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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not comprehensive, but a good readVon Matthew RunyonThis is the latest in a series of oral history books Peter Golenbock has written about baseball teams. It looks like this time he bit off more than he could chew. Golenbock tries to tackle the histories of both the St. Louis Cardinals and the St. Louis Browns in one book. It would have been

better if he would have split these into two books. He misses out on or glosses over several key events in Cardinal history (Musial's retirement, Torre's MVP are examples) as he tries to cram the histories of two teams in one book.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Missed by just a bitVon Ein KundeActually I'll give the book four stars for the Cardinals sections and two stars for the Browns sections. How could Peter overlook the 1922 Browns and their race for the pennant? Read the book for the Cardinal sections but don't bother if you're interested in Brownie history.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. the best of golenbocks booksVon todd edwardsEXCELLENT.IF YOU ARE A CARDINALS FAN,OR A BASEBALL HISTORY BUFF(LIKE ME), YOU WILL LOVE THIS BOOK. I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE AUTHORS NEXT BOOK.I HOPE HE DOES ONE ON THE GIANTS.

KurzbeschreibungNo metropolis in America has more pure baseball spirit than St. Louis, Missouri. It's a love affair that began in 1874, when a band of local boosters raised \$20,000 to start a professional ball club, and the honeymoon still isn't over. Now Peter Golenbock, the bestselling author and master of baseball oral history, has written another remarkable saga enriched by extensive and incomparable remembrances from the scores of players, managers, and executives who lived it. These pages capture the voices of Branch Rickey on George Sisler, Rogers Hornsby and his creation of the farm system. Hornsby on Grover Cleveland Alexander -- and Alexander on Hornsby. Dizzy Dean on -- who else? -- Dizzy Dean. And so many others including "The Man" himself, Stan Musial; Eldon Auker, Ellis Clary, Denny Galehouse, and Don Gutteridge on the 1940s Browns; Brooks Lawrence, the second man to cross the Cardinals' color line; Jim Bronsnan, the first man to break the players' "code of silence"; Tommy Herr, Darrell Porter, and Joe McGrane on Whitey Herzog's Cardinals; and Cardinal owner Bill DeWitt, Jr., on the team today. From Publishers WeeklyHaving chronicled the Yankees (in *Dynasty*), Golenbock takes a look at another storied organization, the St. Louis Cardinals, and its near-forgotten crosstown rival, the St. Louis Browns. His understated narrative guides readers through an impressive collection of oral histories of past and living veterans of the game. Managers and owners play a significant role in the story as Golenbock does an excellent job of describing the impact of the two franchises on baseball history. The Cardinals' stalwart general manager, Branch Rickey, long before he signed Jackie Robinson to play for the Dodgers, revolutionized baseball by creating the farm system. He eventually built the Cards into a success (the team has won nine World Series, second only to the Yankees) though he paid players as little as possible. The Browns, however, struggled constantly, failing to garner new talent or retain rising stars, until owner and showman Bill Veeck (infamous for sending a midget to bat and for fielding a one-armed outfielder) was forced to sell the club. Significant baseball figures profiled include Rogers Hornsby, Dizzy Dean, Stan Musial, Curt Flood and Mark McGwire. Field-level anecdotes and insights from more than 150 baseball seasons abound. Both teams could boast great rosters at one time or another, but dynasties have eluded them. Their histories of struggle, with Golenbock's focus on the owner's hand, reveal how volatile the business of baseball has always been. (Jan.) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. From BooklistSt. Louis has a rich baseball tradition, most recently embodied in the slugging exploits of Mark McGwire, but the tradition stretches back to the late 1800s and includes both the National League Cardinals and the American League Browns (who moved to Baltimore and became the Orioles in the 1950s). Along the way, St. Louis has produced its share of memorable players: Rogers Hornsby, Stan Musial, Bob Gibson, and Eddie Gaedel (the midget whom promoter extraordinaire Bill Veeck used as a pinch hitter in 1951). Golenbock, the author of such team histories as *Wrigleyville* (Chicago Cubs) and *Dynasty* (New York Yankees), makes good use of the traditional oral-history formula--letting the participants tell the story in their own words. Whenever possible, he interviews his subjects directly, but when necessary, he makes good use of print sources. The result is a vibrant, seamless account that lets readers glide through the decades listening to the men who made baseball history tell their tales. Wonderful reading for baseball fans in and out of St. Louis. Wes Lukowsky