

Chapter 1 : Mickey Mantle () - Find A Grave Memorial

Mickey Mantle Day in Amsterdam is Jim LaBate's latest novella about growing up. This particular story focuses on baseball and on baseball's biggest name in the '50s and the '60s. The story takes place during the summer of 1951 when Mantle is on the disabled list, recovering from a broken foot.

Noted for his ability to hit for both average and power, he is regarded by many to be the greatest switch hitter of all time and one of the greatest players in the history of Major League Baseball. His career highlights include a time selection to the American League All-Star team through 1954, 1955, and 1956, a 7-time member of a World Series champion team through 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, and 1962, a 3-time American League Most Valuable Player, 1954, 1955, and 1956, a Triple Crown winner, a Gold Glove Award, the American League batting champion, a 4-time American League home run champion, 1954, 1955, and 1956, and the American League Runs Batted In champion. Born Mickey Charles Mantle, his father was a lead and zinc miner. At the age of four, he and his family moved to Commerce, Oklahoma. He graduated from Commerce High School in 1949 where he excelled in sports and was an all-around athlete. After being scouted by the New York Yankees, he signed a minor league contract as a shortstop after graduating from high school and was assigned to their Class D Independence Yankees team. However, he struggled defensively at shortstop. In 1950 he was invited to the Yankees instructional camp and after an impressive spring training, Yankees manager Casey Stengel decided to promote him to the majors as a right fielder instead of sending him back to the minor league. Mantle was recalled up to the Yankees after 40 games with Kansas City and hit. During the second game of the World Series he severely injured his right knee, that would become the first of numerous injuries to plague his year career with the Yankees and he played the rest of his baseball career with a torn ACL. In 1951 he had a breakout season, leading the American League with a .353 batting average. He is the only player to win a league Triple Crown as a switch hitter through 1956. The following year he won his second consecutive Most Valuable Player award behind league leads in runs and walks, a career-high. Late in the season he was unexpectedly hospitalized by an abscessed hip he got from a flu shot late, leaving Maris to break the record he finished with 61 home runs, while he finished with 54 home runs and led the American league in runs scored and walks. In 1955 and he batted. In 1956 he hit. In the bottom of the ninth inning of Game 3 of the World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals he went on to hit two more homers in the series to set the existing World Series record of 18 home runs. He was slowed down by injuries during the season, and the Yankees finished in 6th place, 25 games behind the Minnesota Twins. The following year his batting average increased to .344. After the season he was moved to first base with Joe Pepitone taking over his place in the outfield. During his final season, 1968, he hit only 10 home runs. In March he announced his retirement and was third on the all-time home run list with 239. At the time of his retirement, he was the Yankees all-time leader in games played with 2,287, which was broken by Derek Jeter on August 29, 1999. In addition to his total home runs and games played, he also accumulated 8,343 at bats, 1,000 runs, 2,000 hits, 1,000 runs batted in, 1,000 walks, 1,000 strikeouts, a .300 batting average. During his career he was known for his tape-measure home runs, including one for 450 feet at Griffith Stadium in Washington DC on April 17, 1954, and an estimated 450 foot shot that cleared the right field roof at Tiger Stadium in Detroit, Michigan on September 10, 1954. In 1968 he served as a part-time television commentator for the Montreal Expos. In 1974 he was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame on the first ballot. In 1975 he and his wife separated for 15 years, but neither filed for divorce. While most of his activities were representing the Claridge in golf tournaments and other charity events, he was suspended from baseball by Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn on the grounds that any affiliation with gambling was grounds for being placed on the "permanently ineligible" list. In 1976 he wrote the book "My Favorite Summer" about his baseball season. While his off-field drinking became public knowledge during his lifetime, the press kept quiet about his many marital infidelities. After his wife and sons completed treatment for alcoholism, they advised him to do the same and in January he checked into the Betty Ford Clinic after being told by a doctor that his liver was badly damaged from almost 40 years of drinking. In June he received a liver transplant at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas after learning that he had inoperable liver cancer. Afterwards, he established the Mickey Mantle Foundation to raise awareness for organ donations. He was soon readmitted to Baylor, where it was found that his cancer was rapidly spreading throughout his body.

and he died there at the age of His off-field behavior is the subject of the book "The Last Boy: In he and Maris starred as themselves in the sports comedy film "Safe at Home!

Chapter 2 : Mickey Mantle Day - Mickey Mantle

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Books that include him on the cover by name or with his picture will also be included. This is a mammoth undertaking that has more than entries and SCD space limitations will require that it be done in multiple sections, likely to be in four total parts. This is the second installment of the books section; the first appeared in the March 5 issue of SCD. So why include it in this list? Well, the front cover features an illustrated view of the two famous center fielders that is worthy of any collection. Filled with great stories of famous players and not-so-famous players, the book offers some great and often not published anecdotes that the average baseball fan may not have heard. It has questions that will test the most knowledgeable Mantle fans. What brand of pancake mix did Mickey endorse in ? And the questions go on and on. Sports Heroes and Legends: Using 45 large photos in a book that is only 48 pages, May blends his writing with great quality photographs. In fact, several photos from with Mickey wearing No. The hardbound book comes in two different variations. The first uses a reddish-orange front cover, while the second variation features a blue or turquoise background. A softcover edition of the book also exists. It is virtually the same in every aspect as the hardbound editions. Mantle represented the last breed of a true superstar. Stories of Mickey and what he meant to the author make up a large part of the book, as well as other stories about the great American pastime. Everyone was asking for autographs. He was a private kind of guy. There are funny times as well. Mantle tells about when he and Billy Martin went duck hunting and almost got arrested by the Oklahoma Game Commission. Another story tells how he finagled a day off from practice by telling Casey Stengel that he had a shoulder injury. Unbeknown to Casey of what Mickey was planning, he excused Mickey only to find that he and Whitey Ford had planned a day on the golf course. General Manager George Weiss found out about the plot and caught the two in the act. After seeing what Mickey had done, Weiss slammed the golf pin into the hole and stormed off the course. The book was published in hard cover, and has two different variations of the paperback edition. When he talked about Whitey, Mantle was impressed with the cool and calm manner that he always seemed to possess. With Roy Campanella, it was how he overcame that horrific automobile accident, which led to his life in a wheelchair and being paralyzed from the neck down. With Mays, it was the way he played the game, always giving it his all. And for Mickey, it was playing day in and day out with all those injuries. There was a lesson to be learned after reading this book. The message was simply use the power of courage to guide yourself through life. The hardbound version features a colorful left-handed action shot of Mantle batting. The softbound cover shows a colorful illustration of Mantle in his road Yankee uniform. Creamer actually started working on this book with Mantle in and was never given a byline by the publisher. Creamer tells us that the idea for the book dates back to John F. The book offers their expertise on what they feel are the essentials in the developing of a solid ballplayer. Jim Bunning offers his commentary on pitching along with Whitey Ford. Willie and Mickey offer two different approaches on the topic of hitting. The Mick pays homage to his father for teaching how to switch hit and also thanks teammate Bob Turley for all of his help in telling Mickey when to expect a fastball while batting. The book is filled will lots of great advice for young fans that still is applicable today. Using vintage and not-so-common photographs of Mantle is what makes this book a winner. With camera flashes lighting the room for nearly 15 minutes, the threesome would never be together again. That letter, which would be worth tens of thousands of dollars, now resides in the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame. From there, stories of Mantle fill the book, most of which have become etched in our minds. One advantage that Allen utilizes is the fact that he covered the Yankees and reveals a lot of things that he observed firsthand, which makes the book worthwhile reading. The book is filled with funny stories and anecdotes from Yankee stars of the past, including Mantle, Ruth, Munson, Maris, Mattingly and others. The book also features plus caricatures, including Mickey, by sports illustrator Robert Jackson. One such story involving Mantle was when he received a very strange autograph request. Back in while on the way to the All-Star Game in a cab, a fan noticed Mantle and asked if he would autograph his trophy cabinet. Yes, a trophy cabinet. Few can brag about having one of these. Starting with his days at home, Devaney writes about

how Mickey was raised to play baseball by his father Mutt and Uncle Charlie. From there it becomes the typical Mantle biography that covers his odyssey from Joplin, Mo. Devaney adds a few not-so-well-known stories of Mantle, as well. Dick Schaap takes us back to , when the Yankees were honing their skills in St. For Pujols, it was a season that saw him finish first in homers, second in batting average at. Teixeira had a that saw him tied for the lead in home runs with 39, first in RBI with , and placing 31st in the American League with a. For both of these players, it was oh, so close, but no cigar. Howard Liss writes about the six players, who captured the coveted award that represents the epitome of excellence in batting. As for Mickey, his magical year was The front cover shows six illustrations of all the Triple Crown winners. The year was when the author, a year-old boy, and his dad happened to be driving by and decided to give a motorist a helping hand. The motorist happened to be Mickey Mantle. The next problem was where was Mickey going to spend the night? Needing a place to stay, the boy and father asked Mickey if wanted to stay the night at their house and Mickey accepted. The book has no pictures, but does have a handful of black-and-white illustrations, which are exceptionally well done. It also contains a homily for Mickey by former teammate Bobby Richardson. By now, all Mantle biographies pretty much look the same. The all seem to have the same stories, the same pictures and the same everything. First of all, the book is filled with nearly plus black-and-white and color photographs, some of which are used for the first time in print. Secondly, the quality of the photography is very evident as Schoor and his producers went to great lengths to do this project right. Yes, Tom Greenwade is also mentioned as the scout who signed Mantle the moment he graduated from Commerce High School. Schoor goes a bit further by telling the reader some of the inside stories of what Mantle experienced when he first came to New York in Mickey also tells firsthand stories as they really happened. He talks about how fortunate he was to have Hank Bauer and Johnny Hopp as his roommates and how he looked at Bauer as his second dad. In fact, it was Bauer who taught Mickey how to dress, what clothes to buy, where to shop, and even advised him to discard the famous cardboard suitcase that made the trip with Mickey from Commerce to New York City. The season of is also dissected, as it marked the first time since that the Yankees finished dead last. This book is a keeper. It was a time like no other and the Empire State had three of the all-time greats patrolling the No. These three greats all gave their fans bragging rights as to who was the best. For the Brooklyn Dodgers fans, it was Snider. It was a special and electrifying era, when all three had many moments of glory sharing the headlines in the tabloids of New York. Baseball historian and author Donald Honig thoroughly examines the history and background of the three Hall of Famers. In his smooth writing style, Honig confesses that baseball history has been kinder to Mantle and Mays than it was to Snider. Even though the debates on the street corners and bar rooms are long over, there are some fans that still like to reminisce, even today. They were three great outfielders and three unique individuals and I guess a case could be made for any one of them. Honig also supplements his writing with many unique photographs of the threesome. As an 8-year-old, I guess it is the first Series that I can fully remember. I can remember running home from elementary school on those October afternoons in record-setting time. These games were played in the afternoon " and during the regular season they even played doubleheaders on Sunday afternoons. I can remember Mantle hitting his home run against Barney Schultz in Game 3. I can also remember Mantle hitting two other World Series homers in Games 6 and 7. I can remember the stern look of Hall of Famer pitcher Bob Gibson and thinking how intimidating this guy was. And finally, I can remember the Yanks not winning the World Series. They would lose in seven games and it would be the last time the Yanks would make the big stage until This is where David Halberstam comes in. The author dissects the Fall Classic of with a scalpel.

Bob Hope Chevy Show December 28 with Ginger Rogers & Mickey Mantle part 1 of 2.

A professionally designed cover or jacket usually is an indicator as to how much time, money, and promotional work the publisher has put into the project. As a collector of books that focus on Mickey, I can tell you there are several things that I deem to be very important. I look at the quality of the photographs used in the book, the amount of color used in the production, and the quality of the paper, that is used in the printing process. My favorite books are those that use photos of Mickey that I have never seen before. So many books use the same photos over and over and I am always a little bit disappointed when this occurs. Books that include him on the cover by name or with his picture will also be included. This is a mammoth undertaking that has over entries and SCD space limitations will require that it be done in multiple sections. His photography is second to none. Legends of the Field "The Classic Sports Photography of Ozzie Sweet", Viking Studio Book, hardcover As its book jacket reveals, this book is a stunning collection of color photos that immortalize some of the major figures from the world of sport. The focal point of this book deals with photos of athletes who made their name from the late s through the s. Gravel, Dessin Jean A. Written totally in French and gracing an illustrated picture of Mickey on the front cover, the book is filled with illustrations and proper ways to play the game of baseball. The book addresses all facets of the game from choosing the right equipment to proper ways of hitting, running, sliding, fielding, and throwing. It tells how the left-handed Mutt and Grandpa Charlie, a right-hander, would throw countless pitches to Mickey so that he could sharpen his switch-hitting skills. There are photos of the Mantle family, as well as pictures of Mickey and Merlyn on their wedding day in December of The front cover has a full-body illustration of Mickey completing a left-handed swing. Another variation has a photo of Mickey on the dust jacket that was used for the illustration in the first variation. One version shows a drawing of Mickey on the cover with a golden-brown background. The second version shows a blank green front cover with a green jacket and two pictures of Mickey swinging and hitting. Photos include pictures of his family, including photos of Mickey and his three brothers, Larry, Ray and Roy. A wedding photo of Mickey and Merlyn is also shown, plus pictures of Mickey in his Yankee uniform. Mister Yankee by Al Silverman", G. Chapters cover his move from shortstop to center, his expressway to the Yankees, which began in Phoenix in to his days of playing with pain and injuries. The dust jacket shows a color photo of him with his bat on his left shoulder. Author Tony Castro tells all in this book. There is even a story about Mickey taking Mickey Jr. Peterson, a Born-Again Christian, talks about counseling his former teammates and how he tried to get Thurman Munson to accept the Lord, as well. The book has its lighter side, too. It reveals many of the practical jokes that were pulled in the Yankee clubhouse. In fact, some of them are hilarious, especially those involving teammate Jerry Kenney. Peterson also talks in great detail about his highly publicized wife swapping with teammate Mike Kekich in Overall, it is a good read and reveals the personal side of players who just so happened to wear the pinstripes in the late s through the s. Abrams, hardcover This is great book that features many color and black-and-white photos from the Mantle family personal collection. Shown throughout the book are numerous pictures of Mickey and his family and while at work with the New York Yankees. Included are copies of his Independence Class-D contract, a love letter he wrote to Merlyn in , a publicity questionnaire filled out by Mickey in May of , his lifetime APBP membership card, an autographed photo of Mickey sitting on the dugout steps, a Batting Tips booklet distributed by the Alvern Co. Most fans know that Mickey was given uniform No. Glueckstein talks about the pressure that was on the year-old rookie. Pressure that was put on him by the New York media, pressure put on him by his father, pressure of playing in the big city, and pressure that he put on himself. The book talks about his first at bat on Opening Day of , in which he hit a broken bat, ground ball to second baseman Bobby Doerr of the Red Sox, to his at bat in the sixth inning in which he lashed a single between short and third into left field to score Jackie Jensen for his first hit and RBI as a Yankee. The book gives detailed accounts of his growing up in Oklahoma, his first date with Merlyn , and his trip to Phoenix for his first spring training in The book is very informative and has some neat, but fairly

common photos of Mickey with his mother, father, brothers and sister. From those small town leagues it was onto Baxter Springs, where Mickey started to make a name for himself. The book jacket of the book shows a picture of Mickey in his Yankee pinstripe uniform holding his Rawlings fielding glove. The Japanese version shows a picture of Mickey and his son at spring training in This book is loaded with never-before-published Mantle family photos and traces the lineage of the Mantle family from England to Missouri. After being on the disabled list for nearly eight weeks, Mickey came back to hit a game-winning pinch-hit home run that gave the Yankees an win over the same Baltimore Orioles. It is a book that is made up of the letters that Mickey received during his illness in and Written by young and old alike, the book reveals the just how much he meant to his fans. He took the time to thank all of them for their support and warned them against alcohol abuse. He also asked his fans to become organ donors and join his team, The Mantle Foundation. One side note to add was the fact that all proceeds and royalties from the sale of the book went to the Mickey Mantle Foundation, which would earmark those monies to people who were in need of help. Mick also reveals that was not his favorite team or the most fun he ever had, nor was it the best team he ever played on. Those distinctions went to the and New York Yankees. The reason why Mick chose as his favorite summer was because it was the first time in his career that he felt that he accomplished the things that had been predicted of him. In the book, Mick talks about the pennant-winning season, the days he used to ride the subway to Yankee Stadium from the St. The book ends with Mick talking about the old days and how much fun he had carousing with his teammates. Filled with instructions from the above players, the book is filled with illustrations and techniques on how to develop the proper attitude, desire, and ability levels while playing Little League level all the way up to the Professional level. A special section of the book deals with hitting hints from Mickey as well as the importance of learning how to switch-hit. Nuttall â€” , S. If you ever wondered on what date did Mickey hit a certain home run or who the opponent was when Mickey jogged around the bases, or better yet, how about the names of the pitchers who gave up each of those career home runs hit by Mantle, this book has it all. Nuttall traced every home run ever hit by Mantle starting on May 1, , when Randy Gumpert served up No. Nuttall tells us whether it was from the right or left side of the plate; the attendance, the final score, the count was, how many men were on base, and more. The author even adds his own comments about the impact of all those homers. If you are into statistics, the book is a home run. Pictures of Mickey at home with his parents, brothers, and sister are shown in the first chapter. Photos include Mickey playing shortstop, social functions with Mr. In fact, it was this reason that Mickey hated writing books. Mick talked about how his thirst for alcohol went from steady to almost nonstop. He also acknowledges how he would black out and his memory would become a blur. In the same passage, Mick revealed that if he had one wish, he would go back and find the 20 or year-old Mickey Charles Mantle and talk sense to him. This was all written after Mickey faced his problem head on and entered and completed his stay at the Betty Ford Center. In the same chapter, Mick also talks about walking out on Merlyn in He called it the dumbest and hardest thing he ever did. In other chapters, Merlyn talks about meeting Mickey for the first time and how they ended up dating. Loves letters from Mickey are also published that show the soft, shy guy that she had fallen in love with. Stories of Mickey and his teammates are also included in the text, as well as some facts and tidbits that were never printed before Merlyn told them. Most of the book focuses on her undying love for Mickey and how she was willing to overlook his countless affairs. With fights and drinking becoming an everyday occurrence for both Merlyn and Mickey, a separation became imminent. The period also covers Mickey through his Triple Crown season of The book leaves us with a photo of the final Sports Illustrated cover of Mickey with only the Sports Illustrated logo. The only other time that SI did this was for its first issue with Eddie Mathews gracing the cover on Aug. Herskowitz offers a unique look at Mickey by telling little anecdotes and vignettes about his interviews with the great No. It made him feel good inside. One final story involved Mickey going to Disneyland to pose for photographs with several of the Disney characters. I was talking to the guy behind you. Mickey looked up, and there was Goofy, eight foot tall with long, furry ears. Faulkner interviews teammates who tell tales of how Mickey hated the fact that he never had any privacy and could never go unnoticed wherever he went. Personal stories of how Mickey would help out his teammates like Joe Pepitone, who was going through a divorce at the time. Another story shows Mickey as a humanitarian after completing his stay

at the Betty Ford Center. The man thanked Mickey, as he had done many times before. It was just an act of kindness that Mick may not have done if he had still been on the bottle. Mickey was a hero all the way up to the end. The cover or dust jacket shows a beautiful colorized photo of Mickey from the early s with a backdrop of the Yankee Stadium stands and facade. Mick starts off by telling what it was like playing next to Joe DiMaggio in Mick also describes his season-ending injury, when he caught his right shoe on the rubber cover of the right field sprinkler head. A paperback version of the book was also printed. The front cover is basically the same with small variations. There are funny times as well. Mick tells about when he and Billy Martin went duck hunting and almost got arrested by the Oklahoma Game Commission.

Chapter 4 : Mohawk River Press

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Chapter 9 : Mantle Collectibles Guide Books Part 2 - Sports Collectors DigestSports Collectors Digest

Mickey Mantle Day In June of , Yankees management feared that Mickey was at the end of his playing days so they announced that September 18 would be "Mickey Mantle Day" at Yankee Stadium. At that time, only four other Yankees had received such an honor.