

# Out at Home



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The beleaguered Boston Red Sox has not won a World Series since 1918, but has managed to command one of the most loyal and passionate fan bases of any professional sports team. While many fans attribute the team's string of bad luck to a curse inflicted by the trading of the great Babe Ruth to the hated New York Yankees in 1920, Howard Bryant's book will prove that more than just a jinx was operating behind the scenes at Fenway Park. The City of Boston has a long tradition as a social leader, while also suffering a reputation as being a city unwelcoming to African Americans. This duality is nowhere better exemplified than in its baseball team, the Red Sox. Out at Home is the compelling story of Boston's racial divide viewed through the lens of one of the city's greatest institutions - its baseball team, and told from the perspective of Boston native Howard Bryant. Contains striking interviews in which blacks who played for the Red Sox speak for the first time about their experiences in Boston, as well as groundbreaking chapter that details Jackie Robinson's ill-fated tryout with the Boston Red Sox and the humiliation that followed. This chapter also gives the first full description of Isadore Muchnick, the Jewish city councilor who was the first person to challenge segregation in baseball.

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