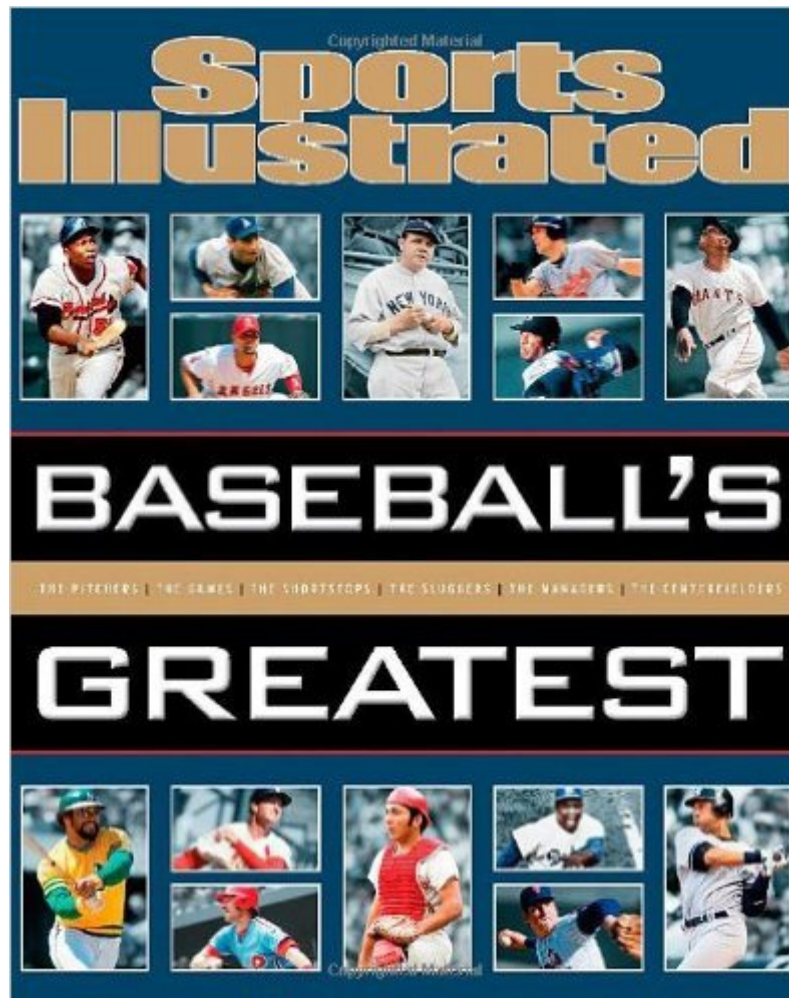


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# Sports Illustrated Baseball's Greatest



## Synopsis

Who's the greatest slugger of all time, Babe Ruth or Ted Williams? Where do Derek Jeter and Cal Ripken Jr. rank on the list of the best shortstops? At third base, would you rather have Mike Schmidt or Brooks Robinson? Is Fenway or Wrigley the better ballpark? This book will end many arguments-and start some new ones. Sports Illustrated's has polled its Major League Baseball experts to determine the ultimate Top 10 in more than 20 categories. The rankings appear alongside stunning photography and classic stories from SI's archives. This is the best of the best in the major leagues, or, more simply, Baseball's Greatest.

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A big part of being a baseball fan is debates the nuance of the game from the stands, or at work the day after a game, or during the cold, quiet offseason. Which current players belong in the Hall of Fame? Who was the greatest catcher of all time? Should there be instant replay? What was the single best game every played? There are hundreds of debates, and each debates has hundreds of opinions. And in the spirit of year-end lists, Sports Illustrated's *Baseball's Greatest* presents a colorful and thought-provoking summary of baseball's best, including the top sluggers, pitchers, stadiums, managers and games of all time. It is the ultimate book of baseball top ten lists, compiled through a collaboration of SI writers and editors, ranking the best players by position but also the best base runners, sluggers, defensive players and baseball movies. Who was the #2 shortstop of all time? Derek Jeter. Who is the #9 center fielder? Kirby Puckett. What was the greatest game ever played? It's not Jack Morris's 10-inning shutout during Game 7 of the

1991 World Series. As a Twins fan I'm biased towards that one, but it came in at #3. And isn't The Natural a better baseball movie than Moneyball? As you can see, there is already plenty to debate. Imagine the opinions, the arguments that a top 10 list in over 20 baseball categories can create! This is a hefty, significant coffee table book, overflowing with wonderful color photos, and classic shots of the old baseball legends who occupied this earth long before many of us. Ty Cobb (the #2 center fielder of all time), Lefty Grove (the #2 left-handed pitcher), and the Polo Grounds (the 8th best ballpark) all make appearances in giant, vivid black and white.

Title: Sports Illustrated Baseball's Greatest Editor: Bill Syken Publisher: Sports Illustrated ISBN: 978-1-61893-055-2 "Who is the greatest centerfielder of all time? How about the most dominant pitcher? What's the best game ever? SI's team of experts once and for all settles the questions baseball fans have been debating since the first pitch was thrown," the back jacket cover announces in the book, "Sports Illustrated Baseball's Greatest." At two hundred and eighty-eight glossy pages, this over-sized hardbound coffee table book is targeted toward those who love the game of baseball and anything to do with America's favorite pastime. With color or black and white photographs that are full page close-up or smaller inserts, Sports Illustrated makes its mark honoring the beloved sport. After an introduction discussing the athletes chosen and explaining how they were ranked, it gives the top ten players in each of the nine positions including right-handed, left-handed, and relief pitchers along with managers, games, ballparks, and franchises. Also added are the best designated hitters, sluggers, base runners, defensive players, and a summary of uniforms, characters, rivalries, movies, quotes, and records with a recap of results but no index listing names alphabetically. In each of the "best of" chapters, the ten players chosen are listed with the winner first with large photographs and a few paragraphs per competitor. Also in each section, there is a full-page article reprinted from Sports Illustrated about a particular player. Take the "mind and soul" position of catcher with the top ten listings in order starting with the best: Bench, Berra, Campanella, Rodriguez, Gibson, Cochrane, Fisk, Dickey, Piazza, and Carter.

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