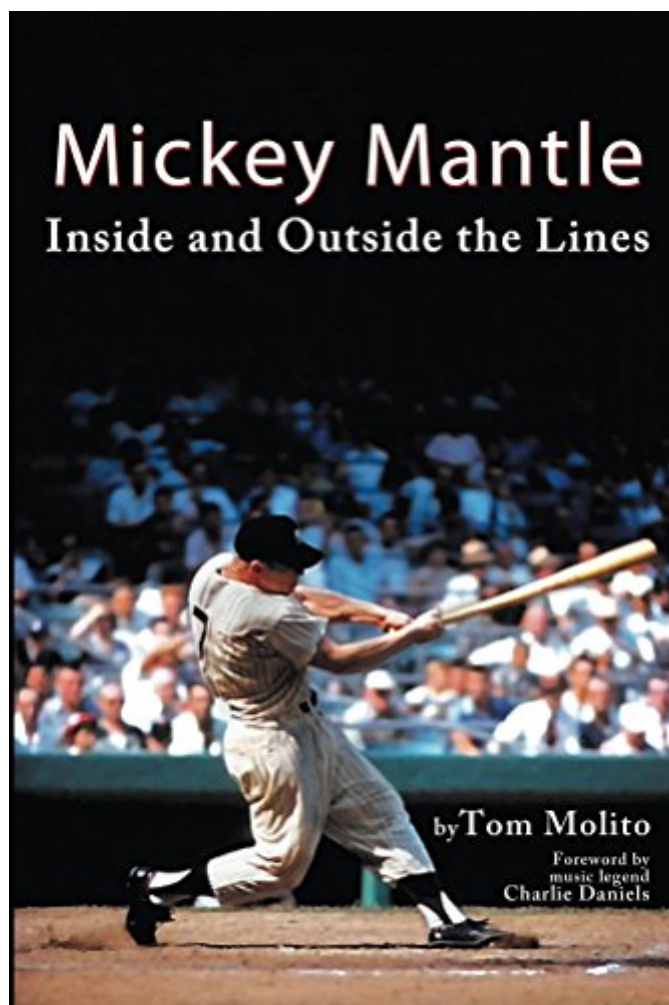


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Mickey Mantle: Inside And Outside The Lines



Synopsis

Mickey Mantle: Inside and Outside the Lines is different from any other Mickey Mantle book. It was written for baseball lovers and Mantle fans who will live vicariously through itâ€™s author Tom Molito. The year 2016 is the 60th Anniversary of Mantleâ€™s Triple Crown season, which many baseball experts consider one of the best seasons ever for a ball player. Paradoxically, those who experienced that season are decreasing in numbers. But, Mickey Mantle is more popular than ever. The value of his memorabilia is second to none. He remains respected and admired for the redemptive quality of his life. The book recalls never told before stories: from Park Avenue, to Las Vegas, to Cooperstown; from television shoots to concerts and Mickeyâ€™s restaurant on Central Park West. Molito collaborated with the highly respected baseball historian Harold â€œDocâ€• Friend. The late Mr. Friend wrote for Bleacher Report (CBS) and uncovered previously unknown facts about Mantleâ€™s career â€” such as Mickey hitting the facade in Yankee Stadium 3 times not the reported twice. An entire chapter updates Mantleâ€™s career with present day statistical measures and comes to the indisputable conclusion that â€œMickey Mantle was even better than we thought!â€• The book utilizes archival newspaper articles, websites and more than 35 books on Mantle to weave the most complete, unique look at an American Icon.

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Customer Reviews

Given that there are many books about this legendary Yankee, something that this book offers that is different from most books on Mantle is that the author draws upon personal experiences as well as research in order to write about Mantle's baseball career and his life. Tom Molito was able to meet the Mick in both personal and professional circumstances and as a result, he provides an inside look at Mantle that is not possible for all writers. Molito also states early in the book that he was a lifetime fan of Mantle from the first time he saw him patrol the outfield at Yankee Stadium until his death in 1995. Because of this, some of the writing is not objective in its scope. But the enthusiasm Molito shows for Mantle is evident and read from the perspective of the fan makes it a book that fans of Mantle or the Yankees will certainly enjoy. For readers who just want to know more about Mantle between the lines, there is plenty of information and his career is re-evaluated using more advanced statistics. For readers who want to know more about Mantle the man, there are plenty of stories for that as well, both happy and not so happy. I found the stories about Mantle's life after baseball as the best ones and they are all easy and quick to read. This is not a typical sports biography or memoir and that alone makes it an intriguing book to pick up. The reader will then be entertained and informed at the same time in a short time. This is certainly one that Mantle or Yankee fans will want to read. I wish to thank Black Rose Writing for providing a copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.

Are you a Mickey fan? A Yankee fan? A baseball fan? If you answer yes to any of these questions then you will love this book. This is a great, easy read about Mantle on and off the field. I've read a number of books on Mantle and found I got a fresh new understanding of the man and player. I wish I got to see him play, but may just be seeing that in Harper.

Okay, I'm from Boston and as a kid, I was a Ted Williams fan and not a Mickey Mantle fan. But as I get older I can appreciate Mickey and others of that era. I did choose to read the book. The story is about the Author and his fascination with Mickey. It is packed with the author's projects. Yes, Mickey is featured in it, but mostly as Mickey relates to the author. I wanted more baseball and baseball anecdotes.

If you love baseball, if you like the Yankees, and if you are the least bit interested in Micky Mantle, you need to read this book. Why? Because it's informative, entertaining, and insightful. Mickey Mantle the young man and apprentice player, the Mick as heroic warrior master of the baseball

universe, and the mature, aging, ailing, and dying American icon, are all illuminated. Tom Molito has written a hybrid work, part biography of the Mick, part baseball memoir; the combination is magical and powerfully instructive. I read straight through the book; it's that kind of engaging read--paradoxically, because it is not a straight chronological narrative and because we already know the outcome. What kept me reading, and I imagine what will keep many others turning pages is the vividness of Molito's recollections of not just his meetings with the Mick, but his reconstructions of games he attended, his evocative descriptions of players and games and fields, his sense of humor, and most of all his unabated lifelong passion for America's pastime. Molito is as knowledgeable about baseball as anyone. His love for his idol is contagious. And he knows how to tell a story--to make us feel we are there with him. Read this book. Buy copies for your baseball loving friends. You and they won't be disappointed.

MICKY MANTLE: INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE LINES by Tom Molito is part homage to Mickey Mantle the player and the man, part a defense against those who question his greatness, and part a memoir of the writer's experiences as a Mantle fan, a Yankees fan, and later a business partner and friend to Mickey Mantle. Molito touches on the important moments, good and bad, in Mantle's career, from his quick ascension to the majors, to his almost immediate slow decline in health after reaching the pinnacle of his career. He delves deeply why Mantle was so beloved, how so many people hung on his every at bat, and how in his prime, however fleeting that moment was, he was almost superhuman in his ability to play baseball. Molito also dives into the critics of Mantle, those who thought Mays was a better player, how Mantle's drinking made him a rather unsavory individual at times, and Molito even goes as far as to admit that he found, at certain times, being in the company of a man who talked about little else other than himself was disappointing. Molito had a personal relationship with Mantle, and some of the most entertaining and interesting parts of the book is his stories of working and hanging out with Mantle. I found myself laughing out loud several times. The structure and flow of the book was clunky and awkward at times, but to a fan of baseball, Mickey Mantle, and the history of baseball, this is definitely a book to read and enjoy. Thank you to Black Rose Writing, Tom Molito, and Netgalley for a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review!

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