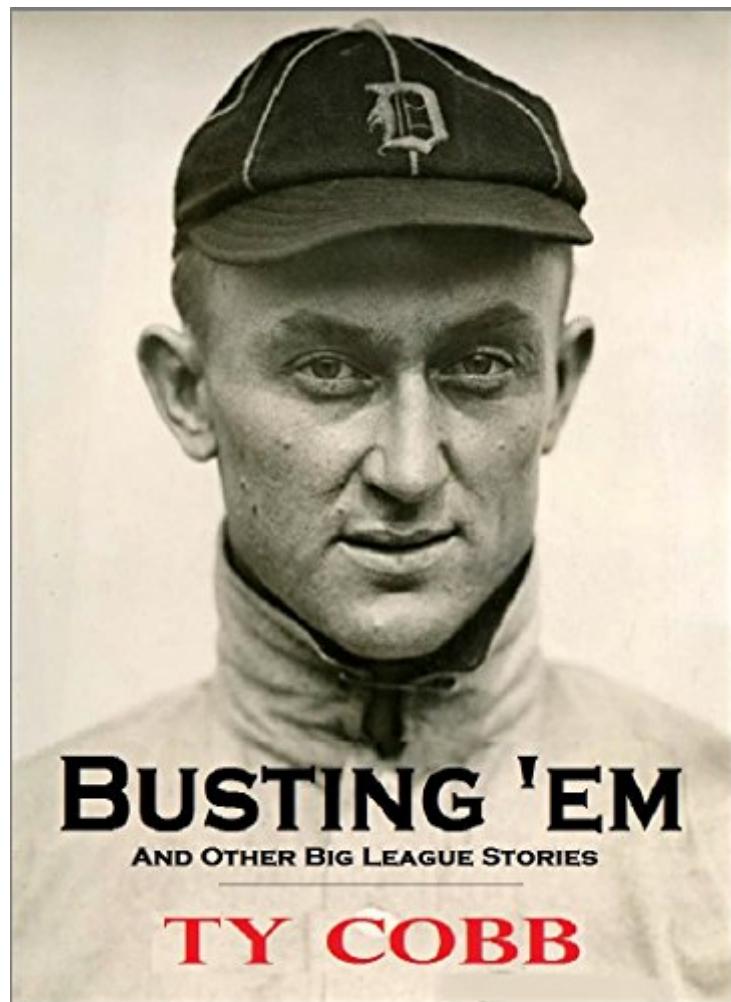


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# Busting 'em: And Other Big League Stories (1914)



## Synopsis

"Ty" Cobb (1886 - 1961), was an American Major League Baseball Hall of Fame outfielder who spent 22 seasons with the Detroit Tigers, the last six as the team's player-manager, and finished his career with the Philadelphia Athletics. In 1999 he was ranked 3rd on the list of "Baseball's 100 Greatest Players""Busting 'Em and Other Big League Stories", by Ty. Cobb, has two qualifications that will sell it at sightâ "the phenomenal popularity of the author on the "diamond" and the universal interest of the game he knows so well. Mr. Cobb was a wonderful batter, and the greatest base runner that baseball ever produced. He was the fastest thinker in the game. He is the hero of the "fans" who include practically all the masculine population of the United States, and they will delight in his book for he writes as he talks, unaffectedly and with winning spontaneity. He tells of his sensational plays, his methods of defeating rival teams and the record is one of interest even to the uninitiated for brains and knowledge of human nature is required for the success that has made him famous. It will be a surprise to some to read just what it means to be on a ball team, and how the men are obliged to spend their time when they are not playing. Here one gets the different phases of league work, its technique, the financial element and the physical effectâ "and the funny incidents! Ty Cobb has covered his Big League career very thoroughly in this book. He has given the real inside of life in the Big League, and baseball as it is played in fast society. The book will prove a home run in the literary field!!This book originally published in 1914 has been reformatted for the Kindle and may contain an occasional defect from the original publication or from the reformatting.

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This book surprised me. Maybe I had low expectations as I had never heard of it, but I thoroughly enjoyed it. This is a first person account of Cobb's 1914 season when he was in his prime. It's a combination of game accounts, baseball history and primarily his approach to playing baseball. It's fascinating to get inside his mind. He clearly was old school and believed in playing baseball the right way and was always thinking about every situation. It may be for baseball junkies, but I was mesmerized and it made me appreciate his genius even more. It's short and a quick read. This isn't Shakespeare, but if you love baseball and its early days this book delivers.

In the last year or so I have become more and more of a Cobb fan. I know the reputation and I know the movie but it just ain't so. He was a remarkable player and well loved in his time. Sure he had a few 'moments' but my lord he paid dearly for those mistakes. It was a treat reading his words, and for anyone interested in baseball, in early 20th century superstars authors, a limited group for sure or in a style of prose that seems so far away, and camp but true and honest this is a worthwhile interesting read

This book, written in 1914, provides tremendous insight to baseball's "Dead Ball" era. Cobb comes across as quite personable and diplomatic (thanks, perhaps, to his co-author/editor) and certainly not like the hot-headed monster in which he is often depicted. A very insightful look into the science of baseball by perhaps the game's greatest hitter.

Years ago I read all I could about baseball teams, especially the Detroit Tigers. This book gave me a better outlook concerning Cobb. For some reason I never thought of him in ways other than baseball. His small readable and Baseball player orientated book added to my knowledge. He wrote and I was really surprised by his penmanship highlighting baseball players attitudes towards playing, conditioning, home life, ball parks, eating, etc. Cobb wrote his short sketches over a hundred years ago. Except for expressions of that period you would be pressed to wonder about the

differences. In fact, it would not hurt every high school and college player to read this book.

If you enjoy history and baseball you will find this fascinating. Written as if type Cobb himself were speaking, gives insight into life and baseball in the early twentieth century.

Most interested in early BB. He was one of the best. Smart too. Liked his attitude, even though it was harsh many times. His father was Superintendent of Schools.

Baseball is both a mental and physical game and Ty Cobb gives every baseball fan a detailed accurate account from a first person viewpoint. Yes, he knew how to run the bases. He was a good hitter. He cheered lots of fans in his day. This book reminds me of Molina, St Louis Cardinal catcher today (2016). Likewise, besides his genius behind home plate he knew how to run the bases. If you like an insightful historical baseball biography about a great baseball player, this book is for you. Without a doubt I give it five stars and I'm Marvin P. Ferguson, author of The Unknown Baseball Player.

First, you have to remember when you are reading this book that it was written in 1914. That aside, if you are a baseball fan and enjoy the history of the game, then you will probably enjoy this book. Written by Ty Cobb, he covers various aspects of the game of baseball from his perspective. It was fun to look at how players of the era looked at the game. A good read for true baseball fans.

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