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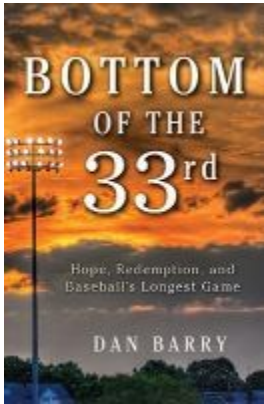
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# Touching all the bases booklist

Get your baseball fix with these selections from Belmont Public Library Staff

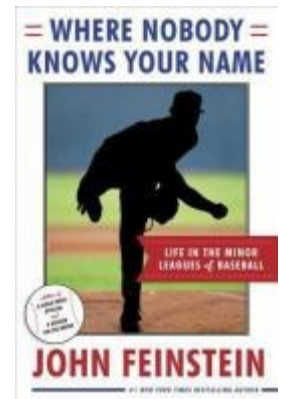
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## Minor leagues, major stories



[Bottom of the 33rd](#) by Dan Barry-On April 18, 1981 the Pawtucket Red Sox and Rochester Red Wings started what would become the longest recorded game in professional baseball history, playing 32 innings over eight hours that night and finishing the game with one mercifully quick inning two months later. Barry recounts the odd circumstances that allowed the game to continue (including both teams scoring in the 21st inning) and the stories of all those involved from the players, to management, to the employees working at the ballpark that night. **BELMONT/Adult 796.357 BAR**

[Where nobody knows your name](#) by John Feinstein-Feinstein embedded himself for a year in the International League, the highest level of professional baseball's minor leagues where all the participants are one call away from the big leagues. The best selling author follows nine men (a mix of players, managers, and an umpire) on their quest to get to or get back to the pinnacle of their profession. Feinstein humanizes his subjects as they deal with competing against teammates for Major League roster spots, getting sent up and back down between the majors and minors, and struggling with the realization that their baseball dreams may never come to fruition. **BELMONT/Adult 796.357 FEI**

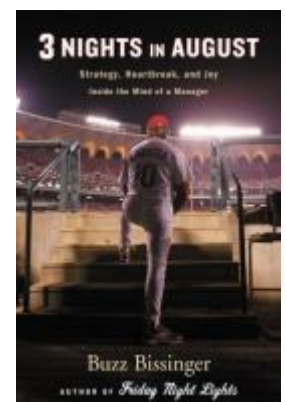


## Life in "The Show"

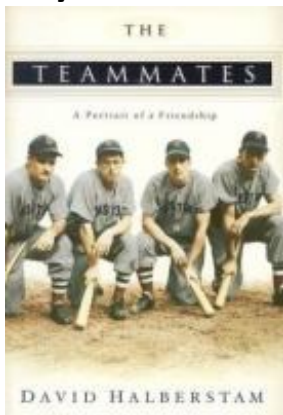


[The baseball codes](#) by Jason Turbow-From making sure you don't admire your homerun for too long to knowing the difference between a hard slide and a dirty slide baseball has plenty of unwritten rules. Players mete out their own justice when they perceive that an opponent has crossed these lines. Here Turbow explains some of the well known and not so well known of these codes interweaving stories from some of the game's most famous and infamous personalities. **BELMONT/Adult 796.357 TUR**

[Three nights in August](#) by Buzz Bissinger-If you've ever wanted a taste of what it's like to manage a major league team then pick up this book by the author of Friday Night Lights. Using his unfiltered clubhouse access Bissinger tracks a key August 2003 series between the Cubs and Cardinals through the perspective of St. Louis manager Tony La Russa. Bissinger picks La Russa's experienced baseball brain on each of his tasks including how he puts together his starting lineup, why he decides to bring in a specific reliever at a certain point in the game, and how he knows what buttons to push with each player and coach to get the most out of him. **BELMONT/Adult 796.357 BIS**

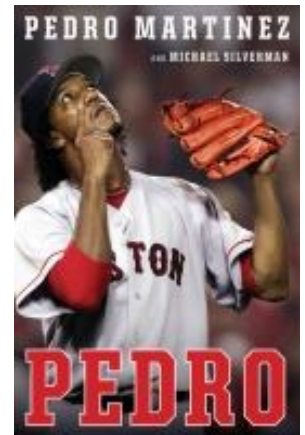


## Hey, we know those guys...



[The teammates](#) by David Halberstam-Ted Williams, Dom DiMaggio, Bobby Doerr, and Johnny Pesky were not only the core of the great Red Sox teams of the 1940s but also friends whose relationship lasted the rest of their lives. Halberstam's story of the men, told in flashback as Johnny and Dom go to visit a dying Ted one last time in 2001, has stories from their playing days and their lives beyond their careers including Pesky's nearly seven decades with the organization. **BELMONT/Adult 796.357 HAL**

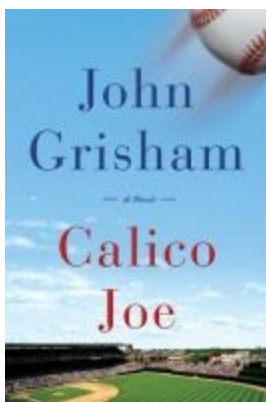
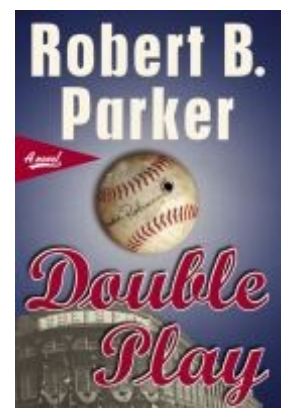
[Pedro](#) by Pedro Martinez-In this memoir the pitcher tells his story from his humble beginnings in the Dominican Republic through his legendary 18-year big league career. Martinez includes what it was like to be compared to his older brother Ramon (a fellow big league pitcher), trying to refute his reputation as a hotheaded punk early in his career, and his extraordinary time in Boston, not shying away from the less than perfect ending between himself and then Boston GM Theo Epstein. **BELMONT/Adult 796.357 MARTINEZ, P./MAR**



[Papi](#) by David Ortiz-As a key cog of three Red Sox World Series championships David Ortiz has a permanent place in Boston sports lore. Here the slugger shares what it was like for him during the highs, being a part of the 2004 curse breaking team, and lows, such as the steroid accusations leveled against him. It's not all baseball though, as Big Papi brings readers into his personal life with his wife and children. **BELMONT/Adult 796.357 ORTIZ, D./ORT**

## Fastballs and fiction

[Double play](#) by Robert B. Parker-Baseball fans and fans of Parker's Spenser series will enjoy this standalone novel centered on Joseph Burke, a WWII vet who is hired to be Jackie Robinson's personal bodyguard during his rookie season in 1947 when he broke baseball's color barrier. Burke fends off threats from violent racists and mobsters alike while the two very different men develop respect for one another and become friends. **BELMONT/Adult MYS PAR**



[Calico Joe](#) by John Grisham-It's 1973 and Cubs rookie Joe Castle is still hitting over .500 two months into the season when he is beamed in the eye socket by Mets journeyman flamethrower William Tracey ending his career. Fast forward thirty years and Tracey is dying of cancer so his son Paul, the novel's narrator, is trying to set up a meeting between the men so William can do one decent thing in his life and apologize to Joe. **BELMONT/Adult FIC GRI**