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# The Big Show: Charles M. Conlon's Golden Age Baseball Photographs



## Synopsis

Charles M. Conlon created iconic images of baseball's glorious heyday, taking about 30,000 photographs of the sport from 1904 to 1942. In *The Big Show: Charles M. Conlon's Golden Age Baseball Photographs*, soulful, striking shots of Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, and hundreds of other major leaguers are paired with captions meticulously based on contemporary reports and quotes from the players themselves. In their own words, colorful characters spill the beans about famous scandals, divulge quirky characteristics, and tell little-known stories. In 1993, Abrams's acclaimed *Baseball's Golden Age* first celebrated Conlon's photographs. Research in the Conlon Collection of the Sporting News later uncovered a cache of brilliant, rare photographs. Showcasing this windfall, the book is a must-have for baseball fans young and old. It is the definitive collection of America's best baseball photographer's work, offering a moving depiction of past baseball greats. Praise for *The Big Show*:

“With *The Big Show: Charles M. Conlon's Golden Age Baseball Photographs*, edited by Neal and Constance McCabe, the photographer gets a well deserved day in the sun. The more than 200 portraits here capture the soul of the early game—whether the subjects be stars or . . . something less. The players have been long forgotten. Conlon's photographs should not be.”

—*Sports Illustrated*

“In 1993, [Neal and Constance McCabe] produced *Baseball's Golden Age: The Photographs of Charles M. Conlon* (Abrams). The book was a revelation in black and white, a time machine to the era of wooden ballparks, legal spitballs and manual typewriters . . . Nearly two decades later, Neal and Constance McCabe have teamed on a worthy and riveting sequel titled *The Big Show: Charles M. Conlon's Golden Age of Baseball Photographs* (Abrams). The book features more than 200 photos (this time digitally produced from the glass negatives), as well as Neal McCabe's fascinating captions.”

—*Los Angeles Times*

“This beautifully rendered study from the McCabes—the brother/sister writing team who produced *Baseball's Golden Age*—offers a superb range of photos and intelligent prose, covering the many forgotten men of baseball, as well as some giants.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“The captions by Neal and Constance McCabe are revelations in themselves.”

—*Washington Post*

“This is one beautiful baseball book.”

—*New York Post*

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## Customer Reviews

Neal McCabe is a baseball historian and the author, with Constance McCabe, of *Baseball's Golden Age*. Neal also edited and coproduced the audio version of *The Glory of Their Times* and adapted it for the stage. Roger Kahn is a beloved sportswriter and author of the bestseller *Boys of Summer*.

Great book. I was surprised in the fact that I never seen a lot of these images of the all time greats. A lot of portrait photos in this book of a lot less known players as well.

Great book! Good to read about and see players that I never heard of. Lots and lots of old pictures if that's what you like.

Love Charles Conlon's photos - so this book is great! Interesting stories as well.

Fantastic item for the \$. Probably only me and a few of my cronies know most of people selected but the imagery is impeccable.

This is spectacular

I have over the past couple weeks gone thru and savored the two amazing books of Conlon photos. I cannot remember reading a baseball book from cover to cover with a smile on my face every moment. This is for real baseball fans. Each photo captures a moment in time. I would agree with

some of the other reviewers that the captions in this book are more interesting and delightful than the first. Please, PLEASE bring in a third pitch of this delicious morsel. (Yes, I know I crossed my metaphors) I also was thrilled with all the photos and stories of the also-rans, has-beens, and never-was's. They are at the very heart of baseball and its storied history. I give this 5 stars cuz 6 ain't allowed. A total, delectable, and wonderful baseball experience.

If you like the story of baseball in "the good old days" this is THE book: well written, great photos, the only bad part is coming to the end. There is another Condon book that was published before this one. In for a penny in for a pound is my advice.

The Babe Ruth quotes are excellent and the photos are excellent. The background stories are very interesting and I definitely plan on reading it again. I'm trying to locate the accompanying volume issued in the 1990's which should be just as interesting.

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