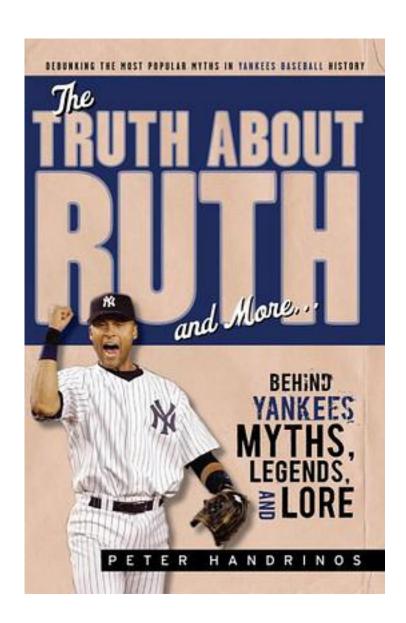
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The New York Yankees have long been the most storied franchise in sports. But not all the stories are true. No, even the most famous of teams has been misremembered, misrepresented, misunderstood, and otherwise "mis-ed" through history's many tellings and retellings. All along, the fictional has coexisted with the factual, rumors have mingled with reality, and exaggerations have mixed with exactitudes. The Yankees' many legends contain truth all right, but it's rarely been just the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. The Truth About Ruth: Yankees Myths, Legends, and Lore is an entertaining antidote to all the above. With both surprising analysis and gleeful wit, author Peter Handrinos examines everything from the underestimated to the overrated. Along the way, he provides perspectives on the Bronx Bombers' authentic legacy in terms of stats and society, performances and personalities, comparisons and culture. Whether delivering the (improbable) truth about Ruth or debunking "Mr. October's" (impossible) reputation, this is the book to place the most familiar of franchises in a compelling new light. Those interested in reexamining and rethinking their way through some remarkable baseball will find the real stories behind the Yankees' most popular myths. Readers will discover the truth behind topics like the '27 Yankees, what really happened on Lou Gehrig Day, "Yogi-isms," Bucky Dent's homer, Joe Torre's "insult," and many others. It's a book no Yankees fan will want to be without.

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