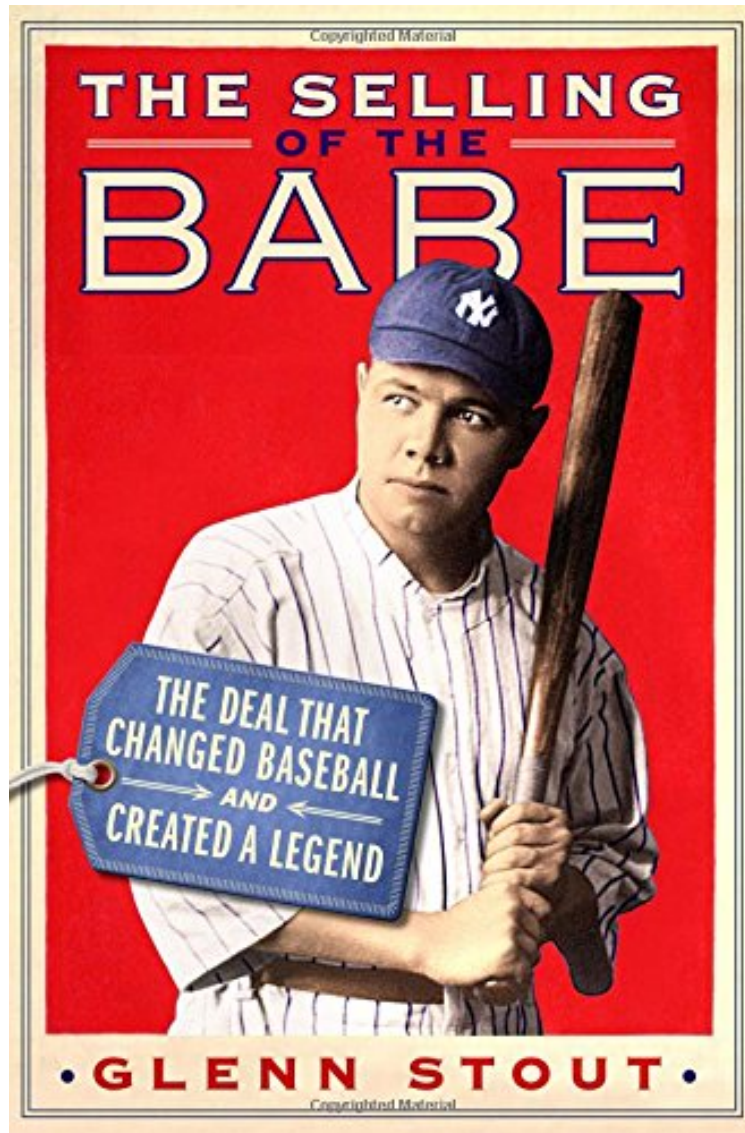


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came to be By Robert Slocum Fabulous book. It didn't reach top gear for me until Chapter Eight, in which Stout carefully analyzes the Ruth sale. It made complete sense for both parties. Ruth was not the world-beater he would soon become. Frazee saved his Boston club with the deal, and Ruppert took a successful gamble which led the Yankees out of the shadow of the Giants of that era. Toward the end of the book Stout quickly makes the case that the "curse of the Bambino" was more a matter of management incompetence in Beantown than anything else. He tosses off the accusation that the Red Sox organization was racist without mentioning any of the evidence. (They were the last club to integrate, with Pumpsie Green in 1960 I believe--thirteen years after Jackie Robinson.) Another quibble I had was a quick passage about Ty Cobb's dismissal of The Babe--not on account of the two of them representing the Old and the New in baseball offense (which they certainly did), but on account of the Georgia Peach thinking Ruth was black. I had read this theory long ago, but I'm not sure how widely known it is. I wonder whether, for the average reader of this book, it might make sense to either elaborate upon this, or skip it. Both my proof-reading comments have to do with race, but nothing else in the book does, if you're wondering. It's a nicely written (if on the casual side), engrossing capsule of baseball in the 1915-1920 period, when the game basically went from dead ball to long ball. There have been some glances back since this time, but not too many. Ruth also was the first player to hire an agent! Who knew? Ballplayers had endorsed a few items like tobacco before he came along, but now the floodgates opened. (Top of page 222: "Pipp struck out Pennock to lead off the sixth." No, the other way around.) 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Please Again!!!! By ABB This book was part of a birthday present and we were so happy it arrived a few days earlier than stated. It would have been a bit late for the birthday but we discovered it late and decided to order anyway. What a wonderful surprise!!! This pleasantry has happened before and that is why we always check out first!!!! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hooray for the early Bambino, the true history of Harry Frazee and the Bosox By Francis S. Billak Excellent book! If you are a fan of early baseball history and leery of the usual public relations puff pieces, you will enjoy this one. The story of the Babe is always entertaining but is usually told about his Yankee career. This reaffirms that he was a great pitcher before he became baseball's immortal slugger. Ruth was always a big little kid, and his excesses and irresponsibilities are not glossed over. The real protagonists were Ban Johnson, the czar of baseball, and Harry Frazee, the Red Sox owner and Broadway impresario. Their hatred of each other fueled much of the machinations in the rise and then fall of the Boston franchise. Ruth was actually an annoying side story. But he was the baseball slugging headliner in this deadest period of the Dead Ball era and well before the Black Sox scandal.

The complete story surrounding the most famous and significant player transaction in professional sports. The sale of Babe Ruth by the Boston Red Sox to the New York Yankees in 1919 is one of the pivotal moments in baseball history, changing the fortunes of two of baseball's most storied franchises, changing the game forever and helping to create the legend of the greatest player the game has ever known. More than a simple transaction, the sale resulted in a deal that created the Yankee dynasty, turned Boston into an also-ran, sold the American people on the modern home run era after the Black Sox scandal and led the public to fall in love with Ruth. Award-winning baseball historian Glenn Stout reveals brand-new information about Babe and the unique political situation surrounding his sale, including:- The political battle among baseball's elite that inspired the sale.- How Prohibition and the lifting of Blue Laws in New York affected Yankees owner and beer baron Jacob Ruppert.- Reveals how a shortage of quality wool due to World War One led to changes in the way baseballs were made that resulted in the inadvertent creation of the "lively" ball. - Uncovers Ruth's disruptive influence on the Red Sox in 1918 and 1919, and uses sabermetrics to showing his negative impact on the team as he transitioned from pitcher to outfielder. The Selling of Babe is the first book to focus on the ramifications of the sale and captures the central moment of Ruth's evolution from player to icon, and will appeal to fans of The Kid and Pinstripe Empire. Babe's sale to New York and the subsequent selling of Ruth to America led baseball from the Deadball Era and sparked a new era in the game, one revolved around the long ball and one man, The Babe.

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