

The World Series Comes to Life at Your Library

This is the time of the year when sports fans everywhere are thinking about postseason baseball. Fortunately, the Bartholomew County Public Library has plenty of books to satisfy any fan's "fix" for postseason and World Series baseball information. Here are just a few New Books (2006 Publication Date)

Carney, Gene: *Burying the Black Sox: how baseball's cover-up of the 1919 World Series fix almost succeeded* Carney discusses two conspiracies regarding the 1919 World Series: the attempt of players and managers to hide the fact that a handful of White Sox threw the Series, and the combined efforts of Charles Comiskey, owner of the team, and Kennesaw Mountain Landis, baseball's first Commissioner, to expel the eight players accused of throwing the Series at all costs, to ensure a clean image for baseball.
Euchner, Charles: *The last nine innings*

Euchner delves deep into the strategies of a typical baseball game, using the events of Game 7 of the 2001 World Series as his stepping stone. The strategies of this particular game are used as segues to discuss related matters involving the sport. Heidenry, John and Topel, Brett: *The boys who were left behind: the 1944 World Series between the hapless St. Louis Browns and the legendary St. Louis Cardinals* Melding baseball history with American history, the authors paint a picture of World War II baseball. The baseball talent pool had been depleted so badly because of the ongoing war that the St. Louis Browns, a team that had never won anything and playing with misfits and players unsuitable for military service, won the American League championship and met their powerful cross-town rivals in the World Series. Rogers, Phil: *Say it's so: the Chicago White Sox's magical season*

Produced just months after their triumph, this book is a re-telling of the 2005 Chicago White Sox's surprising domination of the regular season, American League playoffs and World Series.

Other Recommended Titles

Berra, Yogi: *Ten rings: my championship seasons* (2003). The ever-quotable legend gives a stirring recap of each of the 10 World Series-winning seasons that he experienced as a Yankee. Enders, Eric: *100 years of the World Series* (2004). This coffee table book is filled with rich photographs from the first century of the World Series, complete with an appendix of "easy to look up" statistics about every World Series.

Levenson, Barry: *The seventh game: the 35 World Series that have gone the distance* (2004). There's no more exciting few hours in sports than a final and deciding game of a World Series. It has occurred 35 times (the last being in 2002) and Levenson analyzes each game in depth. From the completely anti-climactic final game in 1985 between the Royals and the Cardinals to the thrilling finishes like the Pirates' Series-winning homer in 1960, each is treated with reverence.

Olney, Buster: *The last night of the Yankee dynasty* (2004). Olney, a former New York Yankee beat writer, uses the final game of the 2001 World Series, a Yankee loss, to describe a turning point in the contemporary history of the New York Yankees. Fan favorites Paul O'Neill, Tino Martinez, and Scott Brosius each play their last game as a Yankee, and owner George Steinbrenner replaces them with popular players high on talent but less skilled in the "Yankee Way."

For these titles and many more on the subject of baseball, stop by the Library or ask a Reference librarian for help. Feel free to call us in Reference at 379-1266.

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