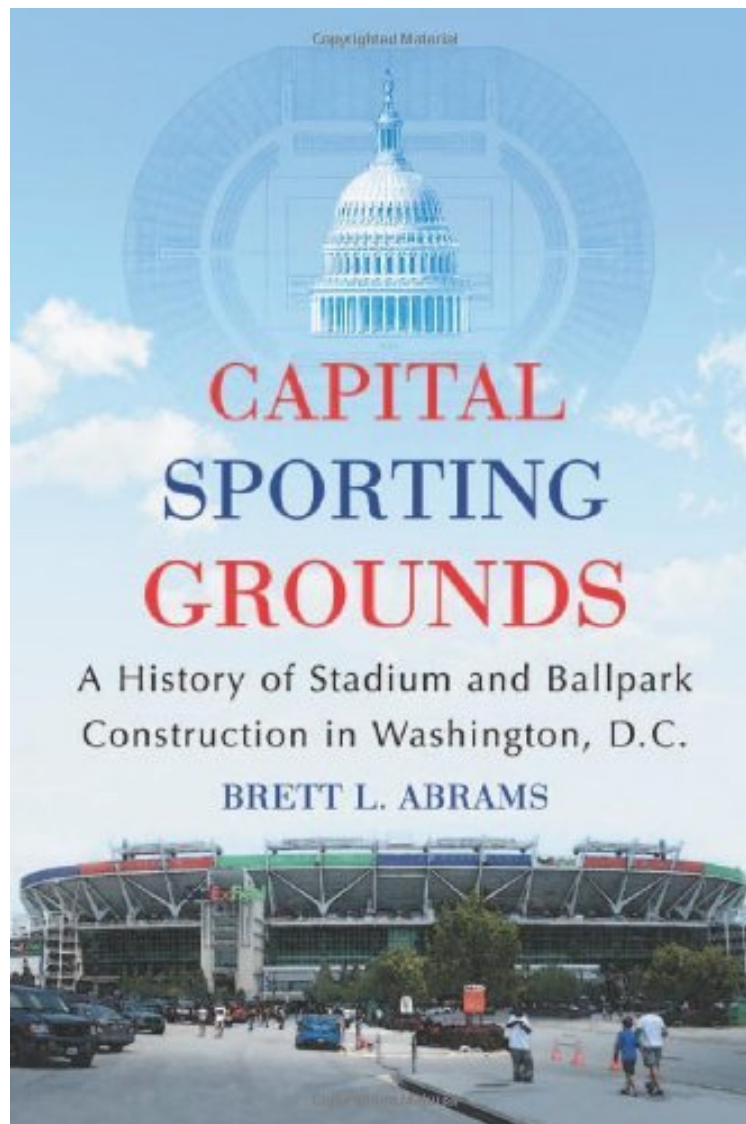


(Mobile book) Capital Sporting Grounds: A History of Stadium and Ballpark Construction in Washington, D.C.

## Capital Sporting Grounds: A History of Stadium and Ballpark Construction in Washington, D.C.

*Brett L. Abrams*

*DOC | \*audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF | ePub*



DOWNLOAD



READ ONLINE

#2807382 in eBooks 2008-11-24 2008-11-24 File Name: B005LGQLOW | File size: 74.Mb

**Brett L. Abrams : Capital Sporting Grounds: A History of Stadium and Ballpark Construction in Washington, D.C.** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Capital Sporting Grounds: A History of Stadium and Ballpark Construction in Washington, D.C.:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. How to Get Congress to Build Your Stadium in Three Decades or LessBy Daniel EmberleyAbrams has given us a brilliant and concise look at the complexities of getting sports fields

built in one American city. Focusing on baseball and football, he divides the book into case studies. Each chapter/study looks at what got built (Griffith Stadium, RFK, FedEx Field), what didn't (The Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Playing Fields), and why. The book is especially useful as a primer on the conflicts of a city run not by its residents but by a federal government ambivalent about its own capital.

Politics is nothing new to Washington, D.C., even in the arena marked with base paths and outfield grass. The stadium for the expansion Washington Nationals baseball team cost over \$600 million and while opponents decried the waste of taxpayer money, supporters promised the stadium would stimulate economic development. Land swaps, closed-door deals, and valuable parking-lot strategies were as complex as any game plan employed on the diamond. The district's past stadiums, tracks and Olympics facilities are archived and described in this history, along with their political backdrops. The book features numerous drawings and photographs.

"For the first time, a stadium book that provides the details of backroom politics that surrounds the building of, or the elements that defeat and spur stadium proposals. Capital Sporting Grounds is an excellent chronology of the efforts, defeats and successes of building a stadium in the nation's capital over the past 100+ years." --Bruce A. Genter, stadium historian and modeler  
About the Author  
Brett L. Abrams is an archivist with the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C., and author of *Hollywood Bohemians: Transgressive Sexuality and the Selling of the Movieland Dream* (McFarland, 2008).