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Baseball Price World Publishing

An ex-Wall Street trader improved on Moneyball's famed sabermetrics and beat the Vegas odds with his own betting methods. Here is the story of how Joe Peta turned fantasy baseball into a dream come true. Joe Peta turned his back on his Wall Street trading career to pursue an ingenious—and incredibly risky—dream. He would apply his risk-analysis skills to Major League Baseball, and treat the sport like the S&P 500. In *Trading Bases*, Peta takes us on his journey from the ballpark in San Francisco to the trading floors and baseball bars of New York and the sportsbooks of Las Vegas, telling the story of how he created a baseball “hedge fund” with an astounding 41 percent return in his first year. And he explains the unique methods he developed. Along the way, Peta provides insight into the Wall Street crisis he managed to escape: the fragility of the midnineties investment model; the disgraced former CEO of Lehman Brothers, who recruited Peta; and the high-adrenaline atmosphere where million-dollar sports-betting pools were common.

Surfaces of a Diamond Simon and Schuster

In his senior year of high school, late bloomer Ryan Ward has just begun to feel the magic of baseball - the magic of catching a wicked slider, of throwing a runner out, of training hard and playing hard and pushing his limits. Giving up baseball would be like getting off the most exciting ride of his life. But when one of his teammates clearly pushes the

limits too far, Ryan is faced with a heartbreaking dilemma: he must choose between his love for the game and his sense of integrity - two things that, in his mind, baseball should bring together.

Milwaukee Brewers IQ Harper Collins

"Learn all about the sport of Horesback Riding! Each section encourages critical thinking and includes embedded comprehension questions to get kids making connections with the images and written information." -- Back cover.

The Baseball Economist Penguin

Freakonomics meets Moneyball in this provocative exposé of baseball's most fiercely debated controversies and some of its oldest, most dearly held myths.

Providing far more than a mere collection of numbers, economics professor and popular blogger J.C.

Bradbury shines the light of his economic thinking on baseball, exposing the power of tradeoffs, competition, and incentives. Utilizing his own

“sabernomic” approach, Bradbury dissects baseball topics such as: • Did steroids have nothing to do with the recent homerun records? Incredibly, Bradbury's research reveals steroids probably had little impact. • Which players are ridiculously overvalued? Bradbury lists all players by team with their revenue value to the team listed in dollars—including a dishonor role of those players with negative values—updated in paperback to include the 2007 season. • Does it help to lobby for balls and strikes? Statistics alone aren't enough anymore. This is a refreshing, lucid, and powerful read for fans, fantasy buffs, and players—as well as coaches at all levels—who want to know what is really happening on the field.

The Accidental Investment Banker
Simon and Schuster

"In 'This Country', Chris Matthews, the NYT bestselling author and former host of MSNBCs 'Hardball with Chris Matthews', offers a panoramic portrait of post-WWII America through the story of his remarkable life and career. It is a story of risk and adventure, of self-reliance and service, of loyalty and friendship."--Provided by publisher.

Hardball Bantam

The Hardball Times Baseball Annual 2006 is a comprehensive analysis of the entire 2005 MLB season from the first pitch to the last out, including a breakdown of the playoffs and World Series.

Eight Men Out Harper Collins

Shirley Temple Wong sails from China to America with a heart full of dreams. Her new home is Brooklyn, New York.

America is indeed a land full of wonders, but Shirley doesn't know any English, so it's hard to make friends. Then a miracle-baseball-happens. It is 1947, and Jackie Robinson, star of the Brooklyn Dodgers, is everyone's hero. Jackie Robinson is proving that a black man, the grandson of a slave, can make a difference in America and for Shirley as well, on the ball field and off, America becomes the land of opportunity.

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Joan Benoit Samuelson and Wilma Rudolph Yearling

Baseball is known as America's national pastime, but its popularity did not happen overnight. The modern game evolved in the late 1800s in the Midwest, and by the turn of the century, Americans were telling stories about heroic exploits on the baseball diamond. Players from Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth to

Andrew McCutchen and Albert Pujols have thrilled fans with dramatic late-inning plays and thrilling World Series winning hits. The constant simplicity of baseball over more than a century is a large part of its appeal. More than 70 million people go to the ballpark every season to watch the game unfold during a leisurely summer afternoon or under the stars on a crisp September evening. Although the game has taken root in places like Japan and Latin America, baseball is still a uniquely American experience. Each book in the Inside the World of Sports series takes you from the very beginning of a sport to a look at its future. Inside these pages, learn more about baseball's greatest moments, iconic athletes, and what the future holds for the game. Each title in this series contains color photos throughout and back matter including: a chronology, glossary of terms for each sport, an index, and further reading lists for books and internet resources. Key Icons appear throughout the books in this series in an effort to encourage library readers to build knowledge, gain awareness, explore possibilities and expand their viewpoints through our content rich non-fiction books. Key Icons in this series are as follows: Educational Videos are offered throughout the first chapter, through the use of a QR code that when scanned takes the student to an online video showing a greatest moment in sports' history. This gives the readers additional content to supplement the text. Words to Understand are shown at the front of each chapter with definitions. These words are set in boldfaced type in that chapter, so that readers are able to reference back to the definitions--building their vocabulary and enhancing their reading comprehension. Text-Dependent Questions are placed at

the end of each chapter. They challenge the reader's comprehension of the chapter they have just read, while sending the reader back to the text for more careful attention to the evidence presented there. Research Projects are provided at the end of each chapter as well and provide readers with suggestions for projects that encourage deeper research and analysis.

Hardball for Women Orca Book Publishers

What is the secret of talent? How do we unlock it? This groundbreaking work provides readers with tools they can use to maximize potential in themselves and others. Whether you're coaching soccer or teaching a child to play the piano, writing a novel or trying to improve your golf swing, this revolutionary book shows you how to grow talent by tapping into a newly discovered brain mechanism.

Drawing on cutting-edge neurology and firsthand research gathered on journeys to nine of the world's talent hotbeds—from the baseball fields of the Caribbean to a classical-music academy in upstate New York—Coyle identifies the three key elements that will allow you to develop your gifts and optimize your performance in sports, art, music, math, or just about anything.

- Deep Practice Everyone knows that practice is a key to success. What everyone doesn't know is that specific kinds of practice can increase skill up to ten times faster than conventional practice.
- Ignition We all need a little motivation to get started. But what separates truly high achievers from the rest of the pack? A higher level of commitment—call it passion—born out of our deepest unconscious desires and triggered by certain primal cues. Understanding how these signals work can help you ignite passion and catalyze skill development.
- Master Coaching

What are the secrets of the world's most effective teachers, trainers, and coaches? Discover the four virtues that enable these "talent whisperers" to fuel passion, inspire deep practice, and bring out the best in their students. These three elements work together within your brain to form myelin, a microscopic neural substance that adds vast amounts of speed and accuracy to your movements and thoughts. Scientists have discovered that myelin might just be the holy grail: the foundation of all forms of greatness, from Michelangelo's to Michael Jordan's. The good news about myelin is that it isn't fixed at birth; to the contrary, it grows, and like anything that grows, it can be cultivated and nourished. Combining revelatory analysis with illuminating examples of regular people who have achieved greatness, this book will not only change the way you think about talent, but equip you to reach your own highest potential.

How to Make Pro Baseball Scouts Notice You Penguin

In the numbers-obsessed sport of baseball, statistics don't merely record what players, managers, and owners have done. Properly understood, they can tell us how the teams we root for could employ better strategies, put more effective players on the field, and win more games. The revolution in baseball statistics that began in the 1970s is a controversial subject that professionals and fans alike argue over without end. Despite this fundamental change in the way we watch and understand the sport, no one has written the book that reveals, across every area of strategy and management, how the best practitioners of statistical analysis in baseball—people like Bill James, Billy Beane, and Theo Epstein—think about numbers and the

game. *Baseball Between the Numbers* is that book. In separate chapters covering every aspect of the game, from hitting, pitching, and fielding to roster construction and the scouting and drafting of players, the experts at *Baseball Prospectus* examine the subtle, hidden aspects of the game, bring them out into the open, and show us how our favorite teams could win more games. This is a book that every fan, every follower of sports radio, every fantasy player, every coach, and every player, at every level, can learn from and enjoy.

Hardball Simon and Schuster
Perfect for readers of Joanna Blake and Sawyer Bennett, hailed as "charming, sexy, and smart" by Lauren Layne, the *Bad Boys of Baseball* series from award-winning author Katie Rose heats up as a homegrown baseball star returns to snag the one that got away. When veteran catcher Connor Jackson gets traded to the New Jersey Sonics, he welcomes the opportunity to possibly cap his career with a World Series ring in his home state. But there's another reason Connor is glad things have come full circle. In pursuit of hardball glory, he left behind his college sweetheart, the one girl he could never forget. Seeing her again stirs up long-lost desires . . . and this time, he's determined not to strike out. A divorced mother of four, Tracy Coleman no longer aspires to gossip-mag glam—but she'll make an exception for a date with Connor. Their chemistry is hotter than ever, and being alone with him is more seductive than she anticipated. Who could blame her for leaving out a little detail like the kids? Now all she has to do is come clean and convince the man of her dreams that they—Connor, Tracy, and her children—have a future together. Praise for *The Heat Is On* "Katie Rose's story

had me cheering from the stands as a sexy baseball player and his college sweetheart get a second chance at love.”—USA Today bestselling author Alexis Morgan “Rose once again creates a great addition to this series. The reintroduction of past lovers who must discover who they are now will grip readers.”—Library Journal “The story is sensitive and heartwarming, and readers will appreciate the realistic reactions of all the characters as the relationship unfolds.”—Publishers Weekly “A sweet second-chance romance that’s sure to be a big hit!”—Elisabeth Barrett, author of *The Best of Me* “The Heat Is On is recommended for folks who like sweet stories with kiddos, adults finding their (delayed) happily ever afters, and baseball fans alike.”—Fresh Fiction “The Heat Is On is a really heartwarming, fun second-chance romance with lots of sweet family moments and some steamy scenes to keep things hot, and the characters are easy to root for and love. I’d say this one is perfect for both sports romance fanatics and second-chance romance junkies, both of whom will be swooning over Connor within just a few chapters.”—FicCentral “This whole series has been a blast to read. . . . [These] guys certainly bring it, and the ladies in their lives are amazing as well.”—(un)Conventional Bookviews “A win-win all around!”—LeAnn’s Book Reviews “Well-written, fun and entertaining . . . It’s good to see a hero [who’s] the kind of all-around great guy that Connor is.”—Always YA at Heart “Definitely a favorite of the series.”—Mignon Mykel Reviews “If you are into baseball players and like to read about the dynamics of the team, as well as a sweet and sexy romance, then add this one to your list!”—Kilts and Swords Includes a special message from the

editor, as well as an excerpt from another Loveswept title.

The Heat Is On Simon and Schuster Based on interviews with some of his closest associates, a portrait of the thirty-fifth president discusses his privileged childhood, military service, struggles with a life-threatening disease, and career in politics.

Hardball Basic Books

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Dear Passion Random House Books for Young Readers

Chicago politics—past, present, and future—take center stage in this complex and compelling V.I. Warshawski novel from New York Times bestselling author Sara Peretsky. Tracking down missing persons is part of V.I. Warshawski's job. But Lamont Gadsden has been missing for more than forty years—last seen heading out into the 1967 blizzard, in the midst of Chicago's racial unrest. V.I. figured the search would be futile. She didn't realize it would be lethal...or lead to troubling discoveries about her own family. And when her young cousin Petra disappears, an angry preacher, a jailed gangbanger, and politics from both past and present interconnect—and plunge V.I. into a mystery as unsettling as the '60s themselves. A New York Times Notable Crime Book of the Year One of NPR's Top Five Crime Novels of the Year

Hardball Dear Passion

The headlines proclaimed the 1919 fix of the World Series and attempted cover-up as "the most gigantic sporting swindle in the history of America!" First published in 1963, *Eight Men Out* has become a timeless classic. Eliot Asinof

has reconstructed the entire scene-by-scene story of the fantastic scandal in which eight Chicago White Sox players arranged with the nation's leading gamblers to throw the Series in Cincinnati. Mr. Asinof vividly describes the tense meetings, the hitches in the conniving, the actual plays in which the Series was thrown, the Grand Jury indictment, and the famous 1921 trial. Moving behind the scenes, he perceptively examines the motives and backgrounds of the players and the conditions that made the improbable fix all too possible. Here, too, is a graphic picture of the American underworld that managed the fix, the deeply shocked newspapermen who uncovered the story, and the war-exhausted nation that turned with relief and pride to the Series, only to be rocked by the scandal. Far more than a superbly told baseball story, this is a compelling slice of American history in the aftermath of World War I and at the cusp of the Roaring Twenties. *Jack Kennedy* Holt Paperbacks

Briefly traces the history of professional women's baseball, and offers profiles of seven players

Papa and Me! The Perils of Patriarchy Price World Publishing

A fireman in charge of burning books meets a revolutionary school teacher who dares to read. Depicts a future world in which all printed reading material is burned.

This Country Penguin

This is a book about some young men who learned to play baseball during the 1930s and 1940s in such places as Reading, Pennsylvania; Anderson, Indiana; Plainfield, New Jersey; Woonsocket, Rhode Island; and then went on to play for one of the most exciting professional teams that the major leagues ever fielded--the Brooklyn

Dodgers of the 1950s--the team that broke the color barrier with Jackie Robinson and set many other records besides. It is also a book by and about a once-young sportswriter for the Herald Tribune who grew up in the 1930s and 1940s within shouting distance of Ebbets Field, was nurtured on Joyce and Shakespeare and occasionally escaped to see his bumbling heroes play, and then had the miraculous good fortune in the 1950s to cover the Dodger team for the Tribune. Finally, this is a book about what's happened since to Jackie Robinson, Carl Erskine, Preacher Roe,

Pee Wee Reese, Billy Cox, Roy Campanella, Carl Furillo and the others, no longer boys but men in their middle years with their glories behind them. For some, they have been happy years; to others, fate has not been kind. In short, it is a book about America and how it has progressed from the 1930s to the 1970s, about fathers and sons, prejudice and courage, triumph and disaster. Told with warmth, humor, wit, candor and love, *The Boys of Summer* is delightful and exhilarating.

Out of Left Field Penguin
Billy Baggs Novel #3.