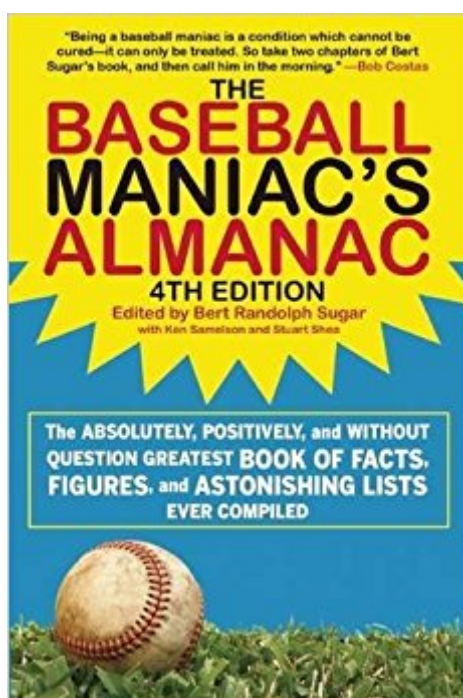


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# The Baseball Maniac's Almanac: The Absolutely, Positively, And Without Question Greatest Book Of Facts, Figures, And Astonishing Lists Ever Compiled



## Synopsis

An addictive read that is sure to spark conversation wherever baseball is spoken, this updated edition of *The Baseball Maniac's Almanac* is part reference, part trivia, part brain teaser, and absolutely the most unusual and thorough compendium of baseball stats and facts ever assembled—all verified for accuracy by the Baseball Hall of Fame. In its pages, renowned sportswriter Bert Randolph Sugar presents thousands of fascinating lists, tables, data, and stimulating facts. Inside, you'll find:

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- Babe Ruth's yearly salary
- Players with palindromic surnames
- And so much more!

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Baseball is the greatest of all sports ; among many reasons is the story all its intricate stats relate and bring to life. This is an exceptional book; hard to put down . Amazing stats and historical contexts

This is a great book for people who love baseball statistics and lists. The majority of the book contains lists of accomplishments that are somewhat oddball in nature - the type of statistics that you would not find in a Baseball Encyclopedia. A couple of examples are 'Most Home Runs By Left-Hand Hitting Shortstops' and 'Oldest Pitchers To Win 20 Games For The First Time'. There are hundreds of these types of lists and they are all fascinating. The last third of the book contains summaries of all major league teams throughout history. It contains the team record for each year, who managed the teams, Hall of Famers who played on the team, players from the team who led the league in various batting and pitching categories and history of postseason play. I want to thank the editors and publisher for issuing this 4th edition which is updated through the 2015 baseball season. I've owned the second edition (2010) for many years and had been referencing it to this day.

A good book, not completely comprehensive, but informative and entertaining! Diehard fans may want an encyclopedia, but, until a new one is issued, this will do!

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