

# Satchel Paige

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Satchel Paige - David Shirley 1993

Describes the life and times of the Hall of Fame pitcher who gained wide-spread recognition in the Negro Leagues before becoming the first black pitcher in the American League.

**The Most Famous Woman in Baseball** - Bob Luke 2011-03-31

Never one to mince words, Effa Manley once wrote a letter to sportswriter Art Carter, saying that she hoped they could meet soon because "I would like to tell you a lot of things you should know about baseball." From 1936 to 1948, Manley ran the Negro league Newark Eagles that her husband, Abe, owned for roughly a decade. Because of her business acumen, commitment to her players, and larger-than-life personality, she would leave an indelible mark not only on baseball but also on American history. Attending her first owners' meeting in 1937, Manley delivered an unflattering assessment of the league, prompting Pittsburgh Crawfords owner Gus Greenlee to tell Abe, "Keep your wife at home." Abe, however, was not convinced, nor was Manley deterred. Like Greenlee, some players thought her too aggressive and inflexible. Others adored her. Regardless of their opinions, she dedicated herself to empowering them on and off the field. She meted out discipline, advice, and support in the form of raises, loans, job recommendations, and Christmas packages, and she even knocked heads with Branch Rickey, Bill Veeck, and Jackie Robinson. Not only a story of Manley's influence on the baseball world, *The Most Famous Woman in Baseball* vividly documents her social activism. Her life played out against the backdrop of the Jim Crow years, when discrimination forced most of Newark's blacks to

live in the Third Ward, where prostitution flourished, housing was among the nation's worst, and only menial jobs were available. Manley and the Eagles gave African Americans a haven, Ruppert Stadium. She also proposed reforms at the Negro leagues' team owners' meetings, marched on picket lines, sponsored charity balls and benefit games, and collected money for the NAACP. With vision, beauty, intelligence, discipline, and an acerbic wit, Manley was a force of nature—and, as Bob Luke shows, one to be reckoned with.

**The Last Commissioner** - Fay Vincent 2007-11-01

On a beautiful July morning in 1991, three men gathered in a hotel suite for an informal breakfast and conversation. The discussion ranged widely over events and characters of the past, famous names and fabled accomplishments flowing along with the coffee and juice. Two of them, Ted Williams and Joe DiMaggio, were the ultimate symbols of athletic glory for generations of American men. The third man, Fay Vincent, was living a dream, sitting with and asking questions of his boyhood heroes. Fay Vincent never set out to be the commissioner of baseball. He got into the game alongside his good friend A. Bartlett Giamatti, as deputy commissioner, when Giamatti was named to the sport's highest office in 1989. They spent their first spring and summer dealing with Pete Rose's gambling, and Vincent's legal expertise complemented his friend's moral thunder. But that was to be their only season working side by side, as Bart Giamatti's heart gave out just days after the announcement of the Rose suspension. Vincent found himself the only logical candidate to fill a position as guardian of the best interests

of the game he loves. In *The Last Commissioner: A Baseball Valentine*, Vincent takes us along for the ultimate fan's fantasy camp. As commissioner, he got to talk baseball with the likes of Yogi Berra, Larry Doby, Warren Spahn, Ernie Banks, Eddie Lopat, Whitey Ford, and Henry Aaron. He brought his legal training to bear on the delicate issue of whether Roger Clemens uttered the magic word that would justify his being tossed out of a playoff game (and it's not the word you think). He was one of the few outsiders at the annual Hall of Fame banquet for the new inductees and their immortal peers, where he watched, amazed, as Johnny Mize demonstrated to Ralph Kiner his method of hitting an inside pitch -- a piece of advice from forty years past. And he brought equal respect and attention to the greats of the Negro Leagues, listening to the gracefully told stories of Joe Black and Buck O'Neil, slowly learning how Slick Surratt earned his nickname, hearing Jimmie Crutchfield give as good a definition of a well-lived life as we will ever know. Vincent shares these stories and more: his high regard for umpires, instilled in his youth by his father, an NFL official and respected local ump; his close relations with the Bush family, forged in a summer spent working in the oil fields with his schoolmate Bucky Bush, the 41st president's brother (and 43rd president's uncle); his unusual experiences with the relentless George Steinbrenner, including the famous meeting where the Yankees owner was facing a two-year suspension and plea-bargained it down to a lifetime ban. Vincent also gives his candid views on the state of baseball today, firm in his belief that the game will survive its current leadership and even prosper. Through it all, Vincent's deep love of baseball shines through. His most remarkable accomplishment as commissioner may have been to emerge from the office with his fandom intact. *The Last Commissioner* is truly a valentine to the game, written with the insight and vision that comes from the lofty perch of the ultimate front-row seat.

*Pitched Battle* - John Klima 2002-01-01

Pitching duels are the essence of baseball competition--they require great measures of patience and fundamentals, and take the best one pitcher has to offer and give him a loss he

does not deserve. They do not happen often, but when two good pitchers alternately take the mound and remove the game from the batters hands, spectators are on the edges of their seats. Those rare games and pitchers get all the attention in this work, as the author provides commentary on the greatest pitching duels of all time. It covers 35 of them, beginning with that of May 5, 1904, between Rube Waddell and Cy Young and ending with the May 28, 2000, opposition of Pedro Martinez and Roger Clemens. Other highlighted games include those pitting Christy Matthewson against Chief Bender, Sherry Smith against Babe Ruth, Bill Wright against Satchel Paige, Warren Spahn against Juan Marichal, Bob Gibson against Don Drysdale, Steve Carlton against Phil Niekro, and Greg Maddux against Pedro Martinez, just to name a few.

***Invisible Men*** - Donn Rogosin 2007-03

In 1947 Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color barrier and became a hero for black and white Americans, yet Robinson was a Negro League player before he integrated Major League baseball. Negro League ballplayers had been thrilling black fans since 1920. Among them were the legendary pitchers Smoky Joe Williams, whose fastball seemed to "come off a mountain top," Satchel Paige, the ageless wonder who pitched for five decades, and such hitters as Josh Gibson and Buck Leonard, "the Ruth and Gehrig of the Negro Leagues." Although their games were ignored by white-owned newspapers and radio stations, black ballplayers became folk heroes in cities such as Chicago, Kansas City, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York, and Washington DC, where the teams drew large crowds and became major contributors to the local community life. This memorable narrative, filled with the memories of many surviving Negro League players, pulls the veil off these "invisible men" who were forced into the segregated leagues. What emerges is a glorious chapter in African American history and an often overlooked aspect of our American past.

*Pan-African Chronology III* - Everett Jenkins, Jr. 2011-02-14

This third volume of the *Pan-African Chronology* set covers 1914 through 1929, a time of two seminal events: World War I and the Black Awakening. In World War I, people of African

descent fought for both sides, earning distinction on the battlefields of France as well as in the jungles and deserts of Africa. The "Black Awakening," a period from 1919 through 1929, marked the dawning of global awareness of the contributions of African people to the culture of the world. The book is arranged by year and events of each year are grouped by region. It also has two special biographical divisions for W.E.B. DuBois and Marcus Garvey.

*Don't Look Back* - Mark Ribowsky 1994

A chronicle of the life of Satchel Paige, the first Negro League star inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, portrays the great pitcher and his times

*The Negro Leagues, 1869-1960* - Leslie A. Heaphy 2015-03-13

At his induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame, former Negro League player Buck Leonard said, "Now, we in the Negro Leagues felt like we were contributing something to baseball, too, when we were playing.... We loved the game.... But we thought that we should have and could have made the major leagues." The Negro Leagues had some of the best talent in baseball but from their earliest days the players were segregated from those leagues that received all the recognition. This history of the Negro Leagues begins with the second half of the 19th century and the early attempts by African American players to be allowed to play with white teammates, and progresses through the "Gentleman's Agreement" in the 1890s which kept baseball segregated. The establishment of the first successful Negro League in 1920 is covered and various aspects of the game for the players discussed (lodgings, travel accommodations, families, difficulties because of race, off-season jobs, play and life in Latin America). In 1960, the Birmingham Black Barons went out of business and took the Negro Leagues with them. There are many stories of individual players, owners, umpires, and others involved with the Negro Leagues in the U.S. and Latin America, along with photos, appendices, notes, bibliography and index.

**Satchel** - Larry Tye 2009-06-09

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The superbly researched, spellbindingly told story of athlete, showman, philosopher, and boundary breaker Leroy "Satchel" Paige "Among the rare

biographies of an athlete that transcend sports . . . gives us the man as well as the myth."—The Boston Globe Few reliable records or news reports survive about players in the Negro Leagues. Through dogged detective work, award-winning author and journalist Larry Tye has tracked down the truth about this majestic and enigmatic pitcher, interviewing more than two hundred Negro Leaguers and Major Leaguers, talking to family and friends who had never told their stories before, and retracing Paige's steps across the continent. Here is the stirring account of the child born to an Alabama washerwoman with twelve young mouths to feed, the boy who earned the nickname "Satchel" from his enterprising work as a railroad porter, the young man who took up baseball on the streets and in reform school, inventing his trademark hesitation pitch while throwing bricks at rival gang members. Tye shows Paige barnstorming across America and growing into the superstar hurler of the Negro Leagues, a marvel who set records so eye-popping they seemed like misprints, spent as much money as he made, and left tickets for "Mrs. Paige" that were picked up by a different woman at each game. In unprecedented detail, Tye reveals how Paige, hurt and angry when Jackie Robinson beat him to the Majors, emerged at the age of forty-two to help propel the Cleveland Indians to the World Series. He threw his last pitch from a big-league mound at an improbable fifty-nine. ("Age is a case of mind over matter," he said. "If you don't mind, it don't matter.") More than a fascinating account of a baseball odyssey, Satchel rewrites our history of the integration of the sport, with Satchel Paige in a starring role. This is a powerful portrait of an American hero who employed a shuffling stereotype to disarm critics and racists, floated comical legends about himself—including about his own age—to deflect inquiry and remain elusive, and in the process methodically built his own myth. "Don't look back," he famously said. "Something might be gaining on you." Separating the truth from the legend, Satchel is a remarkable accomplishment, as large as this larger-than-life man.

**Athletes of Purpose** - Arnold Cheyney 1999-01-01

Meet 50 diverse athletes whose personal stories

will inspire students and challenge them to consider their own potential for success. One-page biographical profiles are followed by reading and social studies activities that promote critical thinking and writing. Useful in many different school and home settings.

**Maybe I'll Pitch Forever** - LeRoy Paige  
1993-01-01

Satchel Paige was forty-two years old in 1948 when he became the first black pitcher in the American League. Although the oldest rookie around, he was already a legend. For twenty-two years, beginning in 1926, Paige dazzled throngs with his performance in the Negro Baseball Leagues. Then he outlasted everyone by playing professional baseball, in and out of the majors, until 1965. Struggle—against early poverty and racial discrimination—was part of Paige's story. So was fast living and a humorous point of view. His immortal advice was "Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you."

Satchel Sez - David Sterry 2001

Presents quips, anecdotes, quotations, and observations from Satchel Paige that describe his experiences in the Negro League and in major league baseball, his thoughts on fellow players, his views on race, and tributes from others.

**Satchel Paige and Company** - Leslie A. Heaphy 2007-06-13

Though Satchel Paige lived into the early 1980s, much of our information about his life and especially his career is the stuff of anecdote. He is nevertheless a central figure--arguably the central figure--in our reconstructions of Negro Leagues history. This collection of papers from the 9th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference focuses on the celebrity of Satchel Paige and the team he is most closely associated with, the Kansas City Monarchs. Accounts of Paige's exploits are scrutinized and the effects of his fame, on both the contemporary perception of black baseball and its depiction in the years since, are discussed.

*Baseball Players of the 1950s* - Rich Marazzi  
2015-06-08

The playing and post-playing careers of all 1,560 players who appeared in a major league box score between 1950 and 1959—the “golden age,” many say—are profiled in this exhaustive work. From Aaron to Zuverink: this treasure-

trove of anecdotes, many gathered from personal interviews, is full of historical facts, controversy, and trivia. Readers will be reminded, that Milwaukee Braves pitcher Humberto Robinson was asked by a gambler to fix a game against the Phillies (he refused), Joe Adcock chased Giants pitcher Ruben Gomez around the field with a bat, Bob Turley reached the top of the corporate ladder after his playing days, Casey Wise became an orthodontist, Bobby Brown became a heart surgeon and president of the AL, and that Chuck Connors became an actor. All of this and much more can be found here.

*Moments in Baseball History* - Mark R. Brewer  
2022-11-29

No other sport can begin to compare to the rich history and statistical record of baseball. It is part of what makes the game so alluring. In “Moments in Baseball History,” Mark R. Brewer examines twenty-two memorable games and the player at the center of that game. It should prove a feast for baseball fans.

**Satchel Paige** - Hallie Murray 2019-07-16  
Satchel Paige was an enormously popular pitcher whose career spanned nearly thirty seasons across numerous teams. When he joined the Cleveland Indians in 1948, he became the oldest major league rookie on a major league team, and he was the first Negro league player to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Paige is often considered one of the most talented and entertaining pitchers of any race to have ever played baseball. This engaging narrative of both his successes and struggles introduces young readers to America's complicated racial and political landscape in the early twentieth century.

*LIFE* - 1971-08-27

*LIFE* Magazine is the treasured photographic magazine that chronicled the 20th Century. It now lives on at LIFE.com, the largest, most amazing collection of professional photography on the internet. Users can browse, search and view photos of today's people and events. They have free access to share, print and post images for personal use.

Satchel Paige's America - William Price Fox 2005  
A dialogue between the author and the legendary pitcher forms the basis of a colorful portrait of Satchel Paige, his youth, his storied

baseball career with the Negro Leagues and with the Cleveland Indians, his thoughts about life in a segregated America, and his friendships with other sports greats, celebrities, and others. Original.

*The Pitcher and the Dictator* - Averell Smith  
2018-04-01

"How Satchel Paige spent one season playing for the dictator Rafael Trujillo's team in the Dominican Republic"--  
*Aging* - 1967

**Swinging for the Fences** - Steven R. Hoffbeck  
2005

From the early formation of barnstorming teams that toured the state to the moment Dave Winfield hit number three thousand, Minnesota's African American ball players have made the state a land of baseball. However, the stories of many black players parallel the larger struggle for civil rights. Those tales, collected here for the first time, show how teamwork on and off the field led first to acceptance, then to admiration and triumph. *Swinging for the Fences* is the first collection to highlight the thrilling and controversial landmarks in the history of black baseball in the North Star State. Award-winning author Steven R. Hoffbeck assembled a stellar team of writers--and baseball fanatics--to tell the great stories of black baseball's past, from establishment of the color lines to dazzling hits by black heroes that led the Twins to victory over the Cardinals in '87. Each chapter focuses on one key player, and through these windows into their lives and livelihoods, their plays and passions, readers get an intimate look at the national pastime as it has evolved over the last century and more. Featured here are Hall of Famers like Willie Mays, Roy Campanella, and Kirby Puckett and great players like Walter Ball, John Wesley Donaldson, and Bud Fowler, who, because of their race, never made the stats books. These are stories of the bonds that formed between players, of legendary moments in baseball's past, and of real people whose love of the game kept them playing against tough odds.

*Satchel Paige* - James Sturm 2019-04-23

Baseball Hall of Famer Leroy "Satchel" Paige (1906 - 1982) changed the face of the game in a career that spanned five decades. Much has

been written about this larger-than-life pitcher, but when it comes to Paige, fact does not easily separate from fiction. He made a point of writing his own history . . . and then re-writing it. A tall, lanky fireballer, he was arguably the Negro League's hardest thrower, most entertaining storyteller and greatest gate attraction. Now the Center for Cartoon Studies turns a graphic novelist's eye to Paige's story. Told from the point of view of a sharecropper, this compelling narrative follows Paige from game to game as he travels throughout the segregated South. In stark prose and powerful graphics, author and artist share the story of a sports hero, role model, consummate showman, and era-defining American.

**If You Were Only White** - Donald Spivey  
2012-05-14

*If You Were Only White* explores the legacy of one of the most exceptional athletes ever—an entertainer extraordinaire, a daring showman and crowd-pleaser, a wizard with a baseball whose artistry and antics on the mound brought fans out in the thousands to ballparks across the country. Leroy "Satchel" Paige was arguably one of the world's greatest pitchers and a premier star of Negro Leagues Baseball. But in this biography Donald Spivey reveals Paige to have been much more than just a blazing fastball pitcher. Spivey follows Paige from his birth in Alabama in 1906 to his death in Kansas City in 1982, detailing the challenges Paige faced battling the color line in America and recounting his tests and triumphs in baseball. He also opens up Paige's private life during and after his playing days, introducing readers to the man who extended his social, cultural, and political reach beyond the limitations associated with his humble background and upbringing. This other Paige was a gifted public speaker, a talented musician and singer, an excellent cook, and a passionate outdoorsman, among other things. Paige's life intertwined with many of the most important issues of the times in U.S. and African American history, including the continuation of the New Negro Movement and the struggle for civil rights. Spivey incorporates interviews with former teammates conducted over twelve years, as well as exclusive interviews with Paige's son Robert, daughter Pamela, Ted "Double Duty" Radcliffe, and John "Buck" O'Neil to tell the

story of a pioneer who helped transform America through the nation's favorite pastime.

Maintaining an image somewhere between Joe Louis's public humility and the flamboyant aggression of Jack Johnson, Paige pushed the boundaries of segregation and bridged the racial divide with stellar pitching packaged with slapstick humor. He entertained as he played to win and saw no contradiction in doing so. Game after game, his performance refuted the lie that black baseball was inferior to white baseball. His was a contribution to civil rights of a different kind—his speeches and demonstrations expressed through his performance on the mound.

### **The African American Baseball Experience in Nebraska** - Angelo J. Louisa 2021-02-12

Nebraska is not usually thought of as a focal point in the history of black baseball, yet the state has seen its share of contributions to the African American baseball experience. This book examines nine of the most significant, including the rise and fall of the Lincoln Giants, Satchel Paige's adventures in the Cornhusker State, a visit from Jackie Robinson, and the maturation of Bob Gibson both on and off the field. Also, recollections are featured from individuals who participated in or witnessed the African American baseball experience in the Omaha area.

### Weird Missouri - James Strait 2008

Each fun and intriguing volume in the award-winning series offers more than 250 illustrated pages of places where tourists usually don't venture: the oddball curiosities, ghostly sites, local legends, crazy characters, cursed roads, and peculiar roadside attractions.

### **The Longest Walk** - Kirk Marty 2011-02

The Longest Walk takes the reader into every baseball fan's ultimate fantasy: seeing the greatest players who ever lived play together when it really counts. What if a Babe Ruth homerun could save a kid's life? This question and others are answered when Don Ogilvie, a fifty-something boozy minor league hitting coach, makes a deal with Death. He bargains to trade his life for that of his best friend, Roberto, a terminally ill seven-year-old. But first, the alcoholic coach must win the really big one. Ogilvie's challenge is to manage a team of dead Hall of Famers against a powerful squad fielded

by Death Personified and captained by the bitter and bigoted Ty Cobb. This other World(ly) Series takes place at a venue called Limbotown.

Baseball becomes a metaphor for the road of life, with all its twists, turns and unexpected pitfalls. There's no game in the world that lends itself more to drama, humor, and magic than baseball. The Longest Walk is *Damn Yankees*, *Field of Dreams*, and *Rocky* combined. You will love it About the Author: Kirk Marty is the pen name of Kirk Grossman, an attorney and dedicated Dodger fan in Ventura, California. The way I see it, I've been a professional writer for over 33 years. As a practicing attorney, I've cranked out literally hundreds of thousands of pages of mumbo jumbo. Legal writing provides great instruction on the wrong way to create fiction, although some attorneys often confuse the two. Still, it is the type of writing that requires great precision and focus, qualities needed for good fiction as well. He has already started his next novel. Publisher's website: <http://www.strategicpublishinggroup.com/title/TheLongestWalk.htm>

*Satchel Paige* - Lesa Cline-Ransome 2003-01-01 Examines the life of the legendary baseball player, who was the first African-American to pitch in a Major League World Series.

The 20th Century - Mary Ellen Sterling 1997-06 A brief overview of the political, economic, social, cultural, scientific, and technological advances of the twentieth century and introduces students to the individuals who made history in each decade. Includes suggested activities.

### **Biographical Dictionary of African Americans, Revised Edition** - Rachel Kranz 2021-01-01

For centuries, African Americans have made important contributions to American culture. From Crispus Attucks, whose death marked the start of the Revolutionary War, to Oprah Winfrey, perhaps the most recognizable and influential TV personality today, black men and women have played an integral part in American history. This greatly expanded and updated edition of our best-selling volume, *The Biographical Dictionary of Black Americans, Revised Edition* profiles more than 250 of America's important, influential, and fascinating black figures, past and present—in all fields,

including the arts, entertainment, politics, science, sports, the military, literature, education, the media, religion, and many more.

Satchel Paige - Hallie Murray 2019-07-15

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**The California Winter League** - William McNeil 2002-01-01

"This first complete history provides an overview of the league's early years, detailed summaries for the official seasons of 1920 through 1947 and accounts of the exciting pennant races between the Negro league teams and the white professional teams. Appendices provide extensive statistical information."--BOOK JACKET.

King of the Mound - Wes Tooke 2012-02-21

Baseball legend Satchel Paige changes a boy's life in this coming-of-age tale from the author of *Lucky*. When Nick is released from the hospital after suffering from polio, he is sure that his father will never look at him in the same way again. Once the best pitcher in youth league, Nick now walks with a limp and is dependent on a heavy leg brace. He isn't sure he will ever return to the mound, never mind be the star he once was. When Nick starts working for Mr. Churchill, the owner of the semiprofessional team Nick's dad plays for, he meets Satchel Paige, arguably the best pitcher in the world. Not allowed in the major leagues because of his skin color, Satchel teaches Nick that some things can be overcome with hard work and dedication, and that just because you're down, you are most certainly not out. As Satchel and his unique teammates barnstorm toward a national baseball tournament, Nick wonders if he can really overcome what seems like the impossible and pitch again.

**Greatness in the Shadows** - Douglas M. Branson 2016-04

Just weeks after Jackie Robinson joined the Brooklyn Dodgers, Larry Doby joined Robinson in breaking the color barrier in the major leagues when he became the first black player to integrate the American League, signing with the Cleveland Indians in July 1947. Doby went on to be a seven-time All-Star center fielder who led the Indians to two pennants. In many respects Robinson and Doby were equals in their baseball talent and experiences and had remarkably similar playing careers: both were well-educated, well-spoken World War II veterans and both had played spectacularly, albeit briefly, in the Negro Leagues. Like Robinson, Doby suffered brickbats, knock-down pitches, spit in his face, and other forms of abuse and discrimination. Doby was also a pioneering manager, becoming the second black manager after Frank Robinson. Well into the 1950s Doby was the only African American All-Star in the American League during a period in which fifteen black players became National League All-Stars. Why is Doby largely forgotten as a central figure in baseball's integration? Why has he not been accorded his rightful place in baseball history? *Greatness in the Shadows* attempts to answer these questions, bringing Doby's story to life and sharing his achievements and firsts with a new generation.

*Jet* - 1979-12-27

The weekly source of African American political and entertainment news.

**J.L. Wilkinson and the Kansas City**

**Monarchs** - William A. Young 2016-11-07

Baseball pioneer J. L. Wilkinson (1878-1964) was the owner and founder, in 1920, of the famed Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro Leagues. The only white owner in the Negro National League (NNL), Wilkinson earned a reputation for treating players with fairness and respect. He began his career in Iowa as a player, later organizing a traveling women's team in 1908 and the multiracial All-Nations club in 1912. He led the Monarchs to two Negro Leagues World Series championships and numerous pennants in the NNL and the Negro American League. During the Depression he developed an ingenious portable lighting system for night games, credited with saving black baseball. He

resurrected the career of legendary pitcher Satchel Paige in 1938 and in 1945 signed a rookie named Jackie Robinson to the Monarchs. Wilkinson was posthumously inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2006, joining 14 Monarchs players.

**The Neyer/James Guide to Pitchers** - Bill James 2008-06-16

Pitchers, the pitches they throw, and how they throw them -- these days it's the stuff of constant scrutiny, but there's never been anything like a comprehensive source for such information. That's what preeminent baseball analyst Bill James and ESPN.com baseball columnist Rob Neyer realized over lunch more than a dozen years ago. Since then, they've been compiling the centerpiece of this book, the "Pitcher Census," which lists specific information for nearly two thousand pitchers, ranging throughout the history of professional baseball. The Guide also offers: A "dictionary" describing virtually every known pitch The origins and development of baseball's most important pitches Top ten lists: best fastballs, best spitballs, and everything in between Biographies of some of the great pitchers who have been overlooked More knuckleballers and submariners than you ever thought existed An open debate concerning pitcher abuse and durability A formula for predicting the Cy Young Award winner Something fresh and new: Bill James' "Pitcher Codes" The Neyer/James Guide to Pitchers is about understanding pitchers, and baseball's action always starts with the pitchers. It's also about entertaining debates and having a great deal of fun with the history of a game that obsesses so many.

Catching Dreams - Frazier Robinson 2000-12-01

In a rare memoir about the Negro Leagues and its celebrated players, Frazier "Slow" Robinson offers an inspiring and often entertaining view of the black baseball diamond through a catcher's mask. In 1939, at the age of 29—after playing professional baseball for twelve years—Frazier Robinson caught the legendary Satchel Paige in barnstorming games from New Orleans to Walla Walla. Robinson played several more seasons in the Negro Leagues before finishing his career in Canada. While his career was a solid one, it was less spectacular than that of his friend and Hall-of-Famer, Satchel Paige, and so more typical of

the experience of most Negro Leaguers. Richly embroidered with the threads of black society and of life as a black athlete in a racially divided nation, Robinson recounts his long career with the skill and ease of a natural storyteller. He covers, in remarkable detail, the personal perspective of the men, the teams, and the times that shaped this uniquely American subculture. From playing catcher for obscure industrial teams to barnstorming with Satchel Paige, he chronologically traces his nationwide path through the 1920s, '30s, '40s, and early '50s. The Foreword by John "Buck" O'Neil and Introduction by Gerald Early place Robinson squarely in the world of sports, African American culture, and American history.

*United States Statutes at Large* - United States 2007

*GLIMPSES OF GLORY* - Ron Gawthorp 2012-08-21

Ron Gawthorp is a semi-retired author who now lives in the Alleghany Highlands of Virginia. A veteran writer of some renown in community newspapers early in his life, he has returned to writing after working in the oilfields. His first novel, *Richer Than The Rockefellers*, reflected life in the oilfields of Illinois, his native state. *Glimpses of Glory* is his first published non-fiction work. In it he has tediously reconstructed the forgotten career of a professional baseballer from the roaring twenties through the depression. "Baseball was a lot different when it started than it is today. These men were the pioneers of the sport. I think it important to remember how they lived," the author says. "They worked hard, played hard and gave the game the grit it needed to survive. I especially hope young readers will take note of the way grew." Gawthorp says that over the years he has stumbled into a lot of stories he was unable to publish. "Some are book worthy and some are still only short stories, fiction and nonfiction, but I am still looking to put them on the public plate. I am being much assisted by technological advances in the publishing field. The Good Lord willing and the electric stays on the grid, I've got enough to keep me busy." The author is an avid history buff and loves visiting historic locations, research and learning. He lived 22 years in West Virginia before retiring "just over the mountain"

to Millboro, VA.

**The Negro Leagues Chronology** - Christopher Hauser 2015-07-11

Painstakingly researched and documented, this volume is a comprehensive, year-by-year reference work giving important—yet often obscure—dates in Negro League history. From the Negro Leagues' organized beginning in 1920 through their steep decline immediately after

Jackie Robinson's 1947 breaking of the color barrier, entries cover league meetings, noteworthy games, the commentary of columnists, and important events on and off the field. Controversies that defined the experience of black baseball organizers—such as player rights disputes, failure to adhere to league schedules and violations of league rules—are also included here.