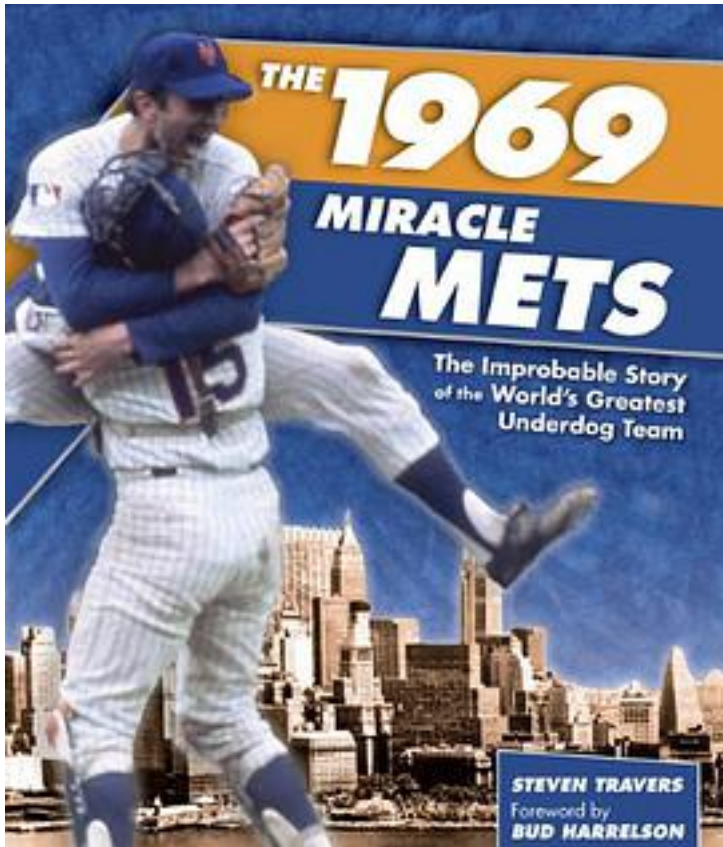


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In the 1977 movie "Oh, God," George Burns, playing the deity, is asked to prove his divinity by performing a miracle. Burns replies, "The last miracle I did was the 1969 Mets. Before that, I think you have to go back to the Red Sea." This book tells the tale of the single most impossible, unbelievable, and wonderful sports story of all time--of the 1969 "Amazin' Mets" and their incredible spring, summer, and fall. But it does much more than simply recount how the worst sports franchise ever ascended to greatness

in a few short months. "The 1969 Miracle Mets" is the story of tumultuous times: the 1960s. Against the backdrop of the Vietnam War, the New York Mets proved to be a metaphor for a changing America and, in retrospect, the catapult for the eventual comeback of a battered-yet-unbowed Metropolis. Tom Seaver and his teammates come alive in these pages as the final symbols of an innocent age, an age when the greatest icons in American culture--New York sports heroes--mounted the stage in awesome splendor, before Watergate, before free agency, before the mercenaries took over.

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