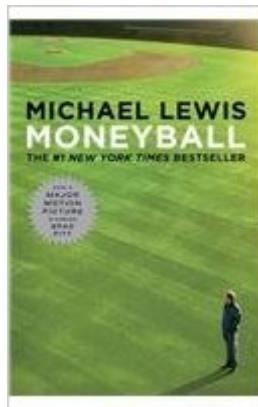


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I loved the movie, but the book was tons better. I know, I know. That's always the case, right? Well, this is one of the very few books that I actually read all the way through, so lay off me! It was a very quick read. I had a hard time getting to a stopping point because it all wove together so nicely. I enjoyed the extra stuff in it regarding the response to the original edition of the book and the movie.

I purchased the movie from after reading this book so that I could enjoy the movie over and over again. It sounds stupid, but the movie makes more sense now that I have read the book. I felt that Lewis's writing was solid and fair. My favorite criticism was that people trashed the book as Billy Beane's ode to himself, having no clue that Billy Beane didn't even write the book. I gathered that the critics are much like a majority of Facebook users that don't bother actually reading the article, they just blast off commentary based on the thumbnail and the headline. "That's almost as annoying as quoting yourself!" - M. Klongpayabal The book was great and I would encourage everyone, supporters and detractors alike, to read this and take from it what you will after that. I've seen some of the sabermetrics talked about in the book put into actual practice and I think that it has a place in baseball and can be helpful. I downloaded this as an e-reader, but I assume that the print version is the same. I don't know if that matters to anyone, but in case you are a die hard print fan and want to get into the ethno-sociological impact of e-readers versus print, then this is hardly the place for it. Please take your wares elsewhere as there are plenty of decent people hanging around reading reviews that don't need your meddling or social stirring! Go! Get thee to Facebook!

Michael Lewis is a great author, and this book is another solid piece by him. Eye-opening look at the sport, and if you're a fan things will make more sense to you when you start screaming at your team about drafting some fat washed up guy.

Have watched the movie several times, wanted more information. This was more than I needed, but satisfied my curiosity about the underlying facts and the reality of the story. Baseball fans would probably love the book more than I did!

Wow! I saw the movie(love it), but appreciate the detail in this book. I think it was Frank Lloyd Wright who said those with constraints built most beautifully. But how do you operate when the constraints are people, culture, and tradition with loads of money to ignore you? I love it when people find their true calling. Very inspiring! I'll steal a politician's line who said running against someone was like "running against Mt. Rushmore." To actually turn everything upside-down in baseball really takes a man beyond confident. Easy to read, but you need to know something about baseball and scouting to feel how riveting to live through this must've been excruciating for everyone involved. Whoever played Grady in the movie should've gotten an Oscar. He was outstanding!!!!!!

I thought the premise of this book was fascinating. And it would have made an excellent long-form magazine article. But there really isn't enough substance to make a book out of it."Billy Bean was a really good baseball player, with great stats. Billy Bean choked in the majors. Billy Bean made a team out of players who were but statistically valuable but conventionally unimpressive." Ad nauseam. Additionally, the narrative is extremely disjointed. It jumps around between the time when Bean was playing, and different periods of his coaching career, with little reference. If you aren't a big enough baseball fan to know who got drafted in what year, you have little chance of connecting the chapters of this book.

Glad that I finally read this book. Having played rotisserie baseball for years, I was exposed to many of the aspects shown in this book. It was great to see how the writer could clearly expose the baseball biases by allegedly honest men. Loved the book and will continue to enjoy baseball the way it should be enjoyed.

This is a highly informative and hilarious book that takes you inside the realm of Major League Baseball player selection and the analysis behind it, that enabled the Oakland As to have the second-highest regular-season win percentage of all teams in 2001 and 2002, with roughly 1/3 the team budget of the richest teams. And in 2003 they had the 4th-highest regular-season win percentage. How did they do it? Read it and find out -- but here is a hint: it involves their rigorous analysis of player skills and key baseball dynamics, as well as their personal skills in building the team. Michael Lewis' insider view is informative and hilarious -- just like Lewis' other books. Highly recommended.

Great read for baseball fans. A bit colored by the popular movie - frequently drawn back to moments dramatized by the film. Still some interesting insights on the history of baseball metrics.

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