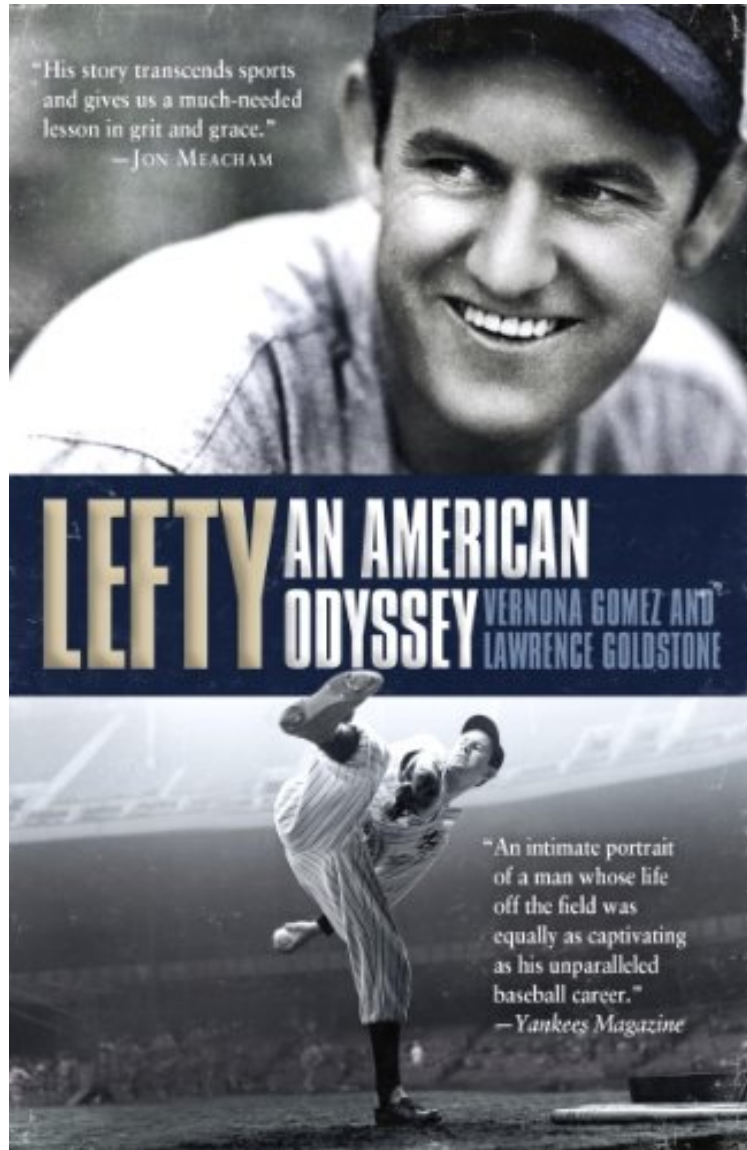


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Yankees Had Pitching Too?Von James GallenSo the Yankees had pitching too? It wasn't all Ruth, Gehrig and DiMaggio? No, those champions of the 30s had pitching to protect all those runs and none more impressive than that from Lefty Gomez. Friend of sluggers mentioned above, Lefty was a star in his own right.In "Lefty: An American

Odyssey" authors Verona Gomez (Lefty's daughter) and Lawrence Goldstone introduce the reader to the whole man while taking us into the Yankee family. The grandson of Spaniard Juan Gomez who was trapped in San Francisco when the merchant ship he captained was burned by a Confederate raider and his mother's parents who came west to escape Bleeding Kansas, Vernon, "The Castilian Senor" came from a heritage as American any. Growing up in California he, like Gehrig and other stars, faced opposition from parents who wanted him to get a real job, not waste his time playing baseball. With the encouragement of friends and his own determination, Vernon, before he became Lefty, advanced through semi-pro teams until he made the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League. His performance by the Bay would attract the attention of the Yankees who bought his contract and made him a star. Moving across the continent brought Lefty into contact with the legends from the Golden Age of Baseball who played with, and against, him. On these pages we are brought into the circle of The Babe, The Iron Man, The Yankee Clipper (another Seals find) Tony Lazzeri, Phil Rizzutto, and others. Less intimately, we read about the stars against whom he pitched, Lefty Grove, Hank Greenberg, and Dizzy Dean, just to name a few. Lefty's life was not all baseball and neither is this book. It is a book about a family and an athlete who made a career for himself when his playing days were over. After baseball, Lefty managed in the Caribbean and eventually became a spokesman for Wilson's Sporting Goods, for whom he made the pitch as enthusiastically as he did for the Yanks. There are many biographies of athletes but what sets this one apart is the seamless weaving of the personal and the professional and the authors' ability to string together anecdotes supplied by many into a flowing stream of storytelling. Many books seem to be poorly connected collections of stories but this one avoids that. Much of it was obviously collected from interviews and writings but the reader can easily overlook that until he stops to think about where all this information came from. It does bring up some ideas that I, and probably many readers, would not have thought of, such as the role of the Pacific Coast League as a West Coast near-major league at a time when the closest Big League teams were in St. Louis. The reports of the first few All-Star Games and the exhibition tours of Japan bring us into an age of baseball much different from our own. I usually reserve 5-star ratings for books that really change my outlook on something or whet my appetite to read more but this one merits it through its smooth writing style that tells an interesting story in a light and very entertaining way.

Kurzbeschreibung An intimate portrait of a man whose life off the field was equally as captivating as his unparalleled baseball career. Yankees Magazine Born into a small-town California ranching family, Vernon Lefty Gomez rode his powerful arm and jocular personality across America to the dugout of the New York Yankees. Lefty baffled hitters with his blazing fastball, establishing himself as the teams ace. Now, drawing on countless conversations with Lefty, more than three hundred interviews conducted with his family, friends, competitors, and teammates over the course of a decade, and revealing candid photos, documents, and film clips many never shown publicly his daughter Vernona Gomez and her award-winning co-author Lawrence Goldstone vividly re-create the life and adventures of the irreverent southpaw. A star-studded romp through Americas most glamorous years, with cameos from Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, Lou Gehrig, George Gershwin, Ernest Hemingway, and Marilyn Monroe, Lefty is at once a long-overdue reminder of a pitchers greatness and a heartwarming celebration of a life well-lived. His story transcends sports and gives us a much-needed lesson in grit and grace. Jon Meacham A loving and beautifully written tribute . . . Be prepared to be transformed, and to discover stars who were stars in an age when that word really meant something. Mike Greenberg, co-host of ESPNs Mike and Mike in the Morning An amiable portrait of a baseball great like Yogi Berra, Dizzy Dean and Satchel Paigewhose outsized personality looms even larger than his considerable athletic achievements. Kirkus s Pressestimmen Advance praise for Lefty "In the darkest decade of the American Century, the 1930s, 'Lefty' Gomez gave baseball fans--which is to say, sensible Americans--something to cheer for and to admire. His story transcends sports and gives us a much-needed lesson in grit and grace." Jon Meacham In a loving and beautifully written tribute to her parents, Vernona Gomez and Lawrence Goldstone recapture the magic of a time when baseball and Broadway were our true national pastimes. Be prepared to be transformed, and to discover stars who were stars in an age when that word really meant something.--Mike Greenberg, New York Times bestselling author and co-host of ESPNs Mike and Mike in the Morning The authors brought back great memories to me in this book. I always loved the way Lefty made my dad laugh, and I loved listening to the stories about Bing hanging out with the baseball gods in their prime. These stories allowed me to see my father as he was long before I was ever born. My sisters and I loved it when Lefty came to visit we got to watch TV because Lefty would turn it on for us. My dad always deferred to Lefty and house rules flew out the window! Thanks for such a nostalgic and entertaining book. Kurt Russell An absolutely great read and not just for baseball fans. This book brings the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s, in particular, alive in such a fun and exciting way. I loved it. Louise Russell Baseball fans everywhere will appreciate the book. Here was a man who wagered with Ruth, laughed with Gehrig, and roomed with DiMaggio. He was known as the fire-throwing left-hander of the successful Yankees teams of the 1930s and as the man that made clowning around the diamond famous. Leftys adventurous stories both on and off the diamond will have readers talking about this book for many

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