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In the annals of baseball history, the 1977-78 Los Angeles Dodgers stand as a team that epitomized the excesses and glamour of the era. Led by the fiery manager Tommy Lasorda, the Dodgers boasted a roster of unforgettable characters, including pitcher Fernando Valenzuela, outfielder Dusty Baker, and infielder Steve Garvey. They played their home games in the iconic Dodger Stadium, which was often packed with celebrities and other members of the city's elite. And they captured the hearts of Angelenos with their record-setting start and their thrilling run to the World Series.

But behind the scenes, the Dodgers were a team in turmoil. Lasorda was constantly feuding with his players, and the clubhouse was often divided by

cliques. The team's ownership was also in disarray, with Walter O'Malley and his son, Peter, constantly at odds over the direction of the franchise. As a result, the Dodgers collapsed in the second half of the season and lost the World Series to the New York Yankees.

Despite their on-field struggles, the 1977-78 Dodgers remain one of the most fascinating and entertaining teams in baseball history. In *Dodgerland*, author Neil J. Sullivan takes readers on a wild ride through the team's tumultuous season. Sullivan draws on interviews with players, coaches, and executives to provide a unique glimpse into the inner workings of the Dodgers. He also captures the zeitgeist of Los Angeles in the late 1970s, a time of excess and hedonism.

Dodgerland is a must-read for any baseball fan. It is a story of triumph and heartbreak, of larger-than-life characters and behind-the-scenes drama. It is also a story of a city and a time that will never be forgotten.

Reviews

"*Dodgerland* is a terrific book about a fascinating team. Neil Sullivan has captured the essence of the 1977-78 Dodgers, a team that was as flawed as it was talented. This is a must-read for any baseball fan."

- Jon Heyman, MLB Network

"Neil Sullivan's *Dodgerland* is a masterpiece of baseball writing. It is a gripping tale of a team that captured the hearts of Angelenos and a city that was on the cusp of a new era. This is a book that will be enjoyed by baseball fans of all ages."

- **Joe Posnanski, author of *The Baseball 100***

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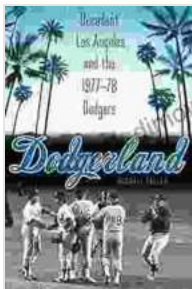
- **Bob Nightengale, *USA Today***

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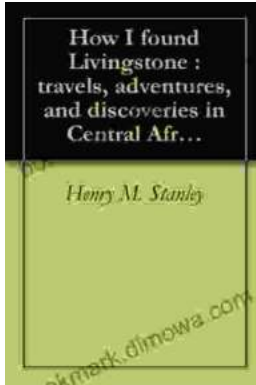
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