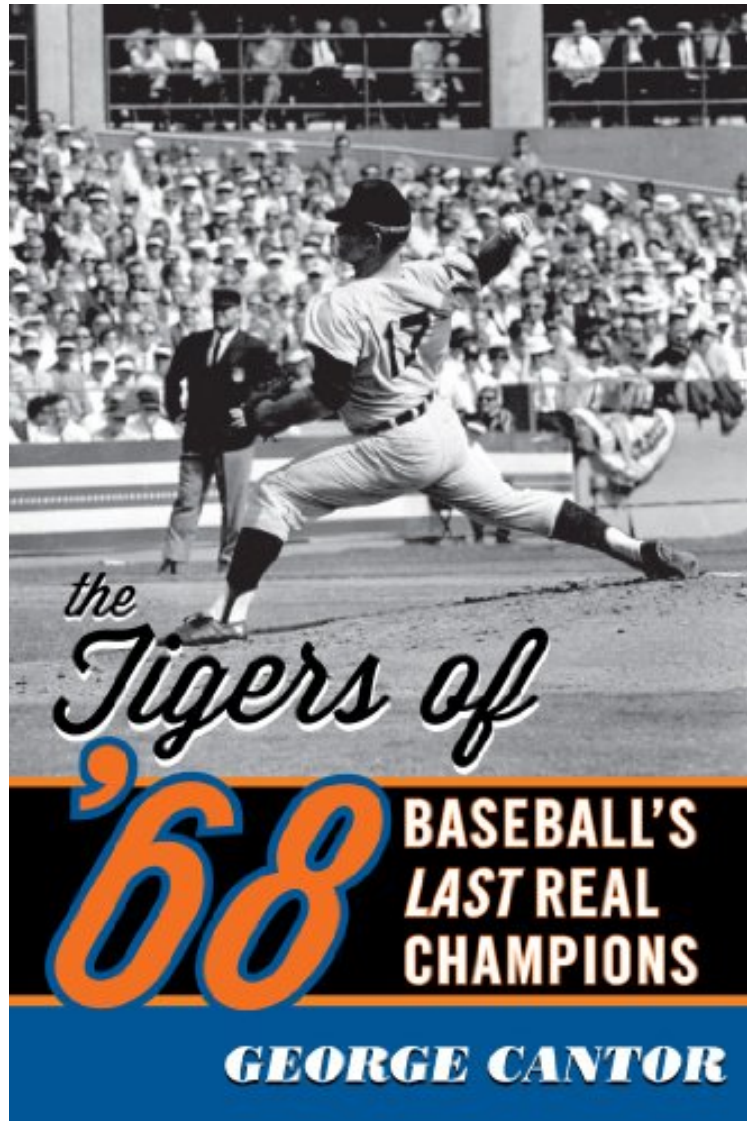


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A good way to remember the "Year of the Tiger!" Von Ein KundeI was there in 1968. I remember that summer between 3rd and 4th grade and it made me the big baseball fan I am today. This book rekindles the happy feelings of growing up and being at the ballpark- watching these titans claim the World Championship in 1968. They literally glued the city

back together after the riots. The author was able to weave together all the points that both socially and emotionally re-shaped Detroit. The baseball stats and trivia so faithfully presented and recorded in the book are accurate and the personal interviews of the players almost 30 years later gives an inside perspective to the greatness and importance of that Championship season so long ago. Reading this book took me all the way back to listening to the great Ernie Harwell with my dad so many years ago- it was wonderful then and I loved reliving those memories again while reading the book. For any REAL Tigers fan this is required reading. Sock it to 'em Tigers! 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good attempt, but something is missing Von Ein Kunde I am a life-long Tiger fan that was born in 1969 so (obviously) I don't remember 1968, so I was excited when I bought this book. And while it had some merit, I didn't think the book really brought me back to 1968 like other great historical books have done so. Of course it talks about the riots going on during a DH, but I hardly felt like I was put there and experiencing it. That's what a great historical book does, and this one falls a little short. Secondly, there are many chapters discussing individual heroes of the 1968 team, but in most cases the chapters don't make me feel like I really "know" these players. Cantor attempts to do this, but falls short in most accounts once again. I read the book cover to cover in less than a week and left expecting more. There are many books out concerning the history of the Tigers and Tiger Stadium and I'd say this book doesn't come close to cracking the top five, but maybe (just maybe) the top 10. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Tigers, Tigers, In The Night Von Ein Kunde In a well-written book, the author takes us back to 1968, before baseball went nuts with playoffs--to the last of the old-time champions--the 68 Tigers. 31-game winner Denny McLain (before he went to prison), Mickey Lolich, Earl Wilson, Al Kaline, Eddie Matthews, Willie Horton, manager Mayo Smith and announcer Ernie Harwell--they are all here once again. What a time!--when baseball still had charm and legitimate heroes (who didn't use drugs). One is only left to wonder, why isn't Lolich in the Hall of Fame?

Kurzbeschreibung They had two future Hall of Famers, the last pitcher to win thirty games, and a supporting cast of some of the most peculiar individuals ever to play in the majors. But more than that, the 1968 Detroit Tigers symbolize a lost era in baseball. It was a time before runaway salaries and designated hitters. Before divisional playoffs and drug suspensions. Before teams measured their well-being by the number of corporate boxes in their ballpark and the cable contract in their pocket. It was the last season of baseball's most colorful and nostalgic period. It was surely not a more innocent time. The 1968 Tigers were a team of hell-raisers, the second coming of the Gas House Gang. They brawled on the field and partied hard afterward. They bickered with each other and ignored their manager. They won game after game with improbable rallies on their last at-bat and grabbed the World Championship by coming back from a three games to one deficit to beat the most dominant pitcher in the World Series history in the deciding seventh game. Their ultimate hero, Mickey Lolich, was a man who threw left-handed, thought upside down, and rode motorcycles to the ballpark. Their thirty-game winner, Denny McLain, played the organ in various night spots, placed bets over the clubhouse phone, and incidentally, overpowered the American League. Their prize pinch-hitter, Gates Brown, had done hard time in the Ohio Penitentiary. Their top slugger, Willie Horton, would have rather been boxing. Their centerfielder, Mickey Stanley, a top defensive outfielder, would unselfishly volunteer to play the biggest games of his life at shortstop, so that their great outfielder, Al Kaline, could get into the World Series lineup. The story of this team, their triumph, and what happened in their lives afterward, is one of the great dramas of baseball history. The Tigers of 68 is the uproarious, stirring tale of this team, the last to win a pure pennant (before each league was divided into two divisions and playoffs were added) and World Series. Award-winning journalist George Cantor, who covered the Tigers that year for the Detroit Free Press, revisits the main performers on the team and then weaves their memories and stories (warts and all) into an absorbing narrative that revives all of the delicious and infamous moments that made the season unforgettable. Tommy Matchicks magical ninth-inning home run, Jim Northrup's record-setting grand slams, Jon Wardens torrid April, Dick McAuliffe's charge to the mound, Denny McLain's gift to Mickey Mantle, the nearly unprecedented comeback in the World Series, and dozens more. The 68 Tigers occupy a special place in the history of the city of Detroit. They've joined their predecessors of 1935 as an almost mythic unit more than a baseball team. The belief has passed into Detroit folklore. Many people swear, as Willie Horton says, that they were put here by God to save the city. The Tigers of 68 will help you understand why. Pressestimmen This sparkling saga is recommended for most sport shelves. Library Journal Profiles of numerous team members, including fun-loving slugger Norm Cash and future Hall-of-Famer Al Kaline, round out this solid choice for most baseball collections. Booklist Kurzbeschreibung They had two future Hall of Famers, the last pitcher to win thirty games, and a supporting cast of some of the most peculiar individuals ever to play in the majors. But more than that, the 1968 Detroit Tigers symbolize a lost era in baseball. It was a time before runaway salaries and designated hitters. Before divisional playoffs and drug suspensions. Before teams measured their well-being by the number of corporate boxes in their ballpark and the cable contract in their pocket. It was the last season of baseball's most colorful and nostalgic period. It was surely not a more innocent time. The 1968 Tigers were a team of hell-raisers, the second coming of the Gas House Gang.

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