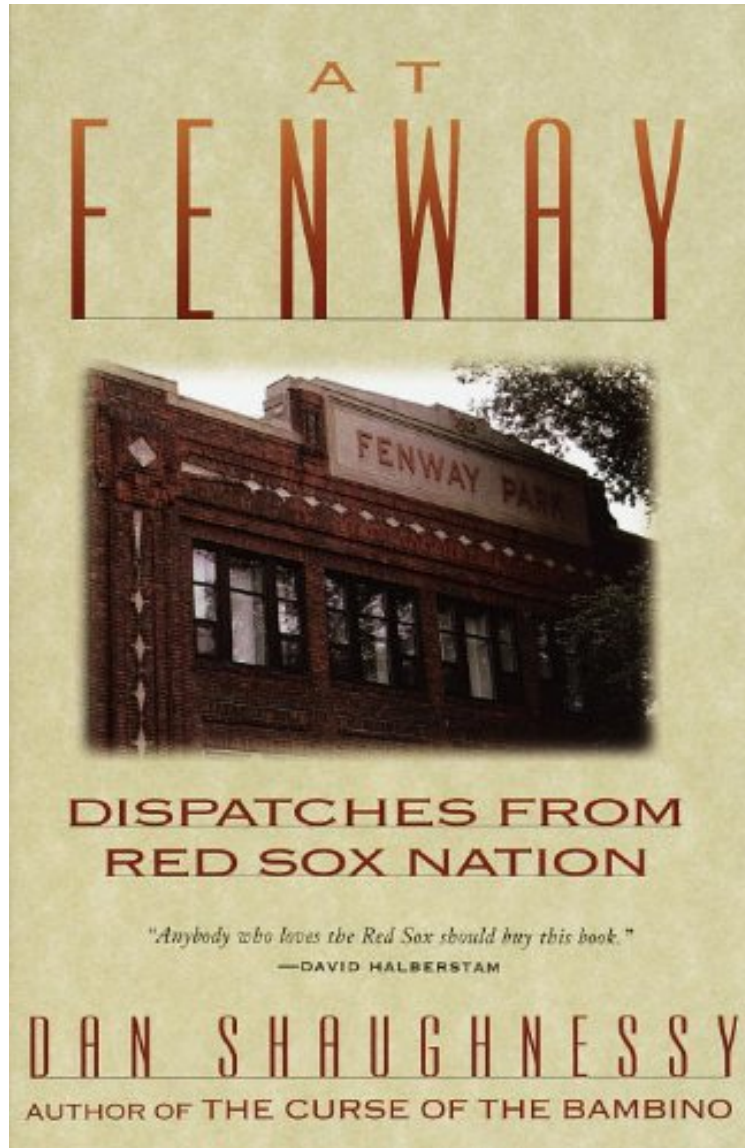


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Loving Look At A Team, A Park, and A PeopleVon Ein KundeOf all the mountains of words written in the course of reporting on the Boston Red Sox, Dan Shaughnessy's "At Fenway" ranks near the top of the pile. Why? Because it captures the whole picture of what it means to be a Sox fan of a certain age and geographic location. This book is not

really a history of the team, although there is plenty of history recounted; mostly of the sharp and painful variety. What it really captures is the feeling of what it means to be a member of Red Sox Nation through the self-revelation of its author (a native of Groton, Massachusetts) and his portraits of the members of that Nation: the players, the fans, the park itself, and the peculiar mindset of the native New Englander and his/her relationship to the Olde Towne Team. All of these points converge in Shaughnessy's story of the fundraising done by the Red Sox for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, as his daughter received treatment there. It is heartfelt without becoming maudlin and sums up the role the Sox have had in the life of New England. If you read and liked Doris Kearns Goodwin's "Wait 'Till Next Year," you'll enjoy this one, too. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Shaughnessy Needs a Shock Collar Von Dan Adler Dan Shaughnessy personifies what is wrong with New England sports fans-- pompous know-it-alls with huge white-guy afros who moan constantly about the state of their teams, always looking in the past. One can almost feel bad for Dan-- he seems to think that Red Sox will once again win the world series. "Almost" because he is, as I said, representative of New England sports fans. This book is filled with anecdotes that only Red Sox fans will find amusing, insights that someone else has probably already expressed, and collective self-pity that defies imagination. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Shaughnessy captures the essence of Red Sox Nation Von Ein Kunde I found this book to be one of the most comprehensive sports books that I have ever read. Shaughnessy knows Fenway and Red Sox baseball like very few do. His knowledge of the team's historic ability to capture the hearts of New Englanders every summer is what makes this a great read. The Boston Red Sox are a team with a storied past and Shaughnessy relays that fact through his many tales of colorful players and faithful fans. He paints a vivid picture about what it means to be a Red Sox fan. This book is excellent!!!

Kurzbeschreibung Seeing baseball played at Fenway is an experience like no other for Red Sox fans and rivals alike because the park reminds us of what baseball used to be. Fenway may not offer fans the best seats or even adequate parking, but when game-goers walk through the park's gate, the smell of hotdogs and roasted peanuts, the sight of Fenway's brilliant green grass and the roar of the Fenway faithful overwhelms the most jaded of baseball enthusiasts, even Yankee fans. At Fenway celebrates the rich history of Fenway Park home to the Boston Red Sox. Told through the wit and perceptions of Dan Shaughnessy, sports columnist for the Boston Globe and one of New England's most admired sportswriters, At Fenway is the writer's hometown tribute to the park how growing up with Fenway and the Red Sox affected his life and the lives of the many die-hard fans living in "Red Sox Nation." Author of The Curse of the Bambino, Shaughnessy takes readers on a walking tour of the fabled park itself, exploring every nook and cranny that makes Fenway unique. He traces the early history of Fenway from the day owner John I. Taylor broke ground for its construction in 1911 to the building material that went into the making of Fenway's "Green Monster" wall. In addition, Shaughnessy introduces readers to some of the unrecognized figures who keep Fenway's cherished traditions alive, including Helen Robinson, who has operated the park's switchboard for more than half a century, and head groundskeeper Joe Mooney, who "protects and defends the green, green grass of Fenway Park." A book that uniquely captures the spirit of Fenway Park and what it means to be a Boston Red Sox fan, At Fenway also explores the "good, bad, and ugly" moments that have nurtured Fenway's love-hate relationship with fans. From the dark day of January 5, 1920, when Babe Ruth left the Red Sox to play for the Yankees, to the Red Sox's 1967 Cinderella-story pennant victory; from Carlton Fisk's 1975 World Series home run to the crowd-silencing homer Bucky Dent hit that clinched the Yankees' 1978 playoff birth, At Fenway recalls the park's greatest and worst moments and talks with the players who created them. Rumors that the Red Sox will close Fenway in a few years have already provoked outrage among the faithful. Closing Fenway will mark the end of an era, and Dan Shaughnessy captures this era in all its tragic glory. At Fenway will be read and cherished by Red Sox fans and all fans of baseball as it ought to be. From the Hardcover edition. From Booklist Boston Globe sportswriter Shaughnessy is a lifelong New Englander, so when he writes about the Red Sox, as he did so well in The Curse of the Bambino (1990), he provides the unique perspective of a long-suffering hometowner. While Bambino was a stylized history of the Beantown team, At Fenway is a personal memoir about the experience of loving the Red Sox. Shaughnessy moves from an evocative introduction recalling a childhood of baseball mitts slung over bicycle handlebars to an in-depth cultural analysis of what he terms the Red Sox Nation--the people, places, and events that unite die-hard Sox fans across the country. It begins, of course, with an extended discussion of venerable Fenway Park, from its status as the best place to watch a ball game to what some contend is its negative impact on the team through the years. Shaughnessy also discusses fans, players, managers, team administrators, the local press, and the team's heroes and goats. All baseball fans worth their salt know a little about the Red Sox. With Shaughnessy's help, we'll know a lot more and be glad we do. Wes Lukowsky From Library Journal Shaughnessy (The Curse of the Bambino, Dutton, 1990) has written an entertaining if sometimes self-indulgent yarn on the Red Sox mystique. He revels in recounting player controversies of the recent past while showing why the Red Sox are the first love of New Englanders. Regional fans will enjoy this tale that reads like a heralded feature in a

