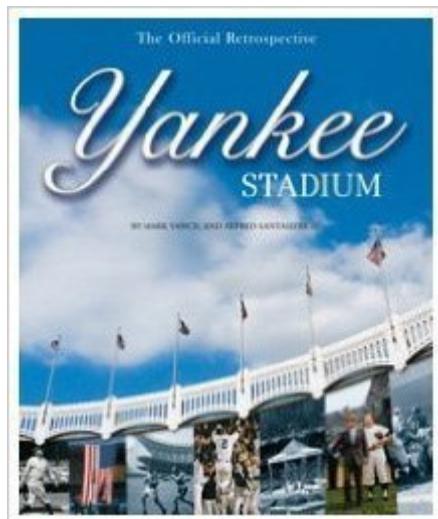


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# Yankee Stadium



## **Synopsis**

Yankee Stadium: The Official Retrospective recounts the story of an extraordinary American landmark. It captures the creation of a home for the New York Yankees that was driven by co-owner Jacob Ruppert, who envisioned a ballpark grander than any other conceived. It takes the reader from the field to the dugout, from the press box to the clubhouse, from principal owner George Steinbrenner's office to Monument Park. But Yankee Stadium was more than a ballpark. The most iconic moments in history have taken place within its walls: Lou Gehrig's poignant farewell; epic heavyweight fights; the "Greatest Football Game Ever Played"; and the unrivaled record-breaking successes of the New York Yankees. With the unprecedented cooperation of the New York Yankees organization, photographs have been culled from every conceivable source. You will walk in the Stadium beside Mantle and Maris, witness the only perfect game in World Series history, and see the Stadium during the 2001 World Series. Yankee Stadium: The Official Retrospective is more than just photographs. It is also graced with firsthand accounts of what it was like to be there as history unfolded. It is the power of the place that led Sports Illustrated to call Yankee Stadium the greatest venue of the twentieth century. And only here, within the pages of Yankee Stadium: The Official Retrospective, can you feel what they felt.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Do not be deceived by its appearance. This is in no sense a "coffee table book" except that you will want to have it near at hand on prominent display. Credit Mark Vancil and Alfred Santasiere III with selecting and editing a wealth of information and photographs (most in vivid full-color) that create

quite literally both a comprehensive biography and multi-dimensional portrait of Yankee Stadium. Various contributors provide individual retrospective analyses of these segments: In "A Walk Through Time" (Pages 16-35), Santasiero allows the reader "to take a gander at the ballpark itself" " during an extensive tour (e.g. ushers, the press box, George Steinbrenner's office and its various collection of memorabilia, the stadium's "frieze," the playing field, the clubhouse, the manager's office, the dugout, and Monument Park. The quality of the photographs in this section comes about as close as photographs can to making the viewer feel as if she or he were actually roaming throughout the stadium in person. In this section and in all others, the crisp copy that accompanies the photos creates a context for each. In "The Birth of a Ballpark" (Pages 36-75), Bob Klapich reviews the team's history since 1912 when its name was the Hilltoppers (the team's home field was Hilltop Park) and finished in last place. Renamed the Yankees, they later played their home games at the Polo Grounds (also home of the Giants), were also-rans from 1916-1920, acquired George Herman ("Babe") Ruth from the Boston Red Sox, and finally the franchise had a permanent home when Yankee Stadium was built. The opening day was April 18, 1923.

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