

THE MAGIC OF BASEBALL MADE CLEAR

Many of us recognize that magical quality within the game of baseball. But so far, nothing has been written that makes lucid the spiritual aspect of baseball.

Baseball: An Astrological Sightline demonstrates the transcendental nature of baseball through the methods of astrology. This book shows how the stars and planets affect the course of every baseball season and every baseball game. What was the curse placed on the Cubs? What was the miracle of the 1969 Mets? These mysteries and many more are answered through the lens of astrology.

Praise for *Baseball: An Astrological Sightline*

César Love has put together an amazing collection of the astrology of baseball. Not only are there team charts, player charts, a great background on baseball, he tosses in how to apply astrology to America's Pastime! Whether in the heat of the pennant race, at the All-Star break, off season, spring training, this work is a must for the avid baseball fan. The only thing missing are peanuts, Cracker Jacks and hot dogs (allergies and organic preferences not withstanding). This work is a home run. **Phillip Sedgwick**, author *The Astrology of Transcendence* and *The Astrology of Deep Space*.

With brilliance and passion, **César Love** has journeyed deep into two distinctly different realms of magic and mystery and used the wonders of each to illuminate the other. In his *Baseball: An Astrological Sightline*, **Love** has gazed into the legends of summer through the multi-faceted jewel of astrology and revealed them to also be legends of stars and planets. **Love** not only explores the celestial forces at work in baseball's hottest pennant races, darkest scandals and most heroic feats, he also demonstrates how the occult science of astrology can be used to plumb the depths of psyche and map the twists of fate.

Richard Power, author *Wyrds of Power: New Language for a New Reality*.

As an astrology-naïve sports fan, I found *Baseball: An Astrological Sightline* to be bewildering yet intriguing, as though I were getting a chance to peek behind the curtain to find out what's really going on in the world of baseball. This book is extremely well-researched with an intro for newcomers, and it got me thinking that maybe it's time to take the plunge... **Rick Leskowitz MD Psychiatrist**, author *The Joy of Sox: Weird Science* and *the Power of Intention*.

In *Baseball, An Astrological Sightline*, **César Love** takes a very fresh view of the histories of the various baseball teams. Poetic, beautifully written and researched, this book is a great read for baseball fans, historians and those interested in astrology. An absolutely unique piece of writing ... **Kim Shuck**, Poet Laureate of San Francisco, author *Deer Trails* and *Smuggling Cherokee*.

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A NOTE ON THE TEXT

This book is intended for both those with little or no astrological knowledge and for those well-versed in astrology. When an author writes a book for both experts and beginners, he or she faces the question of how much introductory information to incorporate into the text. Initially, I sought to assist the novice by parenthetically including astrological theories and principles where they were needed within the text. This proved too cumbersome. I chose, instead, to add a chapter on the fundamentals of astrology. This chapter is not thorough, but it does provide a foundation upon which to follow the developments of this book. If you are already knowledgeable with signs, planets, houses, aspects, and transits, feel free to skip Chapter 2. You may, of course, use this chapter for reference or review. In contrast, I have no chapter that explains the basics of baseball. I assume each reader to have knowledge of its rules and its lore.

INTRODUCTION

How is it possible that the game of baseball, something so seemingly mundane, embodies and reveals the astrological signs and the planets of the solar system?

Poets and filmmakers attribute spiritual qualities to the game of baseball. A genre of literature describes its pantheistic flavor. Movies such as *Field of Dreams* and *Damn Yankees* speculate upon the metaphysical elements of the game. But our literature and film have yet to provide a framework that discerns and expounds upon the spiritual aspects of baseball in a rigorous and analytical manner. At our most illuminative, we can only use descriptive phrases such as “that nostalgic feeling of youth and renewal that comes every spring when we smell the fresh grass and hear the news of Opening Day.” But there is so much more to be said.

This book demonstrates the spiritual and transcendental nature of baseball through the methodology of astrology. The game of baseball embodies the universal archetypes of the astrological signs; elements of the game are representations of the twelve astrological signs and of the planets of the solar system. This is demonstrated through an examination of the history of the game, from its origins as a pagan fertility ritual to its current status as a spectator sport.

This book also introduces the astrological birthcharts of the 30 Major League teams currently playing in the United States. The history and tendencies of these teams become quite lucid when viewed from an astrological perspective. Furthermore, this book presents methods through which the transits of each game and each baseball season can be witnessed. Transits and planetary positions affect the course of every Major League baseball game. Astronomical factors also affect the course of every baseball season, from Spring Training to the World Series.

The mysteries and legends of baseball become intelligible through the methods of astrology presented in this book. Why did the Chicago Cubs keep losing for so long? Why did the Boston Red Sox hold their myth that to come just short of championship victory was sweeter than complete victory itself? Why do the Yankees excel in post-season play? Why did so many pitchers excel in 1968? What was the miracle of the 1969 Mets? These questions are answered here through the lens of astrology.