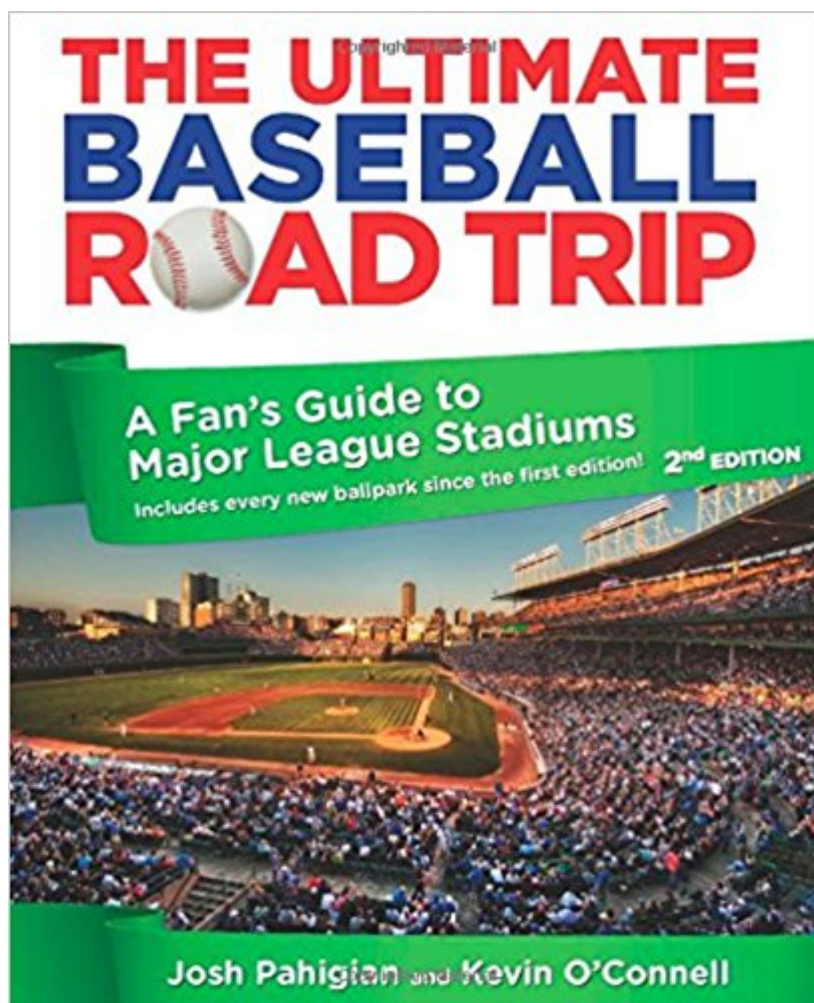




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Customer Reviews

As an avid reader of baseball books, I am often skeptical of new baseball publications. Baseball books can be tediously academic (it is a game after all, Mr. Will) or, in the case of guide books, short on substance. Other works just seem to repeat the stories and cliches I hear every year during rain delays. When I saw "The Ultimate Baseball Road-Trip," I thought it might be another coffee-table book. But it has been a fun, informative read. The book appeals to the historian in me, especially in its efforts to tell about the Negro League and minor league entries in each respective MLB city and in its attempts to document old stadiums. Yet, O'Connell and Pahigian write in a style that is witty and engaging, and wise to the role of trivia in the seamhead's life. I have found myself continually sneaking a quick read at my desk or on the train. (The book is addictive and perfect for summer reading.) Finally, I can recommend this book as a travel guide nearly on par with the "Let's Go" or "Rough Guide" series. I used it on a trip to the Midwest and found it especially useful in less celebrated cities like Milwaukee and St. Louis. It is rare that a book of this type can succeed on so many levels.

My family has visited over 20 baseball parks since the first edition of this book was published, so I was thrilled to see that an updated version of it was available. The information given in the book is

very VERY useful when planning a trip to a park you've never been to, starting with what sections have the best seats (and which sections to avoid) when purchasing tickets, how to get there (including public transportation options), where to park if you drive, what foods to try (or avoid) while at the game, and especially all the information about the features in and around the ballpark. The true baseball fanatic will enjoy the historical information for each ballpark/team. It's enjoyable to read, in no way is it a dry book of facts. I highly recommend it for any fan planning a trip to a baseball park for a major league game.

I read the reviews prior to purchasing this book ...and expected a good product...but nothing this good. The details included are great not only on the ball parks themselves but the surrounding areas. The feedback is also geared to the "normal traveler" not people who live the lives of the "rich and famous". I also like how the authors included personal stories of interactions with friends and/or relatives they visited with in the different cities and their local customs (foods, games, etc.). My husband and I like visiting new and different ball parks...and we are even more energized to continue our visits after receiving this book!

This book covers it all. From team and ballpark history to where to sit and what to eat. The authors do a great job in detailing the ins-and-outs of every ballpark. This is not your dry, boring reference book. It's an easy read with a lot of humor that any baseball fan will enjoy.

Having just return from a baseball road trip myself, visiting the new San Diego Petco Stadium, Oakland, Anaheim and BOB in Phoenix, I discovered that this book got a lot of merit in what it have to say. In almost all cases, I discovered that the authors have done their homework and their assessments of what is a good seat or bad turned out to be true. Although their reviews on food remains subjective, I discovered that what they say about it also got a lot of truth behind it. Oakland do have one of the best hot dogs and many dogs wrapped in up in these tin foils really do not tasted all that good. (Is that why we often overdose these hot dogs with massive amount flavoring?) I have been to many other stadiums of the Major League and after reading the book, I discovered that what the authors' have to say would be a great guide to anyone else who may be looking to do such a vacation. Although the season is dying out this year, there is always next year and years on end. When I go on such road trips, I usually do buy my tickets ahead of time and usually try to get the best seats money can buy. The authors' book seem to be written for people who do this on the fly or on the budget. There is nothing wrong with that but they should know that not everyone do it

like they do. The book come highly recommended by someone like me who likes to take a baseball road trips and have done so in the past. Its useful in planning such a trip, buying the tickets and eating out at these stadium. Great book which have been long over due.

The back cover of this book says that it's a "comprehensive guide to all the diverse and fascinating major league baseball ballparks throughout the country." And it is. But more than that, it's an tribute to the entire baseball experience from a tailgate barbecue, to commentaries on players salaries, to what area of the ballpark to sit, along with a very amusing skill with words. Clearly a labor of love, these two guys seem to have found a way to make a living (well maybe earn at least a little) out of an obsession. The resulting book, all 530 pages is clearly the work of people loving everything about the game, and it shows.

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