zack. *Watching baseball smarter: a professional fan's guide for beginners, semi-experts, and deeply serious*. New York: Vintage Books, 2007. Call number: **796.357/HAMPLE** Central & branch libraries

Heidenry, John. *The gashouse gang: how Dizzy Dean, Leo Durocher, Branch Rickey, Pepper Martin, and their colorful, come-from-behind ball club won the World Series—and America's heart—during the Great Depression*. New York: Public Affairs, 2007. Call number: **796.35764/HEIDENRY** Central & branch libraries

Jacobson, Steve. *Carrying Jackie's torch: the players who integrated baseball . . . and America*. Chicago: Lawrence Hill, 2007. Call number: **796.35709/JACOBSON** Central & branch libraries

King, C. Richard. *Native athletes in sport & society*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2005. Call number: **796.08997/NATIVE**

Kinsella, W. P. *Shoeless Joe*. New York: Ballentine Books, 1996. Call number: **FIC/KINSELLA** Central & branch libraries

Lowenfish, Lee. *Branch Rickey: baseball's ferocious gentleman*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2007. Call number: **B/RICKEY**

Manley, Effa and Leon H. Hardwick. *Negro baseball—before integration*. Haworth, NJ: St. Johann Press, 2006. Call number: **796.35764/MANLEY**

Marsh, Don. *101 things you can teach your kids about baseball* (3rd ed.). San Diego: Campbell Marsh Communications, 2004. Call number: **796.357/MARSH** Branch libraries only

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Murphy, Cait. *Crazy '08: how a cast of cranks, rogues, boneheads, and magnates created the greatest year in baseball history*. New York: Smithsonian/Collins, 2007. Call number: **796.35709/MURPHY** Central & branch libraries

O'Keefe, Michael and Teri Thompson. *The card: collectors, con men, and the true story of history's most desired baseball card*. New York: William Morrow, 2007. Call number: **796.35707/O'KEEFE**

Price, Joseph L. *Rounding the bases: baseball and religion in America*. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2006. Call number: **796.35709/PRICE** Central & branch libraries

Shaughnessy, Dan. *Senior year: a father, a son, and high school baseball*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2007. Call number: **796.35762/SHAUGHNESSY**

Sheffield, Gary and David Ritz. *Inside power*. New York: Crown Publishing, 2007. Call number: **B/SHEFFIELD** Central & branch libraries

Stadler, Michael A. *The psychology of baseball: inside the mental game of the major league player*. New York: Gotham Books, 2007. Call number: **796.35701/STADLER** Central & branch libraries

Tan, Cecilia. *The 50 greatest Yankee games*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley, 2005. Call number: **796.35764/TAN** Branch libraries only

Vecsey, George. *Baseball: a history of America's favorite game*. New York: Modern Library, 2006. Call number: **796.35709/VECSEY** Central & branch libraries

Wallace, Joseph E. *The autobiography of baseball: the inside story from the stars who played the game*. New York: Abradale Press/Abrams, 2000. Call number: **796.357/WALLACE** Branch libraries only

Wiggins, David K. *Out of the shadows: a biographical history of African American athletes*. Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 2006. Call number: **796.0922/OUT** Central & branch libraries

Zoss, Joel and John S. Bowman. *The pictorial history of baseball*. San Diego: Thunder Bay Press, 2002. Call number: **796.357/ZOSS**

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