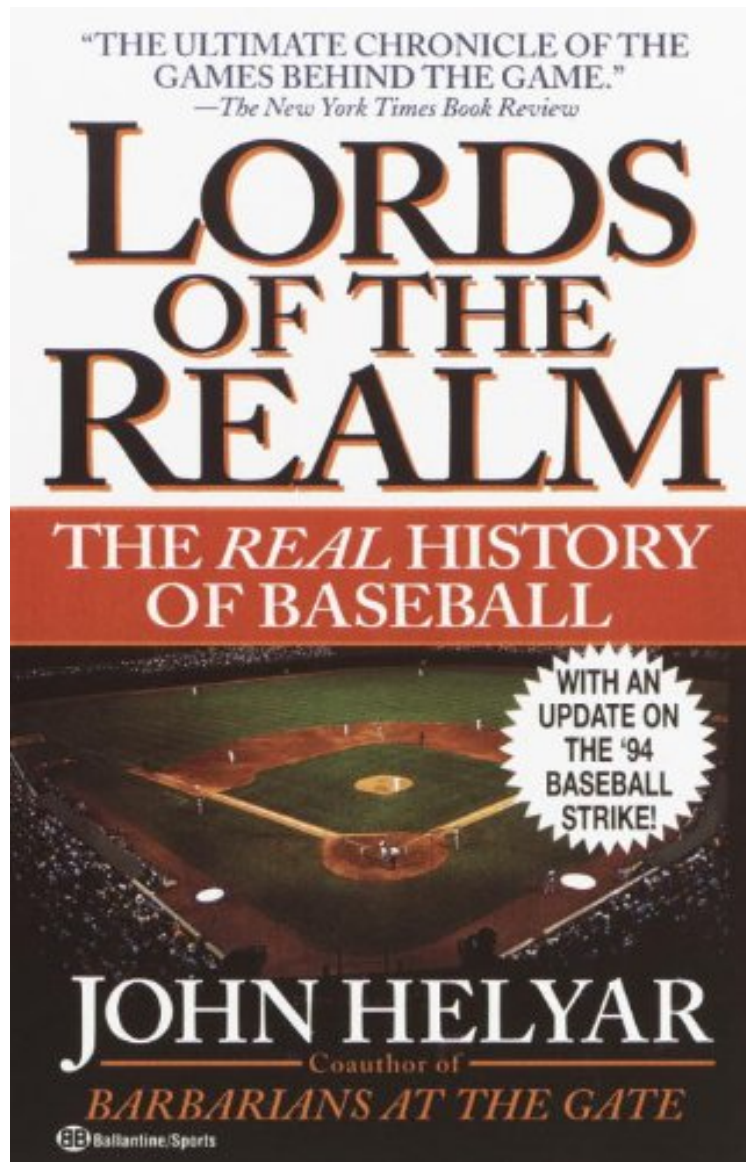


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**Von John Helyar : The Lords of the Realm: The Real History of Baseball** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Lords of the Realm: The Real History of Baseball:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Helyar locates the real winners and losers of the game.Von Ein KundeHelyar's Lords of the Realm, published in 1994 and updated in 1995 to cover the strike of '94, offers us a near definitive portrait of the evolution of baseball as a corporate

enterprise and "big money" phenomenon. While he covers the entire evolution of the game, his emphasis is on the last thirty years or so, when the issues have been the TV-ization of the game and the battle for a player's association--which resulted in free agency, skyrocketing salaries, and an increasingly sour relationship between and among team owners, general managers, players, and fans. Helyar exposes the seamier side of these issues, and at times everyone concerned looks shabby. However, there are moments of heroism as well: A. Bartlett Giamatti's ill-fated attempt to broker changes that would please both owners and players (a task worthy of a Quixote) stands out in this regard. While the owners often come off looking like venal cutthroats, it is ironic that their fears about driving up payrolls and alienating fans have come to pass. Helyar is excellent at turning an anecdote--like Ted Turner's barking like a dog in a hotel lobby to get himself banned from the game for a year--into a piece in a much larger puzzle. I understood after reading it how much more is involved in baseball than who won last night's game, or even this year's World Series. Strongly recommended.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Brilliant summary of struggle for control, owners vs playersVon Ein KundeJohn Helyar tells the real story of the real history of baseball.You thought it was about hits, innings, runs, etc. but it is really a story of greed and the pursuit of power. Detail by detail, plot by plot, Helyar shows the reader the backroom struggles of the game's powerful elite from Ban Johnson and Judge Landis to Charlie Finley and Marvin Miller. Helyar informs the reader of the power struggle that has existed since professional baseball was founded in 1869 between the owners of franchises and the players for control of what has become a multi-billion dollar industry. Learn about the 1975 Messerschmidt-McNally decision that ended the reserve clause and brought on free agency, the O'Malley family ripping the heart out of the city of Brooklyn by taking the 'Bums' out of Brooklyn to sunny Los Angeles, the creation of the players union and how it changed the face of baseball forever. Find out why the seemingly minor details to fans become reasons for all out war among the owners and players. This is an excellent book for any fan or non-fan who is interested in the struggle for control of our national pastime. If you're wondering why names like Bud Selig and Don Fehr are in the news more than Cal Ripken, Jr. and Kirby Puckett, this book explains why.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Fascinating behind-the-scenes lookVon Ein KundeStarts slowly -- the first century of baseball history is covered in just one chapter. May be initially disappointing if the reader expects stirring on-field accounts rather than baseball in the boardroom. But read on to find a fascinating, epic history full of strategy, tactics and colorful characters. Marvin Miller the saint, Peter Ueberroth the genius and Fay Vincent the politically incompetent are just a few who march across its stage. For one thing the owners and labor reps are more intelligent than the jocks out there on the field so their thoughts and reflections are more interesting as well. Overall, one draws the conclusion that no one ever really owned a baseball team to make money, a reflection on the intelligence of the owners. Ironically, the book ends in 1994, just before what we know now was to be the most incredible labor action of them all, and its subsequent rejuvenation courtesy of Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and the new-style ballparks. A supplementary volume would be great to see.

Kurzbeschreibung"The ultimate chronicle of the games behind the game."The New York Times Book Baseball has always inspired rhapsodic elegies on the glory of man and golden memories of wonderful times. But what you see on the field is only half the game.In this fascinating, colorful chroniclebased on hundreds of interviews and years of research and diggingJohn Helyar brings to vivid life the extraordinary people and dramatic events that shaped America's favorite pastime, from the dead-ball days at the turn of the century through the great strike of 1994. Witness zealous Judge Landis banish eight players, including Shoeless Joe Jackson, after the infamous "Black Sox" scandal; the flamboyant A's owner Charlie Finley wheel and deal his star players, Vida Blue and Rollie Fingers, like a deck of cards; the hysterical bidding war of coveted free agent Catfish Hunter; the chain-smoking romantic, A. Bartlett Giamatti, locking horns with Pete Rose during his gambling days of summer; and much more.Praise for The Lords of the Realm"A must-read for baseball fans . . . reads like a suspense novel."Kirkus s"Refreshingly hard-headed . . . the only book you'll need to read on the subject."Newsday"Lots of stories . . . well told, amusing . . . edifying."The Washington Post.deWall Street Journal sports reporter (and Barbarians at the Gate co-author) John Helyar has produced an entertaining and concise look at the real reasons that Major League Baseball has become the big business that it is today--and a definitive glimpse at where America's erstwhile national pastime is likely to head in the coming years. With vividly painted portraits of significant players from Ty Cobb to Bud Selig, it offers both a current picture and an historical perspective that will prove invaluable to fans of the game as well as to students of business as the lords of the game continue to struggle with business problems that have forever altered their sport. .comWall Street Journal sports reporter (and Barbarians at the Gate co-author) John Helyar has produced an entertaining and concise look at the real reasons that Major League Baseball has become the big business that it is today--and a definitive glimpse at where America's erstwhile national pastime is likely to head in the coming years. With vividly painted portraits of significant players from Ty Cobb to Bud Selig, it offers both a current picture and an historical perspective that will prove invaluable to fans of the game as well as to students of business as the lords of the game continue to

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