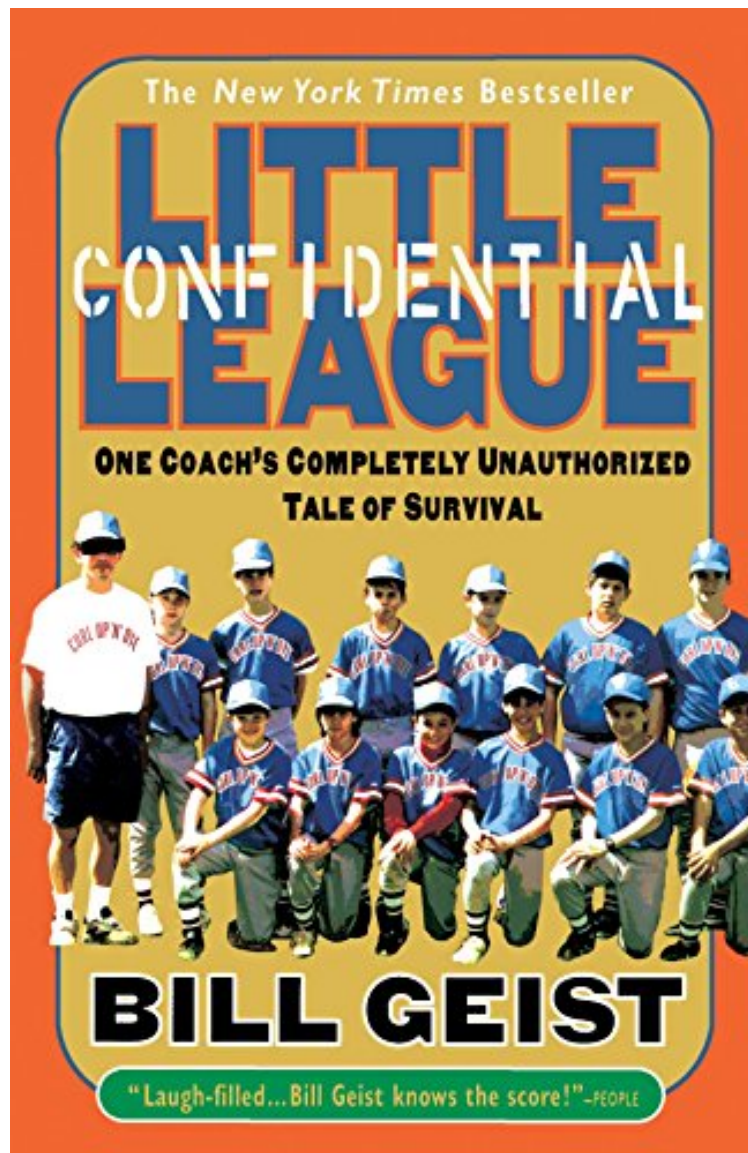


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One coach's completely unauthorized tale of survival, set in the manicured sandlots of suburban New JerseyBill Geist, semi-permanent coach of Curl Up 'N Dye's Fighting Hairdressers, brings us a riotously funny record of an institution and its inmates—the innocent kids, the ruthless coaches, the shameless moms, and the litigious dads. Just when it seems that Little League may be no place for a kid, this all-star line-up of conniving commissioners and mitt-impaired fielders sends the sport off and over the wall.Praise for Little League Confidential “Bill Geist is the funniest writer since Marcel Proust—I mean Mark Twain—no, make that Yogi Berra.”—Russell Baker“A lighthearted romp . . . essential reading for seasons to come.”—The New York Times Book Review “Very, very, very funny.”—Larry King, USA Today

.com Journalist Bill Geist, who is familiar to viewers of the CBS Evening News, used to be a Little League coach in New Jersey. And he somehow lived to tell about it. When first published in 1992, Little League Confidential assumed cult status as a baseball classic, though some just considered it one very funny book. Geist reveals the ups and downs (well, mostly downs) of coaching a team sponsored by a local beauty salon. His portraits of players and parents and his thoughts on competition in small town New Jersey are heartfelt and hilarious.From Publishers WeeklyThis Little League coach's account of his woes, travails and soul storms in the course of one season is side-splitting. Geist, a CBS News correspondent, lives in Ridgewood, N.J., where he has shepherded preadolescents on the diamond for nine years and, to his amazement, has survived. He describes the draft system for securing players and a shrewd angle-worker who rigged the system. He analyzes the four major types of coaches: "It's only a game, so let's just have fun" (the nerd, according to the kids); "Win or I'll kill you" (the asshole, according to the kids); "We're here to build character, to learn life's lessons" (the despicable preacher, according to Geist); "I pick the kids with the best-looking mothers" (attribution superfluous). He writes of the games, with pitchers flinging balls three feet over the batters' heads, outfielders aiming for third base but throwing to first and a few tyros who are actually good. For anyone in need of a good laugh. First serial to Parents magazine; Literary Guild featured alternate. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.From Library JournalGeist, former columnist for the New York Times and now a correspondent for CBS News, has written a hilarious account of his experiences with Little League baseball. Both his son and daughter played Little League and Geist was a coach for many years. These relationships form the basis of his lighthearted, humorous, semi-fictional account. Included are flashbacks to his own youth in central Illinois--albeit as a second-stringer in Little League. The book is full of witty observations. On the drafting of one player for his team: "I need a kid with a pool. A swimming pool. For the postseason party." This book is a winner. Recommended for popular sports collections.- Paul Kaplan, Dakota Cty. Lib., Eagan, Minn.Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.