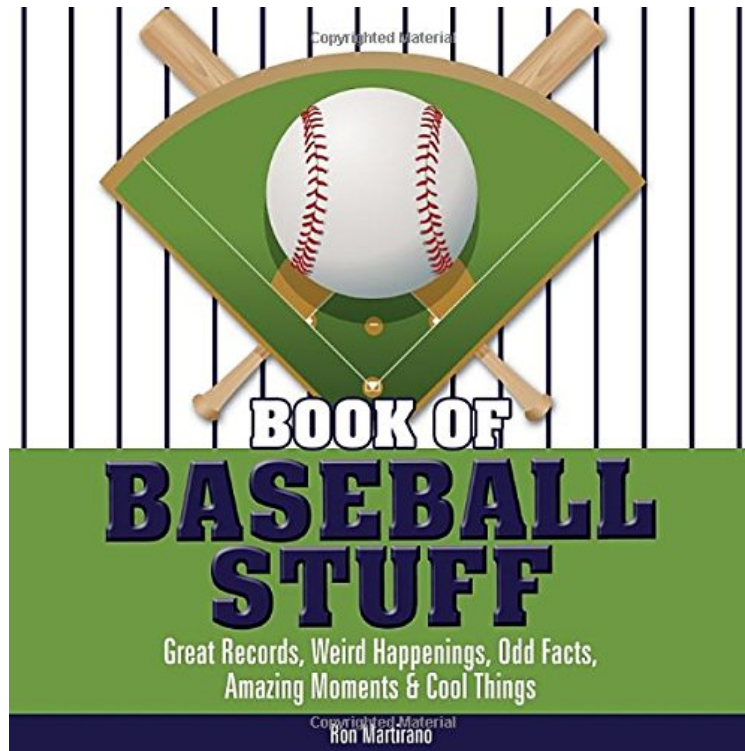


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This book hits a grand slam right out of the park! No diehard devotee of the diamond will be able to resist this completely out-of-the-ordinary look at the sport. It's rich in anecdotes about team superstitions (from the black cat that haunted the Cubs to the "Curse of the Bambino"), the antics of the superstars, and other stuff that comes out of left field. Think today's umpires have a temper? Wait till you read about the 19th century New Jersey ump who pulled out a gun and shoved it in the face of a player who came at him with a bat. Or about the time three Brooklyn Dodger runners found themselves at third base...together.

From School Library Journal Grade 4 Up—This small collection of mostly enjoyable anecdotes is loosely organized into four categories: "Unusual Stuff," "Magical Stuff," "Painful Stuff," and "Traditional Stuff." The brief accounts of pranks, miscues, and stunts are frequently amusing, such as the player who, after stealing second base, attempted to confuse the infield by running back to first (it didn't work). Martirano ranges widely in the annals of baseball lore,

skipping back and forth in time and featuring famous and not-so-famous players. He also covers aspects of the Major League experience: mascots, home-field traditions, and anthems. The prose is often dense and jumbled, as in: "Time may heal all wounds, but what Red Sox fans know and Cubs fan [sic] hope to realize is that a World Championship is better than any antibiotic at fighting the infection of failure." Diehard fans will find something to like here, though others will be deterred by the wordiness and lack of order. Zack Hample's engaging *Watching Baseball Smarter* (Vintage, 2007) covers similar territory and adds perspective and context.—Marilyn Taniguchi, Beverly Hills Public Library, CA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. About the Author Ron Martirano writes about sports.