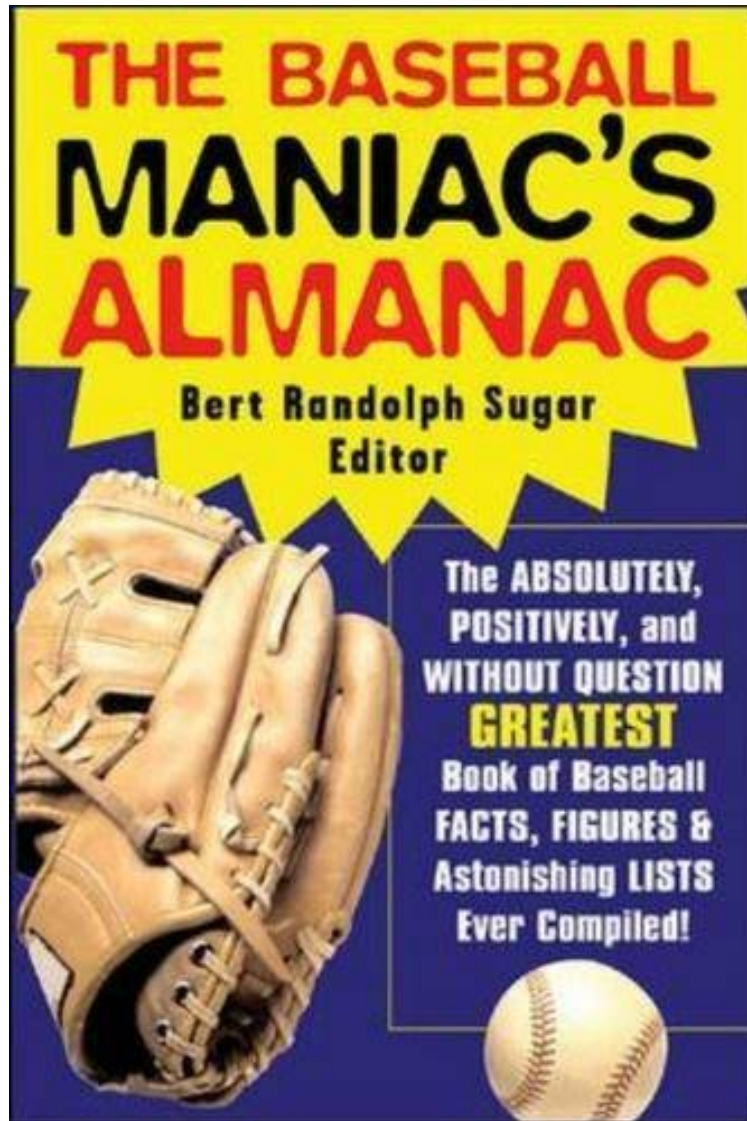


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A fantastic and far-flung compilation of stats, figures, and little-known nuggets about our national pastime An addictive read, sure to spark conversation wherever baseball is spoken, The Baseball Maniac's Almanac is part reference, part trivia, part brain teaser--and absolutely the greatest, most unusual and thorough compendium of baseball stats and facts ever compiled-- all verified for accuracy by the Baseball Hall of Fame. Renowned sportswriter Bert Sugar, with his trademark tough-guy swagger, presents thousands of fascinating lists, tables, data, and stimulating facts about: Individual players and teams Managers Player relatives The Hall of Fame Annual awards The World Series All-Star Games A list of the all-time statistical leaders for all all the major league teams PLUS: A truly unforgettable "miscellany" section answers such mind-boggling questions as, "Which major-leaguers have palindromic surnames?" and "Which players born under each zodiac sign have hit the most career home runs?"

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