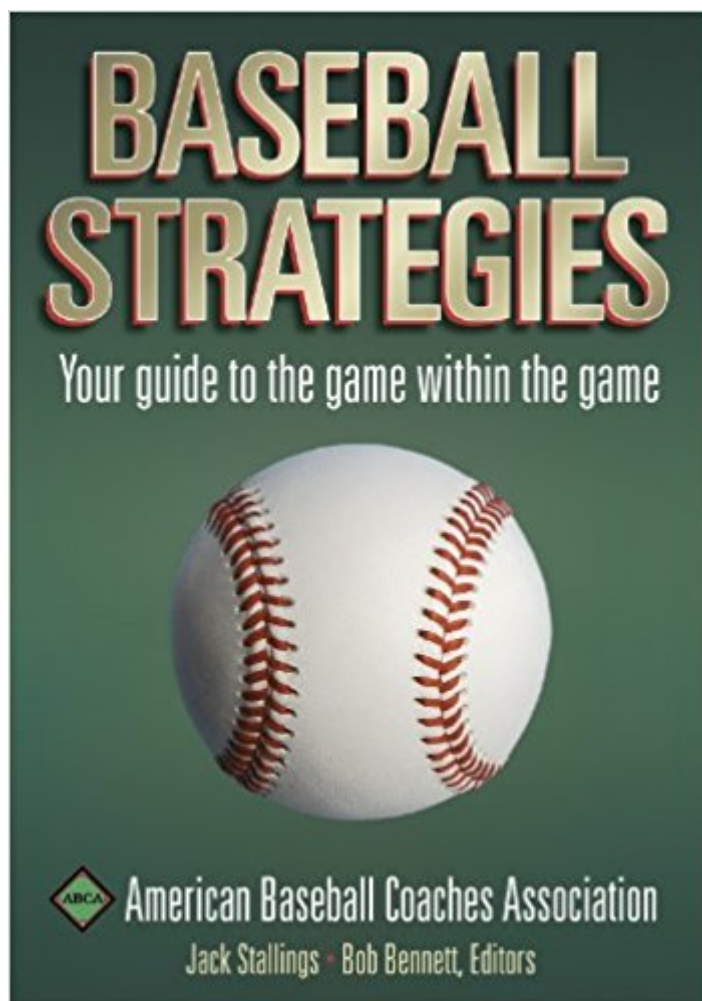




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# Baseball Strategies



## Synopsis

Some books teach coaches and players what to do; this also explains why. Developed by an all-star cast of coaches selected by the American Baseball Coaches Association, *Baseball Strategies* is the most comprehensive resource ever written on the tactical aspects of the game. Providing the content are 18 of the game's top strategists, including several coaches whose teams have totaled more than 1,000 wins and have won national championships. Meet every decision-making challenge, from setting the most effective lineup at the plate and in the field to deciding what play to call and when to call it in tight game situations. Should a runner be sent on a 2-2 pitch with one out? Should a hitter be walked to allow for a force-out even if the next batter is an RBI leader? When should a pitcher hold a runner on base from the stretch position or pitch from a more comfortable full windup? The analyses and answers to all of these questions and many more can be found in this book. In part I, you'll learn the specifics of offense, from determining the hitting lineup to studying the strengths and weaknesses of the opposing pitcher and defense. The contributors to the offensive side of the game include Itch Jones, Mike Gillespie, Danny Hall, and Mark Johnson. In part II, experts such as Bob Bennett and John Winkin explore pitching from every angle, including strategies for shutting down hitters, stopping baserunners, and fielding the position. In Parts III and Parts IV, you'll learn better defensive strategies for fine-tuning your strategic approach from George Horton, Jim Morris, and Bobo Brayton, just to name a few. Take a big tactical lead on your opponent. From position-specific responsibilities to situation-specific options to adjusting to the level of competition to altering your game plan in the middle innings, *Baseball Strategies* covers all the bases to give you a winning advantage in thinking the game. v

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## Customer Reviews

After reading BASEBALL STRATEGIES and knowing it's available as a valuable reference, I'm looking forward to referring to it during the playoffs and World Series. BASEBALL STRATEGIES provides insight into the finer points of the game. It provides the rationale for the strategies used, and the decisions made regarding all of the individual match-ups in countless offensive situations that make baseball such a "complex simple game". Besides baseball fans, the book is obviously written for coaches and players who want to develop their understanding of the game and improve their ability to react and anticipate in any given situation. Contributors to the book are successful college coaches who, as life-long students of the game, have brought their own experiences and perspectives to this well-written, informative book of offensive and defensive strategies and tactics. Pitching is also explained, from fielding the position to developing mental toughness to developing a plan for getting the batter out. This book contains a wealth of information for "students of the game". If you play, coach, or just enjoy watching, BASEBALL STRATEGIES can provide valuable information for many seasons to come. There are so many pearls of wisdom, it should be guaranteed to improve the quality of play and understanding of everyone who reads it. Tim Smith

I highly recommend this book to any coaches that want to take their game to the next level. The one thing that this book does is break down every aspect of the game and gives you many, many ideas on how to implement the strategies explained. I have been coaching baseball for 7 years at the high school level and have attended many baseball coaches clinics throughout the United States. I have learned many things at these clinics. The beauty of this book is that it something that you can continue to reference back to again and again. This book has definitely aided to my players development. From defensive strategies to times to use the run game, this game covers it all. I have also loaned this book out to other coaches and they have enjoyed it also. If you are looking to take your coaching to the next level, I highly recommend this book.

I'm a little league coach. This was way beyond what I can use. However, I stuck with it and benefited tremendously. These guys are the best at explaining each aspect of coaching and strategy. The book has helped me appreciate the intricacies of the game within the game and will come in handy when my boy moves up to Junior, Senior, and High School baseball.

If you want to understand the intricacies of baseball, then this is the book for you. Watch a game with this book in hand and you will begin to see the secrets of baseball and why it is called the thinking mans game.

Great Coaching book for all levels. It gave me more of an inside look at how the game is played. The book really breaks everything down of the fundamentals from scouting, lineups, fielding, hitting. scenarios. A coach must have.

This is a book for coaches and those that want to gain a coaches perspective. Not a book for the average "fan". Good information in this book for those that want in depth knowledge of strategies.

Very Easy to read and implement. Some books on coaching become to sophisticated and hard to read. This book can be read in parts or as a whole. I am having immediate results in our competitive baseball team 12-

I have been coaching for a few years now and my son is getting older thus the game is getting more advanced. This book allowed me to teach more strategic aspects of the game, especially defensively. The players had a better understanding of what to do when (and why to do it) due to some of the things we taught from this book. If you are a new or experienced coach I highly recommend this book as it breaks things down easily and you can pull out what you need based on the age/level of your players.

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