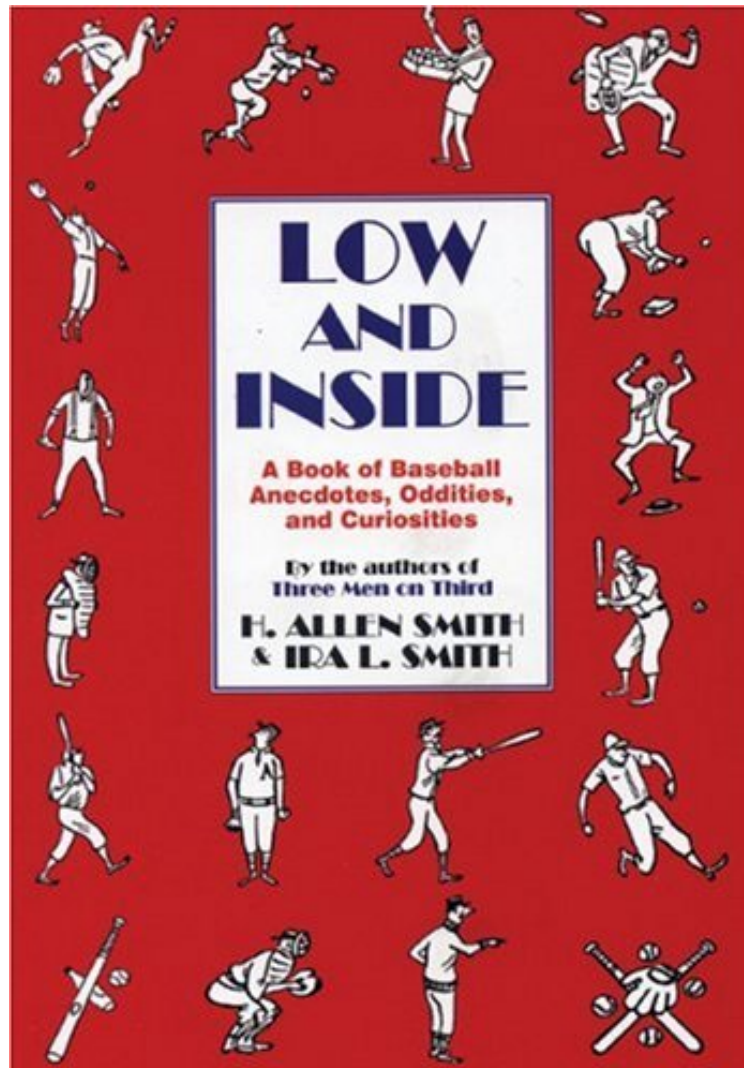


## Low and Inside: A Book of Baseball Anecdotes, Oddities, and Curiosities

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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. If you like storiesBy hindaviWhen I was a kid someone gave me a copy of Low and Inside. That was 40 years ago. I loved that book because it told stories about a bygone era of a sport I loved. As this season approached I was thinking about how much the game has changed since I was a kid. The AL's designated hitter rule, free agency, divisional champions, multi-million dollar contracts, drug enhance statistics and

inter-league play have changed baseball; and, in my opinion not for the better. Anyway, I was thinking about all that stuff, and how I the start of the season holds little interest for me now; and I remembered that little red book. I was pleasantly surprised to see had two copies. When mine arrived I could not put it down. Most of the stories are about players and teams I had never heard of; but, those stories clothed baseball with the humanity that the game sorely lacks now. So, if you like stories about the late nineteenth and early twentieth century I believe you will enjoy this book.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy joyadozanWas a gift and recipient was thrilled.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I was unaware that the book was published in the ...By Timothy M. BridgemanI was unaware that the book was published in the 1940s and dealt with the early days of baseball around the turn of the century before the modern era. It did have lots of historical anecdotes, some outrageous, and most definitely bizarre. It's interesting though.

An excerpt from *Low and Inside*

"A fascinating and hilarious collection. It is something that should be sandwiched between Marcel Proust and *Forever Amber* on every bookshelf." -- Tallulah Bankhead, *The New York Times*About the AuthorH. Allen Smith (1907-1976) was a famous humorist of the Fifties and Sixties. Ira L. Smith (no relation) was a newspaper editor and baseball trivia researcher.Excerpt. © Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved.One of the hundreds of funny anecdotes in this book: \*\*\* THE OLDTOWN TEAM of the Northern Maine League was playing at Millinocket one August afternoon in 1902 when Horace Newenham executed his fielding play which places him on the roll of baseball immortals-at least in Maine. Our account of Horace's feat comes from the *Portland Press*. The Millinocket River flowed past the ball field where the game was being played. Horace Newenham was playing right field when Barrington, the heaviest hitter on the Millinocket team, belted a terrific drive. Horace was outward bound with the crack of the bat and heard the crowd roar as the ball came out of the clouds and went kerplosh into the middle of the river. Barrington, the hitter, also saw where his long hit had gone and took his time on the base paths. Meanwhile Horace arrived at the riverbank. Seeing the ball drifting on the surface in midstream, Horace didn't hesitate. He leaped into the water, swam out, seized the ball, and--the *Portland newspaper* says he did this--put it in his mouth. Barrington had slowed to a walk by this time, feeling quite pleased with himself, and was on his way from second to third when Horace emerged from the water, snatched the ball out of his own teeth, and heaved it hard. It was a fine throw, and arrived in the hands of the third baseman just ahead of the ambling Barrington, who was promptly tagged out.