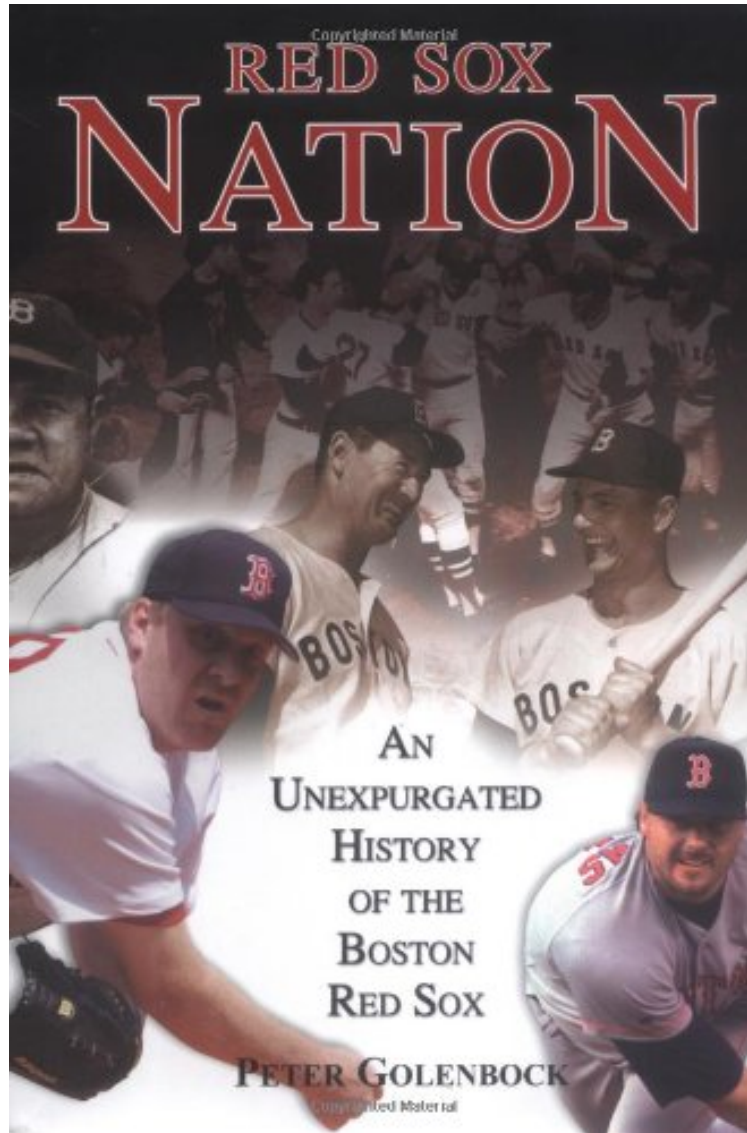


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Peter Golenbock : Red Sox Nation: An Unexpurgated History of the Boston Red Sox before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Red Sox Nation: An Unexpurgated History of the Boston Red Sox:

11 of 13 people found the following review helpful. A Must Own Book If You're A Bosox Fan..By MarkI've been a Red Sox fan since the early 1960's - around the time that Carl Yastzemski, my all time favorite player, came up - and in common with all Red Sox fans, have suffered through some of the most heart-breaking losses imaginable..And,

unfortunately, this book does not pull any punches or try to sugar coat the losses. It's all there - the loss to the Cardinals in 1967 after Yaz almost single-handedly carried the Red Sox to the Impossible Dream and took the Cards and the brilliant Bob Gibson to a 7th game. Or the 1975 World Series against the Big Red Machine - the Cincinnati Reds. Again, the Sox went the distance only to lose in Game 7. But they gave us a win in Game 6 which, in my opinion, was the greatest game ever played in the best series ever played. But it also brings back the heartbreak of the 1978 season when they blew a huge lead in August and ending up losing to the Yankees after Bucky F*****g Dent's homerun. Or the 1986 World Series against the Mets when they lost Game 6 after being just 1 strike away from winning. Thanks Bill Buckner / Calvin Schiraldi and Bob Stanley. And let's not forget the 2003 "Cowboy Up" season..!! You know, I never bought the "curse of the Bambino" nonsense and this book only confirmed what I always suspected / knew. The ONLY thing that the Red Sox were cursed with were Managers who, at times, were clearly brain dead - they were simply in over their heads and couldn't do the little things that separate the great coaches from the merely good or "mortal" ones. For example, Don Zimmer sticking with Mike Torrez late in the one game playoff with the NY Yankees back in 1978 when he should have gone with Bill Lee's fresh arm. Unfortunately, Zimmer thought "Spaceman" Lee was a flake and so he decided to keep him on the bench. Between this bonehead play - and Zimmer's decision to get rid of one of the greatest pinch hitters around (remember Bernie Carbo's heroics in Game 6 of the 1975 World Series..??), is it any wonder that the player's couldn't get the job done..?? Or in 1986, John McNamara elected to keep a gimpy kneed Bill Buckner at first instead of pulling him for a healthier, better fielding replacement. And we all know what happened..!! And, of course, we can't forget Grady Little staying with Pedro Martinez late in the game in the 2003 ALCS when every Red Sox fan - alive and dead - was screaming at Grady through their TV to "pull this guy and get a fresh, strong arm in there..!!!??". After giving up a bunch of hits, Little pulled Martinez, but by then the damage was done..! And when Boone hit that home run, it was deja vu all over again..!! No - there never was a "curse" - just some of the most incredibly inept and stupid managing in the history of this great game. Some day, Zimmer and Little and McNamara should all get together and compare notes on who the biggest bonehead is..! But enough of the negative stuff. I loved the commentary from the players / fans / reporters etc that are sprinkled throughout the book. It really gives you a flavour of the time and the emotions that we all experience when you're a Red Sox fan. The book talks about the beaming of Tony Conigliaro, who never properly recovered from that terrible accident. We can only wonder how great his numbers and career might have been had he been healthy. Or the numerous stories of Ted Williams - or the Yawkey's (Tom and Jean), Luis Tiant, Jim Rice, Freddie Lynn and on and on it goes. Of course, we all know that it has an incredibly happy ending with their World Series win in 2004. Yes, three years later in August 2007 as I'm writing this, it still feels great to be able to sit back and know that these guys won it all in our lifetime...!! And to win it the way they did against the Yankees is still the BEST memory I will ever have in baseball. No matter how many incredibly painful ways the Red Sox found to lose throughout the years, ONLY the Yankees have been ahead 3 games to 0 in the ALCS and then proceed to lose the next 4 games. Yes - the Red Sox have had some bitter losses, but only the NY Yankees have choked so bad that no other team in baseball history has ever equalled it. The World Series win was the BEST cake in the world - and beating the Yankees the way they did was the best icing on the cake a Red Sox fan could possibly ask for..!! I hope the Yankees and their fans still choke on that thought from time to time. Anyways, if you're a Red Sox fan - and you should be if you're not - you MUST own this book. It's a great read from the first to last page and it's a pleasure to read about the teams and players that pre-dated your own interest. It's a pleasure being a Red Sox fan..!! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. My father loved it. He's 80 years old and a long ... By John LaBelle My father loved it. He's 80 years old and a long time Sox fan. Any Red Sox fan would like this. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Tim Rickard A must read for a member of the nation!

Five-time New York Times best-selling author Peter Golenbock brings forth the definitive oral history of the Boston Red Sox. His focus is on the players, managers and owners who were the colorful characters and legends that guided their legion of fans. This isn't some dusty, boring retelling of the franchise's history; Golenbock goes back and forth from laying out the facts of a situation and then allowing the key players in each anecdote to offer their personal reflection, opinion, or commentary. Experience the entire history of the Red Sox, sit down with all the key people, and get the proper perspective on the Red Sox's place in baseball history.

From the Publisher "The best inside book on baseball yet. . . . Hundreds of often hilarious interviews with ballplayers and fans alike all of them carefully woven into a taut, fast-moving text." the late Cleveland Amory From the Inside Flap On October 27, 2004, the Boston Red Sox ended their 86-year championship drought by sweeping past the St. Louis Cardinals in front of a packed house of disbelieving, awestruck fans at Fenway Park. The victory capped one of the most unforgettable, unlikely postseason runs of all time, and it was instantly declared one of the greatest moments in the franchise's storied history. Red Sox Nation is a fun, frolicking, and comprehensive look at that history, a history that includes such immortals as Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Lefty Grove, Jimmie Foxx, and so many more. No other franchise has been involved in as many indelible moments in baseball's history, including Williams

final at-bat, Carlton Fisks dance down the first-base line, Bucky Dents home run, Dave Hendersons home run, Bill Buckners error, and the incredible 2004 World Series triumph that culminated underof all thingsa lunar eclipse. Best-selling author Peter Golenbock has created the best kind of baseball history, one told from the point of view of the players themselves, the fans, and the sportswriters of the day. Here, in their own words, are not only the joy of baseball and the bizarre twists of fate that always seem to accompany the Red Sox, but all the raucous behavior, feuds, and outrageous personalities that only those who were there could tell about. Red Sox Nation is a tale of triumph and heartbreak, of heroes and goats, injuries, miracles, and a devoted fan following that has lived and died for every minute of it. It is the most detailed history ever of a franchise for which hope, disappointment, and, finally, jubilation are inextricably joined.

About the AuthorPeter Golenbock is a five-time New York Times bestselling author and is widely acknowledged as the best oral historian in the literature of sport. Some of his best-known books include *The Bronx Zoo*, which he wrote in 1979 with New York Yankees pitcher Sparky Lyle; *BUMS: An Oral History of the Brooklyn Dodgers* (1984); *Personal Fouls* (1988), a look at corruption in college basketball; *American Zoom* (1993), a history of NASCAR; and *Wild, High and Tight* (1994), his lurid biography of Yankees manager Billy Martin. He lives in St. Petersburg, Florida.