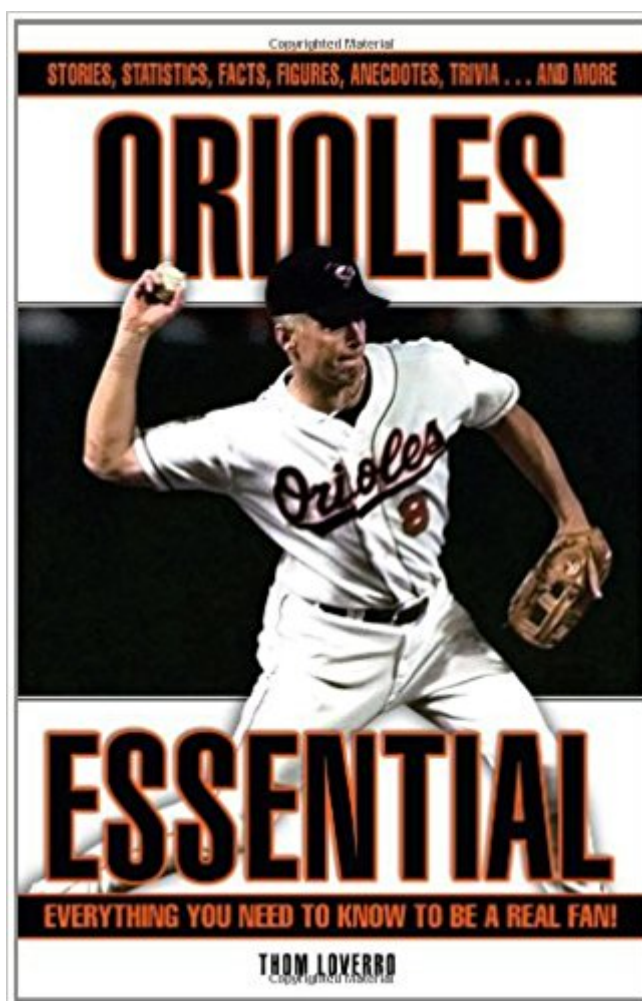




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# Orioles Essential: Everything You Need To Know To Be A Real Fan!



## Synopsis

As a one-stop record containing everything Oriole fans want to know about their favorite baseball team, this resource is packed with anecdotes, history, explanations of traditions, statistics, trivia, and photos.

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"Orioles teams went out there and gave it everything they had without taking a day off. Just like the people of Baltimore. That is why this town fell in love with baseball, and why so many of the former players are still revered here. The connections that were made in years past still hold up today, because that was the Oriole Way--for both the players and the fans." --from the foreword by Bill Ripken

From their origins as the floundering but lovable St. Louis Browns to the dawning of a new era in Baltimore and the emergence of the Oriole Way, the Baltimore Orioles have proved to be one of the most storied franchises in sports. Everything any real fan could ever want to know about this beloved ballclub is in *Orioles Essential*. This fun, fact-filled reference guide tells the complete story of one of baseball's most cherished teams. The Orioles arrived in Baltimore in 1954, accompanied by much fanfare and optimism. Though their early play more resembled the Browns of the past than the Orioles of the future, Baltimore fans embraced the team and passionately watched the franchise make a slow but steady climb to the top. With the arrivals of future superstars such as Brooks

Robinson, Jim Palmer, Davey Johnson, and Boog Powell, the team won its first championship by 1966. Two years later, with the hiring of a little-known minor league manager named Earl Weaver, the Orioles embarked on a path that would ultimately make them a model franchise. The next generation of greatness came with the development of a pair of Hall of Famers, Cal Ripken Jr. and Eddie Murray, two of the greatest players of their--or any--era. All these great players, managers, and personalities are honored in this book, as are the franchise's greatest moments and memories. Orioles Essential will take readers on a magical journey from old Memorial Stadium to splendid Camden Yards, from the division cellar to the World Series. Whether you are an old-school Orioles fan looking to relive great memories of the past or a more casual observer simply looking to beef up your knowledge, this book will satisfy your needs through countless anecdotes and insiders' stories; scores of trivia, lists, and statistics; and dozens of photographs.

I am new to watching baseball and the O's are my team. Bought this book to learn some about the Orioles. I now feel like I can talk to someone that has been a fan for years and will understand what they are referring to.

Gave this as a gift to a Baltimore Orioles fan. He loved it!!! I actually picked it up off his desk and gave it a read even though I am a Mets fan. I like to suck up all the baseball knowledge I can.

A+++++++

A lot of valuable information. It's fans will love it.

A detailed, fact-filled, chronological history of the Orioles. It includes anecdotes, quotes and trivia. We get a lot of specific detail. For example, we learn that the Jackson Five sang the National Anthem before Game One of the 1970 World Series and the first scheduled night game in Series history was Game 4 of the 1971 Series. Also, I love the Gordon Beard quote about Brooks Robinson, "Brooks never asked anyone to name a candy bar after him. In Baltimore, people named their children after him." I wish the author had used his knack for observing specific detail to help us get to know the personalities as individuals. Sometimes, the statistics left me glassy-eyed and the part of the book devoted to Earl Weaver mainly repeats information given in other parts of the book. The book could have benefited from some well-chosen David Halberstam-like sketches to make the personalities come to life. But, it is a solid at bat that old and new Oriole fans can enjoy.

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