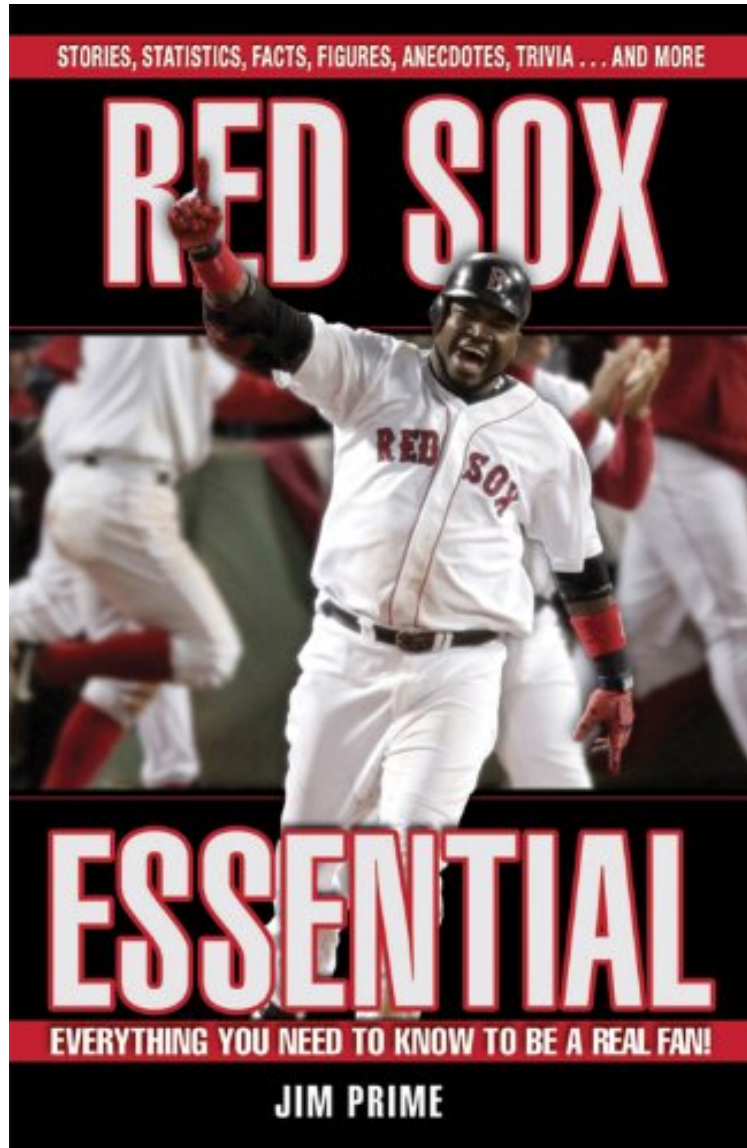


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Jim Prime : Red Sox Essential: Everything You Need to Know to Be a Real Fan! before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Red Sox Essential: Everything You Need to Know to Be a Real Fan!:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A Drug for Red Sox AddictsBy Teddy BallgameIf you think you know everything there is to know about the Boston Red Sox, think again. This book reveals facts that even diehard fans might not know. For example, did you know that former Red Sox catcher Birdie Tebbetts secretly called balls and

strikes in a game against the White Sox? Turns out he did it to help out umpire Red Ormsby who had been gassed in WW1 and was suffering from blurred vision. Do you agree with the author's ranking of the 50 greatest players of all time? Should Pedro be ahead of Rocket Roger? Yaz ahead of Ted? Did you know that Ted Williams openly lobbied for Dom DiMaggio's admittance to the Hall of Fame? Ted's letter to the Veteran's Committee is in this book. Did you know that 1983 was a "lemon chicken season" for Wade Boggs? What Red Sox pitcher issued the following statement: "My first foray into Lower Guk was a lot of fun..."? What Sox first baseman accused Johnny Damon of "throwing like a girl?" This book is a mixture of facts and fun and the concoction is addictive. This really is an essential book for Red Sox fans of all ages. Teddy Ballgame 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. refreshing, because it's just plain fun. By Bill Nowlin From the time the Red Sox won the World Series in 2004 through the end of 2005, I added 39 books on the Red Sox to my collection. Right! Enough already! This year, the pace has slackened. I really enjoyed reading Jim Prime's new book, RED SOX ESSENTIAL. What did I like about it? A) it wasn't essential. It wasn't overly serious. But it was fun! Besides, the author approaches the matter of "essential-ity" with tongue in cheek. B) that with all the angst and anguish lifted from the shoulders of overly-burdened Boston Red Sox fans, it was a relief to be able to read a book that didn't feel compelled to delve deeply into all the darkness that has haunted the Sox for so long. Yes, it's possible to just read this book light-heartedly and feel good about the world. That's what winning a World Series can do for you. The book does provide a primer for those wanting to learn about the Red Sox, but in an easy-to-digest, breezy fashion. It doesn't go into nearly as much depth as Leigh Grossman's RED SOX FAN HANDBOOK, but it doesn't intend to. This is a book that's meant to be easy to handle, easy to afford (under \$20 for a hardcover), and easy to digest. You actually will learn a lot about the Red Sox if you read the book - even if you thought you already knew it all, you're bound to find a few new tidbits here. But - you notice a theme in this review - even if you really do know almost everything about the Red Sox, you'll still enjoy it because it's FUN. The Top Ten lists sprinkled throughout the book add a good measure of fresh entertainment. There's also trivia, and a nice feature called "By the Numbers" which lets you learn the average speed of a Tim Wakefield fastball, as well as the more familiar numbers like 406, 521, and 502. So, this year, remember: we Red Sox fans have suffered enough. We can relax a bit and enjoy a book like this one. We earned it. 4 of 18 people found the following review helpful. Filthy language in this book! Not for kids!! By S. Morgan My husband and I bought this book for our son's eleventh birthday. He loves baseball and especially the Red Sox. We read the reviews and found nothing objectionable written there. We paid for gift wrap so therefore didn't have a chance to read the book before his birthday. Luckily, in the excitement of his birthday, the book got laid to the side until we got a chance to preview it. Imagine our shock to find a chapter with the "F" word in the title!! Not to mention the DOZENS of other expletives in the book including the "f" and "n" words. I took a black sharpie to the book thinking surely it must just be a few bad words in this book. I am only halfway through and have already marked through dozens of words. The book will barely be readable by the time I am through. It will most likely just end up in the trash where it belongs. Do not buy this book for a child or anyone that doesn't care for filthy language!

A one-stop record containing everything Red Sox fans want to know about their favorite baseball team, this resource is packed with anecdotes, history, explanations of traditions, statistics, trivia, and photos.

From the Publisher "Bobby Doerr said that [Carl Yastrzemski] had the best single season he'd ever seen, and Bobby played with me for 10 years!" Ted Williams on Yaz's 1967 Triple Crown season "There's no doubt in my mind that he was the greatest hitter baseball's ever had. There's no way you could throw a fastball by Ted." Bob Feller on Ted Williams "I would be the laughingstock of the league if I took the best left-handed pitcher in the league and put him in the outfield." Red Sox manager Ed Barrow on Babe Ruth "Tied." Bill Lee, when asked before Game 7 of the 1975 World Series how he would characterize the memorable Series so far "I still say we won that Series. Three games to four." Carlton Fisk, recalling the same '75 Series From the Inside Flap The Boston Red Sox have a following like none other in the world of professional sports, and it seems that people from all over the globe are striving to join the ranks of this curiously delirious fandom. The Sox are, without a doubt, America's baseball team, having for so many years symbolized the underdog, the American dream, and good in the fight versus evil, all rolled into one. The essence of the Boston Red Sox and what has helped to make Red Sox Nation so fiercely loyal over the years is found in the colorful heroes, the hated villains, the unforgettable goats, the lovable flakes, and the countless flukes. The numbers help tell the story of the 100-plus-year-old franchise, and this book is loaded with statistics and trivia, but the real essence of the Sox lies in the players, the characters, and the stories that represent every era of Red Sox baseball. Whether you are a serious Sox fan in search of previously undiscovered informational nuggets or a more casual fan looking to upgrade your status, Red Sox Essential has what you need to call yourself a real fan. Through stories and anecdotes, trivia and stats, and much more, this handy reference guide will rekindle diamond memories from the early days of Fenway and provide hope, humor, and a little bit of heaven. The hope may come in the form of recounting Red Sox glory, past and present. The humor will be found in any number of countless clubhouse stories or tales of misfortune that only a true Sox fan can appreciate. And any fan feels a little closer to heaven at the mere mention of certain names in Sox history, such as Cy Young, Teddy Ballgame, Yaz, Fisk, and so many more. They're all inside these pages, along with the highs,

the lows, and everything in between that helps tell the compelling story of baseball's most beloved franchise. About the Author Jim Prime is the coauthor of several books on the Boston Red Sox, including *Fenway Saved*, *Tales from the Red Sox Dugout*, *More Tales from the Red Sox Dugout*, *Ted Williams: A Tribute*, *Ted Williams' Hit List*, and *Ted Williams: The Pursuit of Perfection*. He lives in Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia.