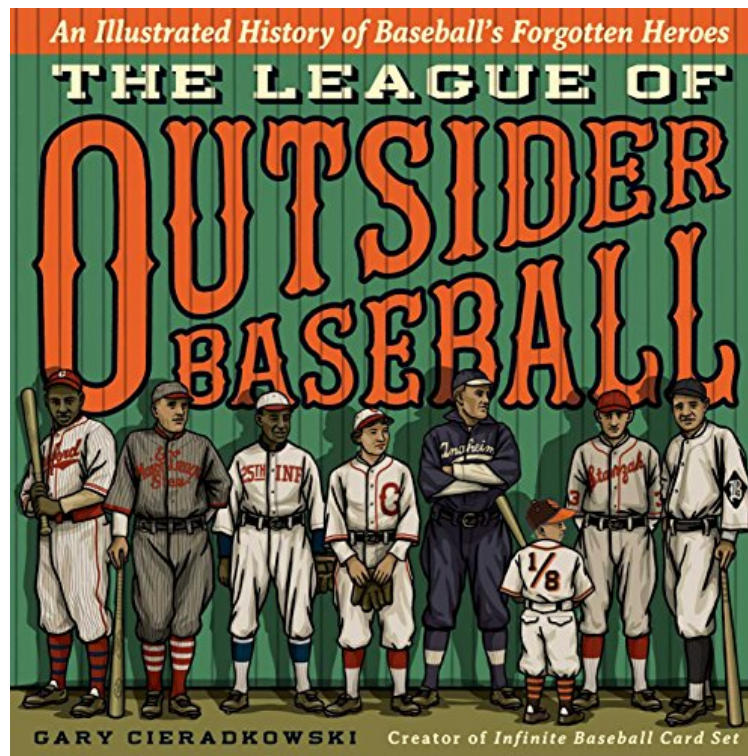


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all those baseball players who could have been stars. I would recommend this to anyone who was a fan of baseball, and the beautiful and romantic history of the players and the game. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Choice for the Baseball History Fan By Caroline Bock Great choice for baseball fan who thinks he knows everything... Outside Baseball, beautifully illustrated, surprised and delighted my baseball history fan (though I'm not sure he would use the word 'delight') but he liked it a lot. Terrific illustrations too!

From an award-winning graphic artist and baseball historian comes a strikingly original illustrated history of baseball's forgotten heroes, including stars of the Negro Leagues, barnstorming teams, semi-pro leagues, foreign leagues, and famous players like Shoeless Joe Jackson, Jackie Robinson, Willie Mays, and Joe DiMaggio before they achieved notoriety. From a young age, Gary Cieradkowski had a passion for baseball's unheralded heroes. Inspired by his father and their shared love of the sport, Cieradkowski began creating "outsider" baseball cards, as a way to tell the little-known stories of baseball's many unsung heroes—alongside some of baseball's greatest players before they were famous. The League of Outsider Baseball is a tribute to all of those who've played the game, known and unknown. Shining a light into the dark corners of baseball history—from Mickey Mantle's minor league days to Negro League greats like Josh Gibson and Leon Day; to people that most never knew played the game, such as Frank Sinatra, who had his own ball club in 1940s Hollywood; bank robber John Dillinger, who was a promising shortstop and took time out between robberies to attend Cubs games; and even a few US presidents—this book is a rich, visual tribute to America's pastime. Meticulously researched, beautifully illustrated using a unique, vintage baseball-card-style, and filled with a colorful and rich cast of characters, this book is a prized collector's item and will be cherished by fans of all ages.

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illustrator, chances are you have visited or bought something he designed: Bicycle Playing Cards, the music department of Barnes Noble, the Folgers Coffee can, and the graphics for Oriole Park at Camden Yards, still regarded as the best designed ballpark in the Majors. Growing up a New York Mets fan in the 1970s, Gary learned to live with pain and disappointment until he married his beautiful wife Andrea. The two live happily in Northern Kentucky, unless they discuss the merits of the designated hitter rule.