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In *Baseball: The People's Game*, Dorothy Seymour Mills and Harold Seymour produce an authoritative, multi-volume chronicle of America's national pastime. The first two volumes of this study -*The Early Years* and *The Golden Age* - won universal acclaim. *The New York Times* wrote that they "will grip every American who has invested part of his youth and dreams in the sport," while *The Boston Globe* called them "irresistible."

Now, in *The People's Game*, the authors offer the first book devoted entirely to the history of the game outside of the professional leagues, revealing how, from its early beginnings up to World War II, baseball truly became the great American pastime. They explore the bond between baseball and boys through the decades, the game's place in institutions from colleges to prisons to the armed forces, the rise of women's baseball that coincided with nineteenth century feminism, and the struggles of black players and clubs from the later years of slavery up to the Second World War.

Whether discussing the birth of softball or the origins of the seventh inning stretch, the Seymours enrich their extensive research with fascinating details and entertaining anecdotes as well as a wealth of baseball experience. *The People's Game* brings to life the central role of baseball for generations of Americans.

Note: On August 2, 2010, Oxford University Press made public that it would credit Dorothy Seymour Mills as co-author of the three baseball histories previously "authored" solely by her late husband, Harold Seymour. The Seymours collaborated on *Baseball: The Early Years* (1960), *Baseball: The Golden Age* (1971) and *Baseball: The People's Game* (1991).

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