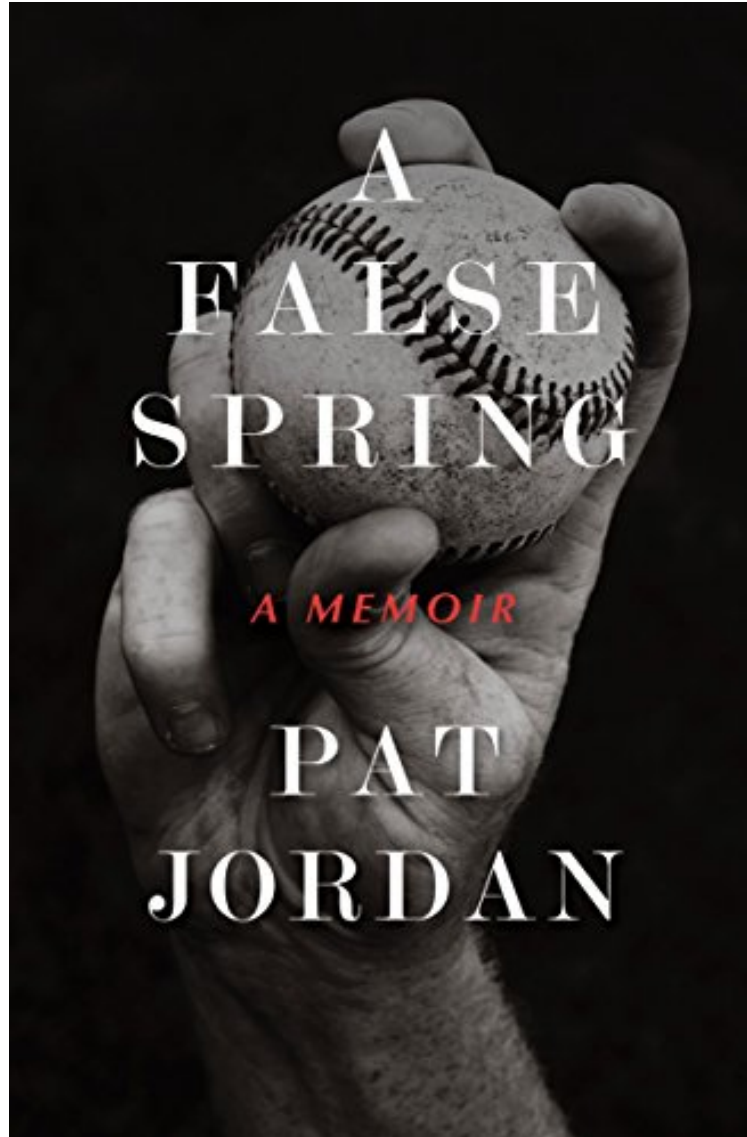


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An excellent story of unrealized potentialVon Ein KundeSports Illustrated called this book one of the twenty "must have" sports books in your collection. After reading this book I can see why. Pat Jordan does a phenomenal job of detailing his experience. He begins as a brash, cocky young phenom receiving a large bonus, and winds up languishing on a "D"

class minor league team and wondering "why?". Jordan writes about his minor league experience with such detail that you feel that you are there with him, experiencing the frustrations of desiring to move ahead and go to "the show". As a former athletic department tutor at a large university, I can tell you that many, many athletes with the greatest potential wound up going nowhere. Sometimes, the line between success and failure is a thin one.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Pat Jordan hit a Home Run Von Patrick D. Mulvihill I first read "A False Spring" close to 23 years ago and it remains as one of the best books I have ever read...I have read it again numerous times over the years and am always captivated by Jordan's writing style. A haunting tale about a kid who could throw hard but didn't really know how to pitch, and was released by the Braves in three years. He does an admirable job describing his failings as a young man..The clarity in which he remembers this short career so many years later is astounding. Even a non-baseball fan will appreciate this outstanding work.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. More than just a book about baseball Von Urban Shocker III Actually, the premise is about a young minor-league pitcher who fails to realize his potential, but this book is not really about baseball at all. It is about being young and brash and cocky and seemingly having everything in the palm of your hand, and then losing it all. With multiple readings, you have to wonder if you can actually trust Jordan's version of his vast potential. Was he ever as good as he said he was? Or is he still in denial, still blaming it all on a pitching coach who, to his credit, was only trying to transform Jordan from a thrower to a pitcher? Maybe Jordan has never really come to grips with the fact that he may have simply been Not Good Enough. The book is fascinating, and we must give Jordan credit for having the courage to write such an account years after the fact. Maybe writing it was the only way that he could rid himself of the demons of What Might Have Been. The book is hard to stomach at times, simply because Jordan, as a youth, could often be described only as despicable, but the mature, adult Jordan never shies away from describing that despicableness. This is a must read, a testimonial that for every Roger Clemens, every John Elway, and every Michael Jordan, there are literally millions of Pat Jordans with their shattered dreams, and the shattered dreams often make more fascinating reads than the scattered successes. A book to read again and again.

Kurzbeschreibung One of the best and truest books about baseball, and about coming to maturity in America. Time In the late 1950s, acclaimed sportswriter Pat Jordan was a young pitching phenom, blowing away opposing batters for his Fairfield, Connecticut, high school baseball team. Fifteen major league clubs offered him a contract, but it was the Milwaukee Braves who won out, signing Jordan to a \$45,000 bonus one of the largest paid to any new player by the organization and shipping him off to McCook, Nebraska, to play for their Class D ball club. It did not take long, however, for Jordan to realize he was out of his depth in professional baseball's backwoods. He battled with inconsistency and a lack of control for three dismal seasons in such far-flung locales as Keokuk, Iowa, and Palatka, Florida, before the Braves released him and he gave up his dreams of big league greatness. Declared unforgettable by the Los Angeles Times and a major triumph by the Philadelphia Inquirer, A False Spring is a powerful and deeply affecting memoir about the gift of athletic talent and the heartbreak of unfulfilled promise.