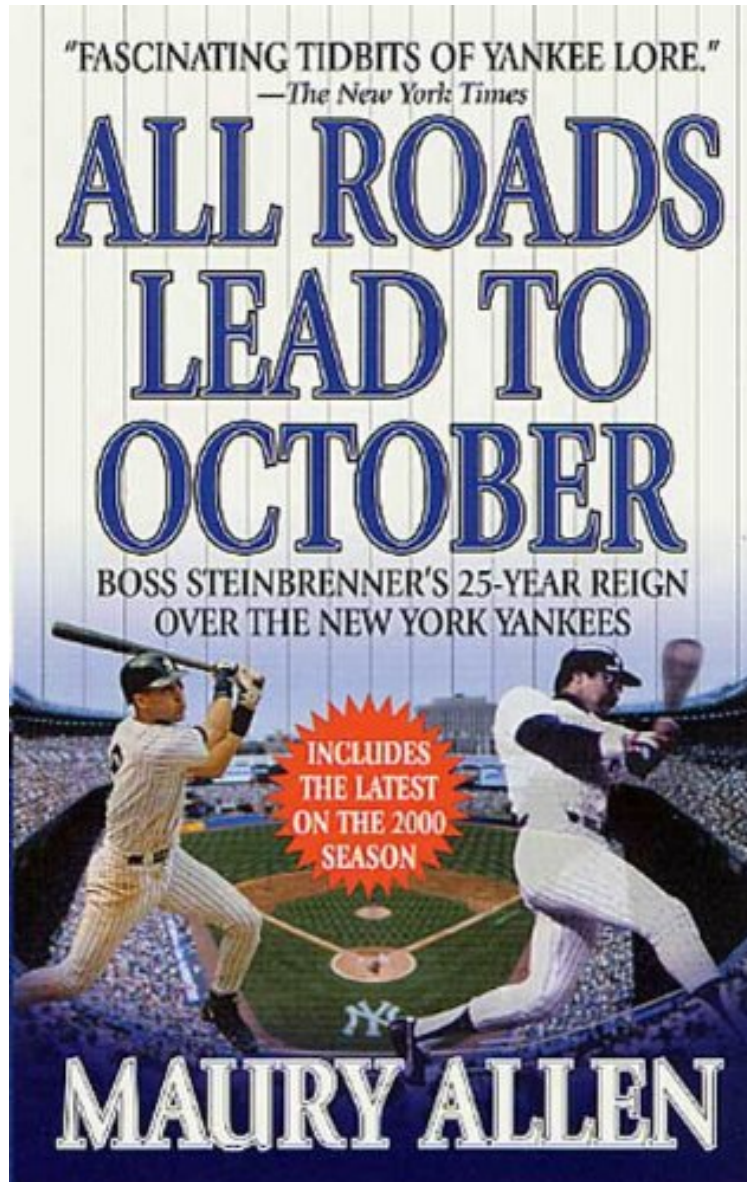


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I Expected BetterVon Eric PaddonRabid Yankee fan that I am, I bought this book expecting a fascinating overview of the Steinbrenner era with some new insights and perspectives. I got neither.Maury Allen was without question a talented sportswriter in his prime, but this ranks as the worst written sports history book I have ever read. It soon becomes clear that Allen's book isn't the product of extensive research but merely personal reminiscences and meanderings that offer very little sense of depth or substance about this period at all. Allen's most gripping chapter is his first one concerning his eyewitness perspective on the Fritz Peterson-Mike Kekich "wife swap". After that, it's all downhill with skimpy warmed over rehashings of things I've read about in so many better written books.Along the way, when Allen skimps over the seasons and games of the period he's supposedly writing about he wanders off into annoying digressions about players of the 50s Brooklyn Dodgers, or the early 60s Mets, or Richie Ashburn, or being rude to Richard Nixon in 1969, none of which has anything to do with the Steinbrenner era. And on top of that, he gets so many basic facts wrong that after awhile it really gets annoying. There's trouble in the opening when he has the Mets beating Houston instead of Arizona in last year's postseason! On another occasion he describes Dave Righetti's 1983 no-hitter as the first at Yankee Stadium since 1951 (uh Maury, what about Don Larsen?) Don Mattingly is described as the first Yankee captain since Thurman Munson (Graig Nettles, Willie Randolph and Ron Guidry held the position after Munson and before Mattingly). Tony Horton is described as playing for Boston and being victimized by Steve Hamilton's "Folly Floater" in Fenway Park (Horton played for Cleveland and the incident happened at Yankee Stadium). Don Mattingly's eight game HR streak is described as happening at a time when the Yankees were "going nowhere" in 1987 (They were in first place at the time).This book is for completists only. As a comprehensive overview of the Steinbrenner era it is neither comprehensive, nor is it much of an overview.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Seeming SenilityVon Matthew MistalFor someone looking to learn more about the tumultuous past of sports greatest franchise, I would barely recommend this book. However, for those looking to gain true knowledge about the Yankees or any true insight as to their prolific owner, I would have to say stay away. Unsure of whether to blame the problems of this book on Allen or poor editing, it is any which way a poor read. Allen tells and re-tells the same anecdotes. He introduces phrases and stories as though for the first time, even though they have appeared three times already in the past hundred or so pages. One example is a statement by former Jets owner, Sonny Werblin (who had stolen it from Joe Lewis): "I've been rich and I've been poor...Rich is better." In addition to this, Allen begins to chronicle a doomed or spectacular season only to remiss into an anecdote about one of the player's wives or a house party he once had. These tangents are usually unforgiveable as they horribly interrupt the book's flow. His biases get in the way, particularly as he describes the troubles between Reggie Jackson, Billy Martin, and Thurman Munson. Interestingly, nowhere in this section does the Boss appear. In a book supposedly about Steinbrenner's reign, the man is barely mentioned as anything but a mere catalyst. In terms of pure writing and editing, this book is poorer than poor. The anecdotes seem fairly rich, but are told once too often. The sheer redundancy of the book (as well as this review) dooms it from the beginning. Allen has written many books about the Yankees. I have not read any of them. However, if any of them are like this, one has to wonder who has granted this man's career as a writer its longevity. Then again, he did work for the Post.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This book was full of great gossipVon JennyBI read this book after I saw the review in the NY Times. Even tho Allen was not as tough as he might have been on old George, reading the book was like being in the press box with the sportswriters - I felt like I was there too. And that first chapter, on the Peterson/Kekitch swap-a-roo! What a kick! That actually DID happen at the author's house, so who would know more. And that was just the first chapter! It was full of inside information about all the Yankeeers - the ones you REALLY want to read about, like Mickey and Billy, Reggie and Catfish. I really enjoyed this book, and hope Mr. Allen writes more of this kind of inside stuff in the future.

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often brilliant coaching moves of the misunderstood Billy Martin, the inside story of the signing of Reggie Jackson whose ego was as big as his bat, and the Yankees rise to baseball dominance with the likes of Jeter, Williams, El Duque, Clemens, Rivera and Torre, Maury Allen give an exclusive look at all the action. Allen was there through it all, from Steinbrenner's first press conference, through the death of Catfish Hunter, the World Series wins, the controversial trades and firings, and even when a drunk Billy Martin banged on his hotel room door one night madder than hell. This is the definitive look at not only the Boss, the but the New York Yankees, the most celebrated team of the twentieth century. Kurzbeschreibung George Herman Ruth was the Babe. Lou Gehrig was the Iron Horse. Joe DiMaggio was the Yankee Clipper. George Steinbrenner is the Boss. On a rainy January morning, 1973, a press conference is called that will change the face of the Yankees forever. A young Cleveland Industrialist by the name of Steinbrenner stands at New York's famed 21 Club and announces his new ownership of the Yankees. And so begins the Steinbrenner era, the era of the Boss. Now with five World Championships to his name, Steinbrenner is not only the owner of one of the past century's winningest baseball teams, but a legendary figure in his own right. Both eccentric and egocentric, Steinbrenner's unique approach to the game turned a not-so-good 1973 Yankees squad into World Champions just five years later. As integral to the history of the Yankees as DiMaggio or Ruth, All Road Lead to October examines the team under Steinbrenner's reign. Having covered the Yankees since Steinbrenner came aboard, acclaimed sports journalist and noted author Maury Allen examines the complex and often fiery relationships the owner had with the likes of Billy Martin, Reggie Jackson, Yogi Berra, Joe Torre, Darryl Strawberry and many others. Here are the first hand, insider's accounts of the pivotal events in the Yankees rise to power. Covering both off the field and on the field controversies like Yankees pitchers Fritz Peterson and Mike Kekich's wife swapping, the angry tirades, fights and often brilliant coaching moves of the misunderstood Billy Martin, the inside story of the signing of Reggie Jackson whose ego was as big as his bat, and the Yankees rise to baseball dominance with the likes of Jeter, Williams, El Duque, Clemens, Rivera and Torre, Maury Allen give an exclusive look at all the action. Allen was there through it all, from Steinbrenner's first press conference, through the death of Catfish Hunter, the World Series wins, the controversial trades and firings, and even when a drunk Billy Martin banged on his hotel room door one night madder than hell. This is the definitive look at not only the Boss, the but the New York Yankees, the most celebrated team of the twentieth century.