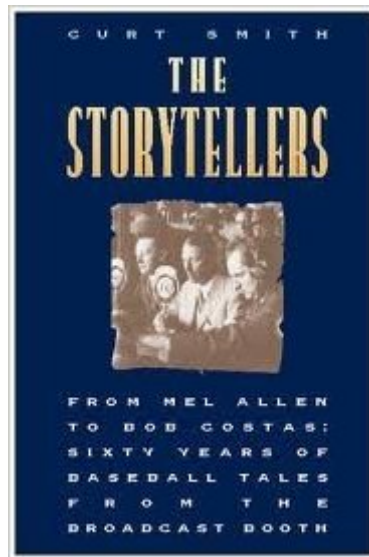


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Synopsis

Ernie Harwell, Lindsey Nelson, Vin Scully, and more than 60 other expert baseball mikesmen recount their childhood memories of the game, how they got into the business, their most embarrassing moments, favorite players, games, and ballparks, and more. Photos.

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Customer Reviews

The Storytellers is a hilarious and moving collection of baseball stories told by the people who have held our ears for decades. The funniest stories (Ernie Harwell explaining to a baseball usher that it wasn't beer he had spilled . . .) had my wife and I laughing out loud. The most moving (Bob Costas boyhood visit to Yankee stadium) still bring a tear to my eye. A must read for fans of baseball, fans of broadcasting, or fans of oral storytelling. This is a wonderful book to read aloud.

Curt Smith gathers some of the legendary Voices of baseball together to (what else?) tell stories. The anecdotes are invariably interesting, funny, moving, and illuminating, whether or not the reader has actually had the pleasure of listening to any or all of these broadcasters. My only quibble with this book is that author Smith seems to have lifted several passages in toto from his earlier, and even more fascinating, "Voices Of The Game." This seems like unnecessary duplication and can be mildly annoying for those of us who've read both. Still, it's well worth the time of anybody who loves the Summer Game.

I saw this book on .com and knew I had to get it. Great stories inside the game and behind the

broadcast booth. Couldn't put it down, just spectacular, wish there was a sequel!!!!

The stories are varied, entertaining, and required reading for anyone that enjoys listening to baseball on the radio while sitting on their porch on a warm summer's evening. I could have done without Curt Smith's introduction to each chapter, as his over-the-top prose didn't seem to fit with the simplicity of the language of the anecdotes. From coast to coast, this is a winner. New Yorkers will be particularly fond, however, of the pre-California baseball tales.

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