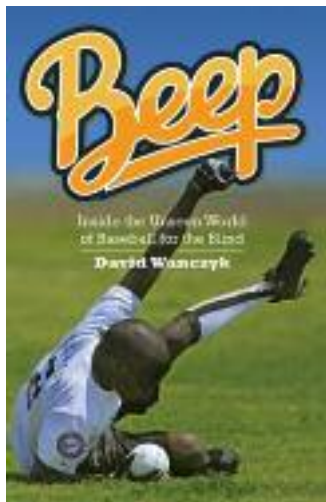


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Inside the Unseen World of Baseball for the Blind

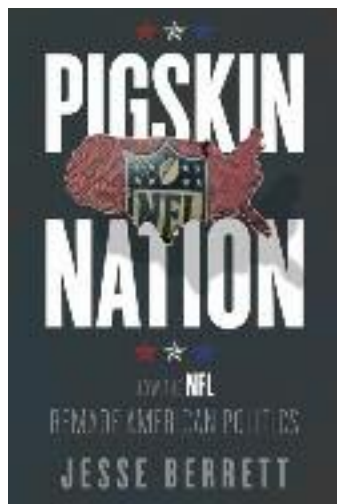
DAVID WANCZYK

March 2018 224pp

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Ohio University Press

In *Beep*, David Wanczyk illuminates the sport of blind baseball to show us a remarkable version of America's pastime. With balls tricked out to squeal three times per second, and with bases that buzz, this game of baseball for the blind is both innovative and intense. And when the best beep baseball team in America, the Austin Blackhawks, takes on its international rival, Taiwan Homerun, no one's thinking about disability. What we find are athletes playing their hearts out for a championship. Wanczyk follows teams around the world and even joins them on the field to produce a riveting inside narrative about the game and its players.



Pigskin Nation

How the NFL Remade American Politics

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University of Illinois Press

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The Burden of Over-representation

Race, Sport, and Philosophy

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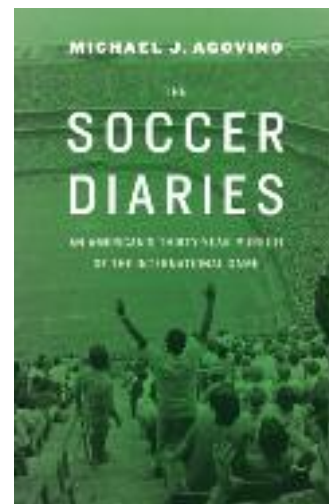
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The Burden of Over-representation artfully explores three curious racial moments in sport: Jackie Robinson's expletive at a Dodgers spring training game; the transformation of a formality into an event at the end of the 1995 rugby World Cup in South Africa; and a spectral moment at the 2010 FIFA World Cup. Grant Farred examines the connotations at play in these moments through the lenses of race, politics, memory, inheritance and conciliation, deploying a surprising cast of figures in Western thought, ranging from Jacques Derrida and Friedrich Nietzsche to Judith Butler, William Shakespeare, and Jesus-the-Christ. Farred makes connection and creates meaning through the forces at play and the representational burdens of team, country and race



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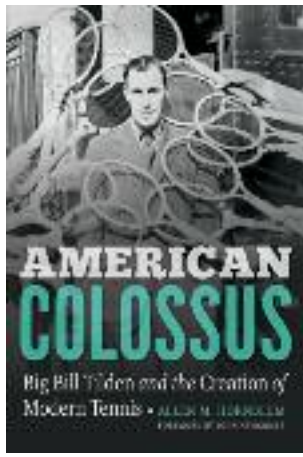
University of Nebraska Press

Although soccer had long been the world's game when Michael J. Agovino first encountered it in 1982, here it was just a poor cousin to American football. But as Agovino himself passionately pursued soccer, Americans got wise and turned it into one of the most popular sports in the country. Agovino's love affair with soccer is a portrait of the game's culture and an intimate history of the sport's coming of age in the United States. Agovino's quest takes him from the unkempt field in the Bronx where he taught himself to play to some of the sport's most storied venues and historic matches. Offering the perspective of fan, pickup player, and journalist, Agovino chronicles his obsession with the sport and its phenomenal evolution.

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FOREWORD BY JOHN NEWCOMBE

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University of Nebraska Press

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Creating the Big Ten

Courage, Corruption, and Commercialization

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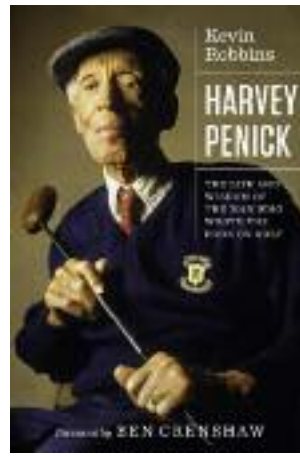
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Harvey Penick

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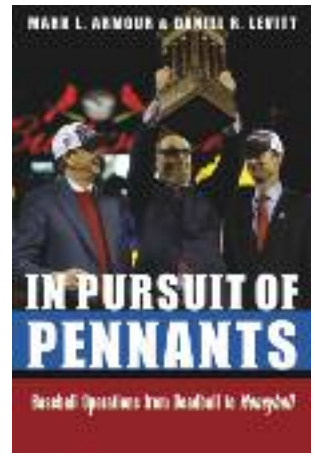
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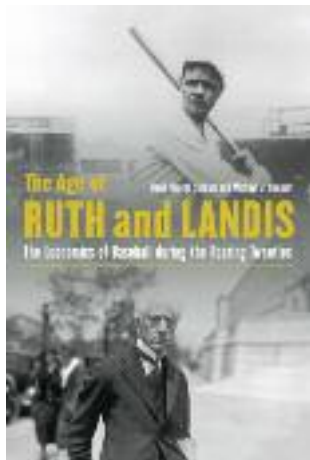
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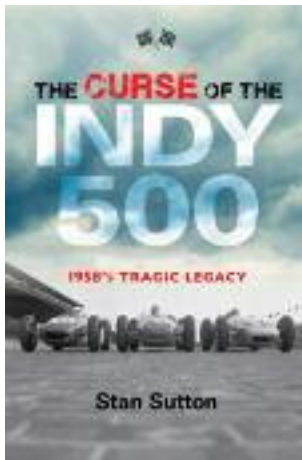
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Throughout the 1920s, Major League Baseball remained a mixture of competition and cooperation. By analyzing the economic and financial aspects of Major League Baseball, the authors show how baseball during the 1920s experienced both strife and prosperity, innovation and conservatism.



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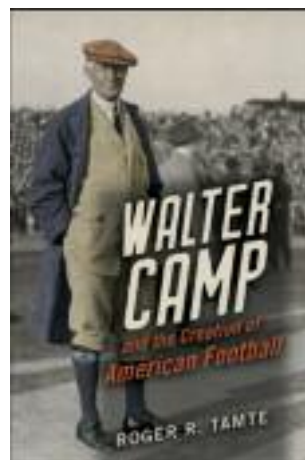
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Walter Camp and the Creation of American Football

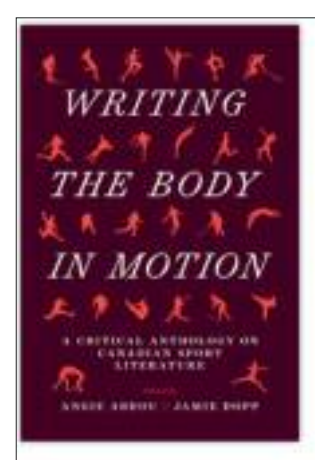
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Tamte tells the engrossing but forgotten life story of Walter Camp, the man contemporaries called "the father of American football." He charts Camp's leadership as American players moved away from rugby and tells the story behind the remarkably inventive rule change that, in Camp's own words, was "more important than all the rest of the legislation combined."



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A Critical Anthology on Canadian Sport Literature

EDITED BY ANGIE ABDOU &

JAMIE DOPP

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