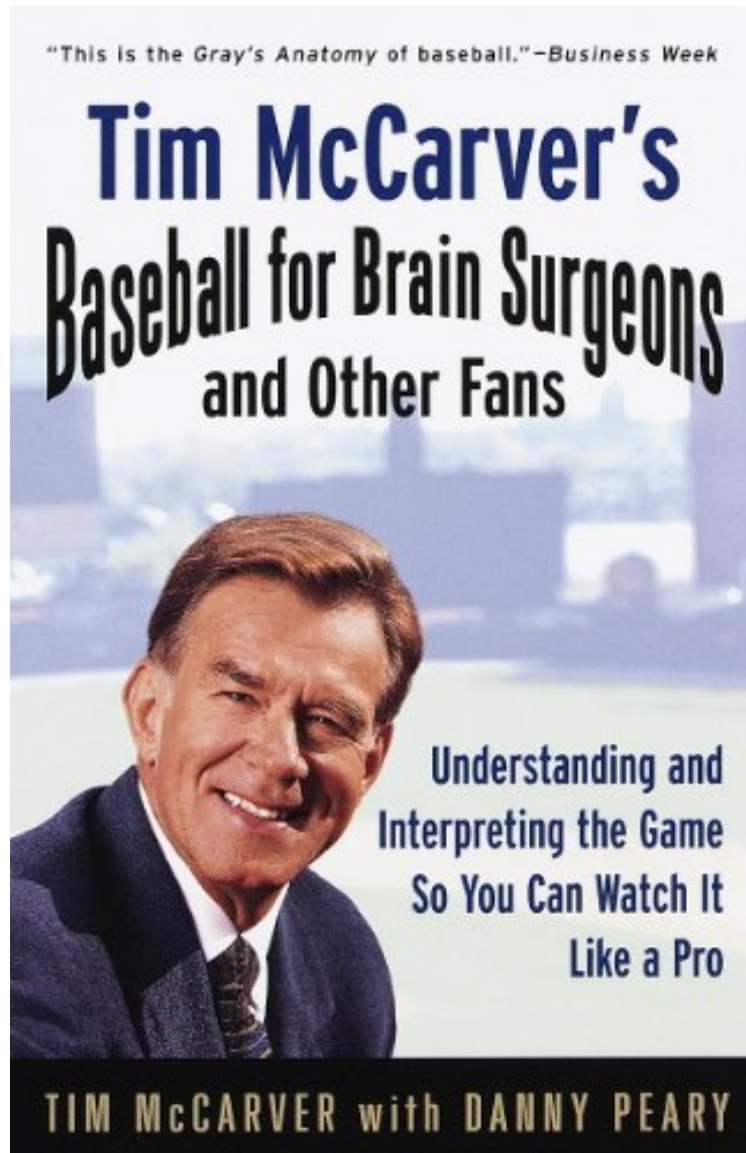


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This book needed a good editor before it was published.Von wigleyj@baxter.comI bought this book based on the other, glowing reviews posted here at .com, and a quick look at the book in a real bookstore. McCarver's own comments on his book are your best guide to its charms and problems. He says that he started out to write a book about broadcasting baseball games on Fox, then got off into other elements of baseball strategy. That statement is correct: McCarver starts off on stuff that probably doesn't interest 90% of his readers (for example, where the cameras are located in most ballparks and what they're used for on Fox) and then discusses the defense from position to position, the types of pitches, base-runners and what they should do, etc., throwing in lots of stories about Carlton and Gibson along the way. The book moves through everything in an excess of detail, providing often insufficient information about some things (like exactly what a "two-seam" vs. a "four-seam" fastball looks and moves like) and restating other things too many times, like how competitive Bob Gibson was. The book ends abruptly, leaving the reader wondering if McCarver just got tired of writing and refused to "wrap it up" by writing a conclusion. Overall, the material herein is interesting but excessively complete, as it were. A good editor could have taken what is here, cut about 10%, reorganized the rest, and had a real gem. As it is, I'll call it an uncut diamond, and give it three stars, barely. A better choice for almost everyone would be Hernandez's *Pure Baseball*, if you haven't read that yet.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An immense amount of baseballVon Ein KundeMcCarver pretty much covers all the bases in this book. He talks about everything, pitching, hitting, fielding, managing, running, broadcasting, etc. I was overwhelmed by the book, eventually skimming through the last 50 pages, and intending to pick it up again next season. My criticism is that a few pictures could've helped a lot, especially with describing how various pitches are gripped, and the motion of those pitches. I especially liked the fact that it's new. The best baseball books are frequently the newest ones - a book on baseball strategy written in 1975 will not be as meaningful as a book that names Clemens, Maddux, Mac, Griffey, etc, to point out which players do things well.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Simply The Best...Von Ein KundeI'm a huge baseball fan and I've read my share of baseball books. However, I've never read one that was this insightful and informative.McCarver does an excellent job analyzing baseball strategy. I didn't agree with everything he said, but he made me think more about baseball strategy than I ever have.As an aspiring broadcaster, I also appreciated his discussion on broadcasting. I was at a Mets game recently and I found myself keying in on the cameras and guessing which camera was in use at a given moment.This book isn't for the newcomer trying to pick up the game. It is for the hardcore baseball fan, the fan that already thinks about the game on a higher level.

KurzbeschreibungTim McCarver, major league baseball's premier analyst, has been surprising and delighting viewers for years with his remarkable insight. Fans who once were content to merely watch baseball were stimulated into wanting to think baseball as well. McCarver brings to the booth a combination of twenty-one years of major league service and nearly twenty more in broadcasting. There is nobody better at explaining the game than McCarver, and it is a rare game in which the viewer does not learn something new and unusual. Now he is putting down on paper all he knows about the sport, producing this unique perspective on how America's pastime should be played and watched.With his unmistakable wit and storytelling verve, McCarver succinctly explains the fundamentals and proper mechanics of baseball at the level necessary for success in the major leagues. Once the skills have been learned, the viewer can devise smart strategies, getting into the heads of the players, coaches, and managers: When should a player or manager be conservative or aggressive; what factors change as the count goes deeper; how do you set up an effective running game, and how can a defense try to sabotage it? This book is a gold mine for all fans, from brain surgeons and rocket scientists to beginners who want to start with the basics. (Even major leaguers will be able to pick up some pointers.) With a deeper knowledge and understanding of baseball, any fan will be able to watch it like a pro..deOn the surface, baseball looks like such an easy game--you throw the ball, you hit the ball, you catch the ball, and you run around the bases--but there are so many beautiful and hidden facets to the diamond. If anyone knows the game's on-field secrets, it's Tim McCarver. He caught in the Majors for 21 seasons, handling such Hall of Fame hurlers as Bob Gibson and Steve Carlton. Since hanging up his spikes almost two decades ago, he's been one of the game's most visible, thoughtful, and instructive analysts. McCarver's *Baseball for Brain Surgeons* is just that: a packed, at times densely penned, manual for smart and inquisitive fans, written up to their hunger for good, solid, challenging insight into the game's tactics, strategies, and maneuverings. McCarver goes into impressively thorough detail, which is his ultimate strength and occasional weakness; he assumes you've already got at least a baseball B.A. If you don't know a cut fastball from a four-seamer, you might consider applying elsewhere until you do, but if you are indeed up to the demands of a provocative graduate seminar, McCarver's quite a professor. He's an engaging storyteller, he never hides his biases, and while he's naturally strong on his perceptions into the game's most primal

relationship of pitcher and catcher, he's never less than major league everywhere else around the diamond. Pressestimmen "The most intelligent book ever written about our secular national religion." --Pete Hamill "Read any chapter and you'll never watch baseball again in quite the same way." --The Arizona Republic "McCarver and Peary answer virtually every strategic question about how the sport is played." --Baseball Weekly "One of the most significant baseball books in years." --Publishers Weekly