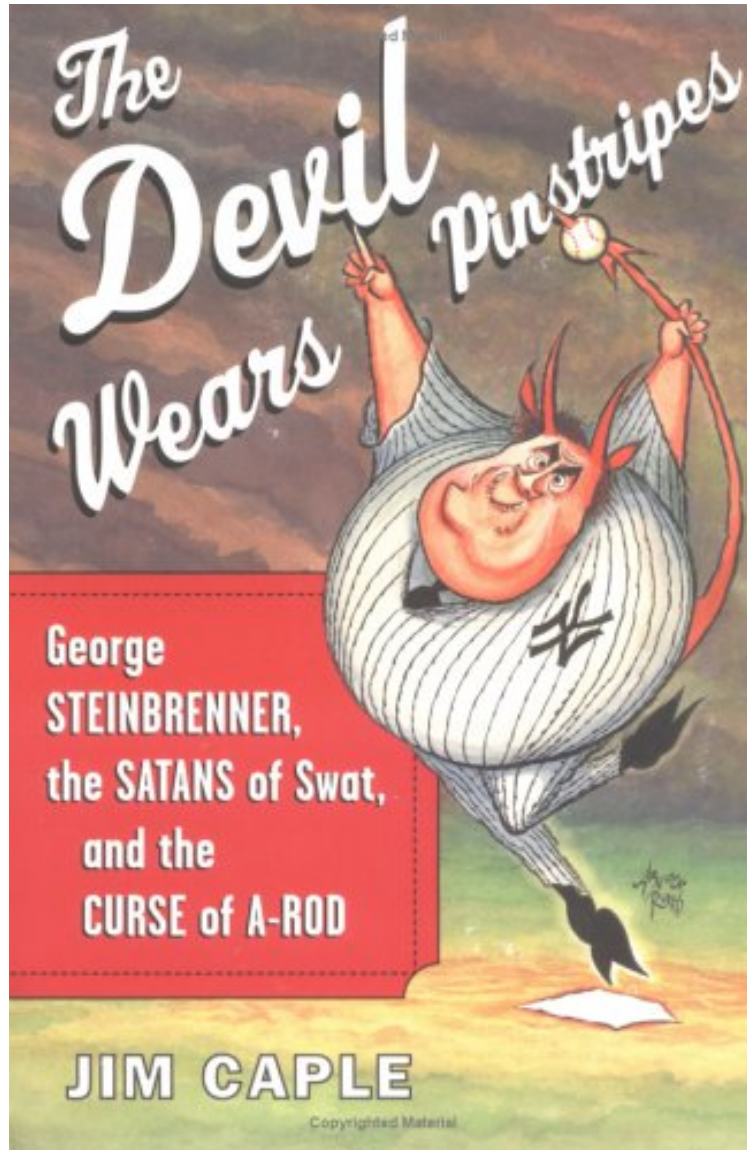


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**Jim Caple : The Devil Wears Pinstripes** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Devil Wears Pinstripes:

16 of 21 people found the following review helpful. A true Yankee fan.By J. M. KarboI loved this book, and yes I really am a Yankee fan! (I was born that way, sorry!) This book was hilarious! And if any other Yankee fans are upset by this book I can not fathom why. Every "story" about the Yankees and George Steinbrenner is true, I have heard them before. The way they are told is just from a slightly different point of view. The writing is exceptional and the

comic timing precise. And only another 86 years will tell if things will even out or if the "Evil Empire" will continue to dominate the "Red Sox nation". I would highly recommend it for ALL baseball fans. 1 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Buy this book  
By Liz Jim Caple is hilarious and knowledgeable - great read with a lot of witty comments. Would recommend for all sports fans! 8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious  
By Michael H. Siegel  
Caple notes early in this book that every time he trashes the Yankees, he gets e-mails calling him a Red Sox fan (which he isn't.). And below I see 1-star reviews trashing him as a bitter Red Sox fan. Hmm. Anyway, this is a fantastic book for Yankee haters, which included not just Red Sox fans, but this Braves' fan, Mets fans, Dodgers fans and pretty much any fan of any team other than the Pinstriped Devils. But what makes it special is there is an underlying respect and even affection for the Yankees. Caple has only good things to say about Joe Torre. He only tweaks Jeter a bit about his girlfriends. He doesn't say anything nasty about Casey Stengel. And he praises Don Mattingly. He specifically talks about how classy the current Yankee iteration is. And he notes that baseball \*needs\* the Yankees. When the Lakers were winning all their championships, no one cared. But let the Yankees win and the baseball world goes berserk. No, his bile is reserved for deserving targets. The tightwad Joe Dimaggio, the obnoxious Reggie Jackson, the violent Billy Martin, the greedy racist George Weiss, and -- the principle villain in this book, Steinbrenner. He castigates the Yankees for frequently treating their best people like garbage -- slashing Babe Ruth's salary, cutting Mantle's after his triple crown, benching Mattingly for his hair, refusing to integrate except for Elston Howard, alienating Yogi Berra. He hits the obnoxious bleacher fans, the depressing dump of a stadium (while praising the old one) and the nauseating media worship, as exemplified in Yankeeography. He even lashes out at Red Sox fans, cackling that if the Yankees disappeared, the Massachusetts economy would collapse from being unable to sell anti-Yankee shirts. I actually think that Yankee fans will enjoy this book too, assuming they don't see their team through Yankeeography tinted glasses. Anyway, this book is short fun and hilarious.

In *The Devil Wears Pinstripes*, Jim Caple, ESPN.com's "designated Yankee hater," takes on the rabid fans of baseball's twenty-six-time World Champions, and offers a decidedly different slant on the New York Yankees—the losers of thirteen World Series. Caple delivers his send-up of the evil empire with scathing irony, laying waste to all things Yankees. A creative and unauthorized timeline pokes fun at the organization's trades, its legendary vanity, and its near-lethal stadium food. He skewers the owners, coaches and players—from the target of all targets George Steinbrenner to the pinstriped icons in the House That Ruth Built. Heroes and lesser mortals appear in all their tarnished glory, whether they're participating in a World Series shutout, in drunken brawls at strip joints, or engaging in the notorious wife-swapping incident of the 1970s. Die-hard Yankee haters and the fans of all other baseball teams are sure to appreciate this hilariously provocative diatribe.

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