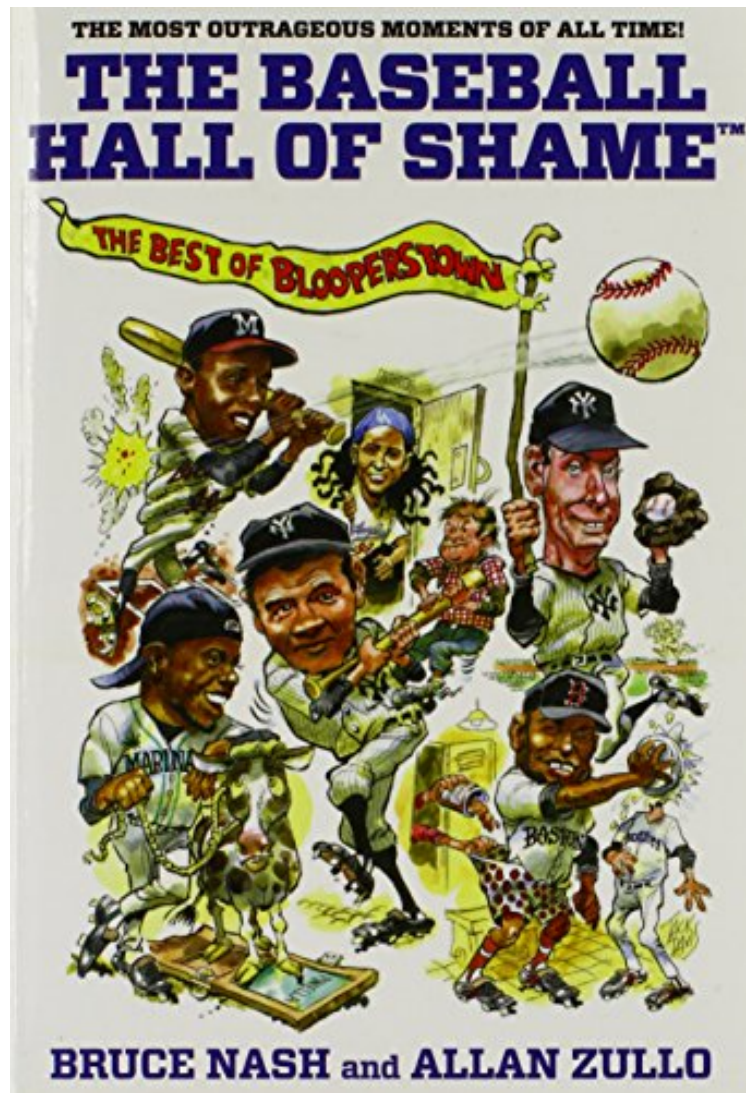


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Thanks For The Memories!By Dirk DrudglerI remember as a kid being able to order books like this at school from Scholastic. A couple times a year, we used to get a few pages of flyer from which we could order books geared toward our age group; at most, they cost a buck.. I always homed in on the baseball ones because I loved them and they were so interesting they were easy to read. There was always great joy when the books arrived and I could sit back and read the latest collection of baseball stories. As I got older I graduated to memoirs like Bob Euker's Catcher In The Wry and Ron Luciano's Umpire books, but it was never the same as

devouring the Scholastic baseball books. "The Baseball Hall of Shame" brought it all back for me. Like the Scholastic books, this is a collection of super short stories from all throughout Major League Baseball history. The stories are for the most part funny and whimsical. The authors do a great job downplaying the cynical corporate aspect of the sport, instead they emphasizing the fun and, almost, childishness of the joy of playing or watching the sport. I'm glad I found this book. The short episodic nature of the stories are perfect for the Kindle and the time spent in them shortened many a bus ride. Thanks for the memories!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The scenic route through baseball history

By Jason A. Miller Somewhere during my teenage years I acquired Volume 2 of the original "Baseball Hall of Shame" book series, and read it on an almost continuous basis for the next few years, dipping in and out of various anecdotes and learning something new and funny from just about every era in baseball history. That was back in the late '80s... but there's so much new low-hanging fruit from the past 25/30 years, that the tide of history was fairly begging Messrs. Nash and Zullo to bring the gang back together and update the anthology series to include the Manny Ramirezes, Jeff Kents, and Kevin Millars of the world. Be advised that "The Best of Blooperstown" is NOT all new material. Much of the anecdotes were drawn from the earlier books in the series and, have been only slightly updated if at all -- I know this because I dug up my old copy of Vol. 2 and found many of the same stories within. Also the writing style seems a bit dated now; I didn't find the material as funny as I did 25-odd years ago. But this is still a great way to learn baseball history. The book includes several anecdotes from 19th century baseball, including a description of one of the now poorly-remembered National League/American Association World Series duels of the 1880s. You'll learn about since-forgotten fan favorites like Ping Bodie in the 1930s (who won a pasta-eating contest against an ostrich) and Lou Novikoff in the 1940s (who broke curfew to moonlight as a nightclub singer, only to find his manager in attendance, waiting with a hefty fine). Even the all-time greats aren't spared; Babe Ruth is in here at least twice, as are other real Hall of Famers like Richie Ashburn, Willie Stargell and Phil Rizzuto. But there are great modern stories, too, such as a look at Manny Being Manny, and Joel Zumaya's "Guitar Hero" injury. There are few books left these days that treat all of baseball history from 1880 through 2010 as a single unified thing. The latest update to "Baseball Hall of Shame" does just that, so you get old-time goats like Fred Lindstrom and Roger Peckinpugh rightfully joined by the likes of Buckner, Bartman, and Johnny Bench (who famously struck out in a World Series game on a fake-out intentional walk). It's better not to read this straight through; a read a chapter or two a day is more than enough before you get overwhelmed with the short entries. Savor the individual stories, and then check out the actual game descriptions on Retrosheet or Baseball Reference when you can. Best of all, this book is a rare thing for baseball historians: a book with very few actual errors.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars

By Leonard Trerotola Great item and service! A+++++++

The classic Hall of Shame series returns from Bruce Nash and Allan Zullo in a kooky collection of all-true bloopers and outrageously funny moments from more than 100 years of baseball history that just aren't found anywhere else. It's been a generation since the last edition, and the wait was well worth it, as the authors have stored up amazing new discoveries and mind-boggling modern moments in a laugh-filled journey that reminds us, "It's okay to screw up-- look at these big-leaguers who did!"

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