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A friend of ours used to like to spend some ofhis free time thumbing through the list of major league baseball players. One of his delights was to assemble a team of players named Smith. I personally haven t taken the time to count the Smiths, or the Joneses for that matter, but I m certain there are enough of each to field a representative team. Overall, beyond the Smiths and Joneses there are, since 1901, almost 10,000 men who have played major league baseball. Of course, few have

left their mark on the ages, and many only came up to have their proverbial "cup of coffee." Still, it is a rare honor to have appeared in at least one game, and a fantasy which most of us share.

This friend of ours, whose presence no longer graces our lives, was Lee Allen. At the time of his death in 1969, Lee was historian at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. The Sports Encyclopedia: Baseball, which is the big brother to this handy paperback, was dedicated to his memory and to all he represented in baseball research. In many ways, Lee was a pioneer whose main passion was not so heavily statistical as it was to hunt for the missing pieces of documentation which made up the man: birth, death, middle name, born as (some men changed their family name), and even such trifles as bats, throws, height, and weight. Lee spent the last part of his life collecting such information. Happily, his efforts, and the efforts of all those before and after him, are included in this rich collection which includes every man to have played in the major leagues since 1901.

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