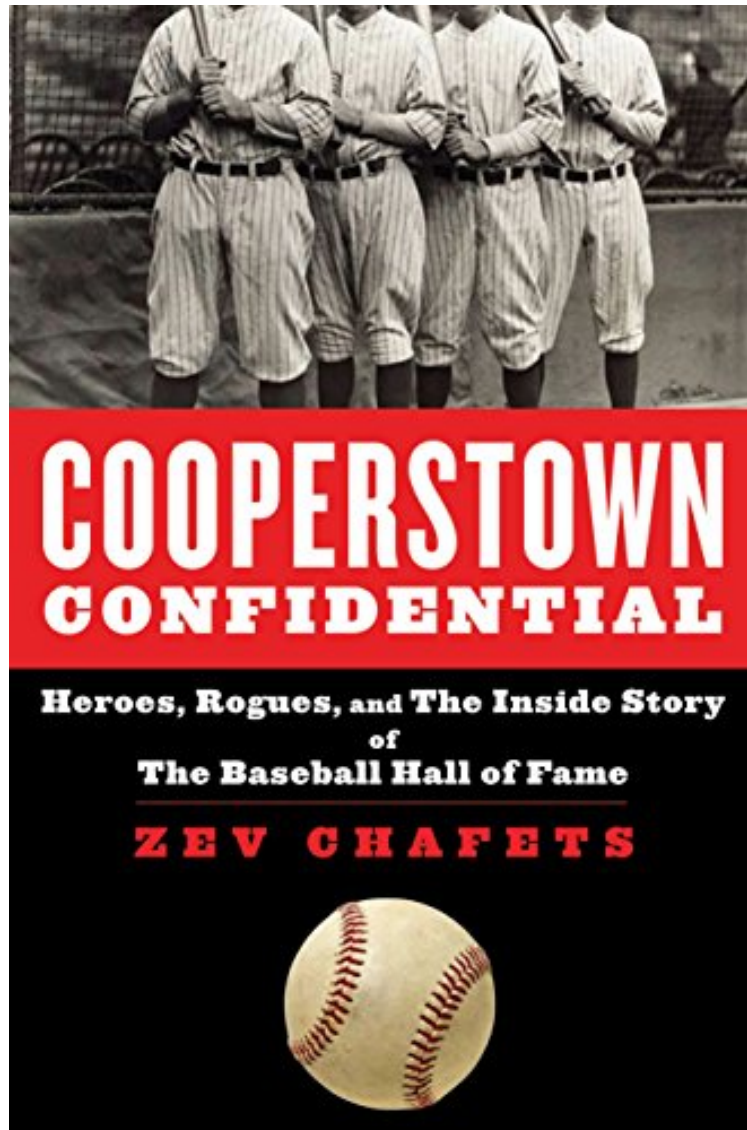


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Zev Chafets : Cooperstown Confidential: Heroes, Rogues, and the Inside Story of the Baseball Hall of Fame before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cooperstown Confidential: Heroes, Rogues, and the Inside Story of the Baseball Hall of Fame:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Personal Rant About Baseball Hall Of FameBy Michael L. SlavinThe author seems displeased about virtually everything related to the Hall Of Fame. He doesn't like those who run it or many of those who vote for members. He spends a lot of pages lamenting that there are less African American

players than there used to be. He argues that Latin American players are being exploited. He's favorable to Marvin Miller's legal work that greatly increased ballplayers financial situations. He doesn't think that the use of steroids or performance enhancing drugs are necessarily bad for baseball. After all if both pitchers and batters are enhanced they cancel each other out. And enhancements don't help the bat hit the ball. With regard to African American participation many of that race feel the game is too slow for them. They prefer the fast moving excitement of basketball and football. No conspiracy there. As for Latin exploitation why are so many here? Maybe they see better financial rewards and opportunity here than at home. Marvin Miller and salaries, my personal feeling is that athletes make way too much. If we're to come down on the windfalls made by some Wall Street types and others why should athletes today make astronomical amounts? Maybe we need wage controls in this country. On the positive side I liked his appendix that showed the years players were inducted. I had never seen that information. Also, I'm glad he called attention to the Hugo Chavez fiasco where the anti-American dictator offered to sponsor a permanent exhibition of Hispanic Baseball exhibit. It's beyond comprehension how the HOF went along with that. So, all in all, I don't think this is at all a definitive book on the HOF. Still, I enjoyed reading it.

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Good perspective
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I liked the historical aspect, it made me question who should be in the hall. Loved it, it was a great read.
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I was looking forward to many stories about the HOF members and some "expose" pieces which tickle the funny bone without being disrespectful of the greats of the past. The book was about half that and half the author's opinion on the steroid era etc. I can form my own opinion on those issues I don't need his and am sorry I paid to read them.

If baseball is America's national religion, then the Hall of Fame is its High Church. Being named among its 286 inductees makes you the closest thing our country has to an undisputed hero - even a secular saint. But the men in the Hall of Fame are no angels. Among their number are gamblers, drunks, race-baiters, at least one murderer, and perhaps the greatest collection of bona fide characters ever to be dignified by an honor of any kind.