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Baseball used to be played in cozy, intimate neighborhood ballparks whose dimensions reflected the quirks of their neighborhoods. Then baseball stadiums became soulless but practical concrete behemoths. Today, they are a fascinating combination of the two: big but quirky, high-tech but homey. Readers can trace this fascinating history through the lavishly illustrated, deeply detailed pages of *Ballparks, Yesterday & Today*.

Five extensive chapters take readers from the earliest makeshift ballfields including what might be the oldest photo of a baseball diamond in existence to the corporate-sponsored architectural marvels of today, like Target Field in Minneapolis, the new Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, and Citi Field in Queens, New York. Multiple photos, illustrations, and all manner of memorabilia festoon nearly every one of the book's 160 pages. Here is a brief look at each of the chapters:

**Early Ballparks 1870-1900.** Includes photos of the original Sportsman's Park in St. Louis, Boston's South End Grounds, and Union Park in Baltimore, with its jagged wooden outfield fence beckoning the knothole gang.

**The Golden Age 1901-1932.** The Polo Grounds, Tiger Stadium, Fenway Park, Wrigley Field, and dozens more, all fully detailed.

**Early Expansion 1933-1966.** Candlestick Park, Dodger Stadium, the Houston Astrodome (dubbed The Eighth Wonder of the World), and many more.

**The Modern Age 1966-1988.** The era of cookie-cutter stadiums and their final manifestations, like the Kingdome and the Metrodome.

**The Second Golden Age 1989-Today.** Jacobs Field, Great American Ballpark, the new Busch Stadium, Petco Park, Citi Field, Target Field, Comerica Park, and more. Ballpark architects surveyed more than a century of the good, the bad, and the timeless, and this is what they created.

Read *Ballparks, Yesterday & Today* and realize that our experience of the great American pastime is deeply influenced by the ballparks we have watched it in. Ideal for baseball fans of all ages.

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