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Growing up the youngest of seven children in Puerto Rico, Roberto Clemente had a talent for baseball. His incredible skill soon got him drafted into the big leagues where he spent 18 seasons playing right field for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Who Was Roberto Clemente? tells the story of this remarkable athlete: a twelve-time All-Star, World Series MVP, and the first Latin American inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

## Clemente

En Clemente: la pasión y el donaire del último héroe del béisbol, David Maraniss revive magistralmente al extraordinario deportista valiéndose de una narración de gran vuelo y de meticulosos detalles para captar, a un tiempo, al hombre y al mito. El último día de 1972, después de dieciocho magníficas temporadas en las grandes ligas, Roberto Clemente murió como un héroe al estrellarse el avión en que llevaba alimentos y suministros médicos a Nicaragua luego de un devastador terremoto. Cualquiera que vio jugar a Clemente, nunca podría olvidarlo: era una obra de arte en un juego que con demasiada frecuencia se define por las estadísticas. Durante su carrera con los Piratas de Pittsburgh, ganó cuatro títulos de bateo y llevó a su equipo a los campeonatos de 1960 y 1971. Su carrera concluyó con tres mil hits, y él y Lou Gehrig son los únicos jugadores en la historia del béisbol cuya consagración en el Pabellón de la Fama no tomó en cuenta los tradicionales cinco años de espera. Pero Roberto Clemente fue un atleta singular que trascendió el ámbito de los deportes para convertirse en un símbolo de causas mayores. Nacido en Carolina, Puerto Rico, en 1934, una época cuando no había negros ni puertorriqueños en el béisbol profesional de Estados Unidos, Clemente llegaría a ser uno de los peloteros más notables de las grandes ligas; un jugador que se destacó por su determinación, su elegancia y su dignidad, y que abrió el camino para muchos latinos de generaciones posteriores que ahora brillan en ese deporte.

## Roberto Clemente

On an island called Puerto Rico, there lived a little boy who wanted only to play baseball. Although he had no money, Roberto Clemente practiced and practiced until--eventually--he made it to the Major Leagues. America! As a right-fielder for the Pittsburgh Pirates, he fought tough opponents--and even tougher racism--but with his unreal catches and swift feet, he earned his nickname, \"The Great One.\" He led the Pirates to two World Series, hit 3,000 hits, and was the first Latino to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. But it wasn't just baseball that made Clemente legendary--he was also a humanitarian dedicated to improving the lives of others.

## Roberto Clemente

Not many baseball players are as legendary as Roberto Clemente. He broke color barriers. He gave back to his community. And through it all, he played great baseball. During his career with the Pittsburgh Pirates, he did some amazing things. Sadly, Clemente's life was cut short by a plane crash. Today, however, his memory lives on. Fans everywhere still think of the player from Puerto Rico as an inspiration to us all.

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Roberto Clemente Walker was a Puerto Rican professional baseball player. He played 18 seasons at right field for the Pittsburgh Pirates. He was a National League, Most Valuable Player once, All-Star twelve times

(15 games), batting champion four times, and Gold Glove winner twelve times. In 1972, Clemente got his 3,000th major league hit. Clemente was very involved in charity work in Puerto Rico and Latin American countries during the off seasons. He died in an airplane accident on December 31, 1972, while en route to deliver aid to earthquake victims in Nicaragua. Now readers can explore how his childhood influenced his life.

## **Roberto Clemente**

Thirty-five years ago, Roberto Clemente made baseball history when he became the first Latin American to enter the Hall of Fame. *Roberto Clemente: The Great One* evaluates one of the game's most dynamic players and perhaps its most selfless humanitarian. From modest beginnings in Carolina, Puerto Rico, to a legendary career with the Pittsburgh Pirates, to his tragically premature death in a plane crash, Roberto Clemente remains one of baseball's most compelling characters. Interviews with teammates Willie Stargell and Al Oliver, former major league commissioner Bowie Kuhn, and close friends of Clemente lend insight into his character and contributions. Markusen successfully analyzes the cultural misunderstandings between Clemente and his audience as well as the struggles and hardships he and other Latin American players endured during that era. Regardless, he is a key example of how athletes can be more than just a source of entertainment. Undoubtedly, Clemente was never given the national exposure he deserved until the 1971 World Series, and subsequently his death in 1972 not only cut short a tremendous career but also deprived the world of more humanitarian efforts to those in need. *The Great One* fully examines Clemente's legacy, which he developed at a time of unprecedented success for Latin American players.

## **Roberto Clemente**

Roberto Clemente's passion for baseball took him from the sugar cane fields of Puerto Rico to two World Series championships with the Pittsburgh Pirates. He was baseball's first Latino superstar and among the best that ever played the game. But he was much more than that. His passion carried over outside the ballpark, where he fought prejudice, helped the poor and sick, and dreamed of a Sport City to help Puerto Rican youth overcome drugs and gangs. He was just 38 when he died, in a plane taking supplies to victims of an earthquake. No one will ever forget the passion, the excellence, and the character of Roberto Clemente. He was a true American hero.

## **Clemente**

Baseball great, family man, humanitarian—the life and enduring legacy of Roberto Clemente, as told by his family. With a swift bat and fierce athleticism, Roberto Clemente intimidated major league pitchers for eighteen seasons, compiling three thousand hits. His legs were among the quickest of his era. His throwing arm was one of the strongest, gunning down base runners from right field with incredible frequency. He would spend a career fighting for respect and finally achieve it after a historic World Series performance and a second half of a career that would have him mentioned with greats like Jackie Robinson, Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, and Mickey Mantle. But what Roberto Clemente did off the field made him an equally great humanitarian. One of the first athletes who understood how the power of sports could be used to transform not just a handful of lives but many thousands of them, he would die following his heart and conscience by helping others. Clemente was on an aircraft loaded with supplies for an earthquake-stricken Nicaragua when the plane crashed in the Atlantic Ocean. Forty years after that tragic day, the widow and sons of this regal athlete and consummate humanitarian open up for the first time about the husband and father they lost. Featuring an extensive array of rare and never-before-seen photos of Clemente on the field and off, this powerful memoir tells his inspiring story from the voices of those who knew him best. **INCLUDES PHOTOS**

## **21**

Wilfred Santiago's instant classic 21: *The Story of Roberto Clemente* is a human drama of courage, faith, and

dignity, inspired by the life of the acclaimed Pittsburgh Pirates baseball star who died too young. 21chronicles Clemente's life from his early days growing up, through the highlights of his career, capturing the grit of his rise from an impoverished Puerto Rican childhood to the majesty of his performance on the field, and to his fundamental decency off of it. Santiago's inviting style combines realistic attention to detail and expressive cartooning to great effect.

## **I Am Roberto Clemente**

Roberto Clemente is not only famous for his impressive baseball career, but also for his generous humanitarian efforts. Nearly 40 years ago, the same year he swung his 3,000th Major League Baseball hit, he died in an airplane accident on his way to deliver aid to earthquake victims. Illustrations.

## **Roberto Clemente**

A biography of the baseball superstar from Puerto Rico who, before his untimely death in a 1972 airplane crash, was noted for his achievements on and off the baseball field.

## **We'll Never Forget You, Roberto Clemente**

Chronicles the life and accomplishments of baseball star Roberto Clemente, from his youth in Puerto Rico, through his record-breaking career in Pittsburgh, to his tragic death during a mission of mercy. Original.

## **Roberto Clemente**

A biography of the great Puerto Rican-born baseball player.

## **Roberto Clemente**

Discusses the life, career, and generosity of Latin American baseball player Roberto Clemente.

## **Roberto Clemente**

Where was Roberto Clemente born? How did he help people in Nicaragua after an earthquake? What is Roberto Clemente Sports City? Read this book to discover the answers!

## **All about Roberto Clemente**

Roberto Clemente was drafted from Puerto Rico by the New York Dodgers when he was just eighteen, and would later become one of baseball's most popular players while playing for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Even though Roberto could not speak English and wa

## **Clemente!**

A tribute to the one of baseball's most beloved players, Pittsburgh Pirates Roberto Clemente, shows how his skills made him the first Latin American player to be inducted into the Hall of Fame and how his career was cut short.

## **Roberto Clemente**

Learn about a man who many people said was born to play baseball because of his extraordinary throwing, fielding, and hitting.

## **Who was Roberto?**

A biography, emphasizing the philanthropic deeds as well as the athletic achievements, of the Hall of Fame baseball player from Puerto Rico who died in a plane crash in 1972.

## **Roberto Clemente**

Remembering Roberto is a collection of handwritten thoughts on Roberto Clemente by former teammates and players from his era. Over a two year period the author wrote to these men who now range in age from mid seventies to early nineties and asked them to comment on Roberto. The players featured in this book graciously replied. Each comment is accompanied by a baseball card of the player along with career statistics and highlights to make this book a unique and enjoyable reading experience for fans of Roberto Clemente and baseball fans in general. Among the 97 players contributing to this book are Vern Law, Bill Mazeroski, Dick Groat, Al Oliver, Steve Blass, Carl Erskine, Steve Garvey, Juan Marichal, Bobby Shantz, Brooks Robinson, and Jim Palmer.

## **Remember Roberto**

Roberto Clemente was the first Hispanic American elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Readers will learn how he used his courage and determination during the off-season to help those living in poverty in Latin America.

## **Remembering Roberto: Former Teammates and Players from His Era Share Thoughts on Roberto Clemente**

Traces the baseball career of the Puerto Rican who, though plagued by numerous physical ailments from the beginning of his career, won the National League's Most Valuable Player Award in 1966.

## **Roberto Clemente**

Discover the remarkable life of Roberto Clemente—one of the most accomplished—and beloved—baseball heroes of his generation from Pulitzer Prize winner David Maraniss. On New Year's Eve 1972, following eighteen magnificent seasons in the major leagues, Roberto Clemente died a hero's death, killed in a plane crash as he attempted to deliver food and medical supplies to Nicaragua after a devastating earthquake. David Maraniss now brings the great baseball player brilliantly back to life in *Clemente: The Passion and Grace of Baseball's Last Hero*, a book destined to become a modern classic. Much like his acclaimed biography of Vince Lombardi, *When Pride Still Mattered*, Maraniss uses his narrative sweep and meticulous detail to capture the myth and a real man. Anyone who saw Clemente, as he played with a beautiful fury, will never forget him. He was a work of art in a game too often defined by statistics. During his career with the Pittsburgh Pirates, he won four batting titles and led his team to championships in 1960 and 1971, getting a hit in all fourteen World Series games in which he played. His career ended with three-thousand hits, the magical three-thousandth coming in his final at-bat, and he and the immortal Lou Gehrig are the only players to have the five-year waiting period waived so they could be enshrined in the Hall of Fame immediately after their deaths. There is delightful baseball here, including thrilling accounts of the two World Series victories of Clemente's underdog Pittsburgh Pirates, but this is far more than just another baseball book. Roberto Clemente was that rare athlete who rose above sports to become a symbol of larger themes. Born near the canebrakes of rural Carolina, Puerto Rico, on August 18, 1934, at a time when there were no blacks or Puerto Ricans playing organized ball in the United States, Clemente went on to become the greatest Latino player in the major leagues. He was, in a sense, the Jackie Robinson of the Spanish-speaking world, a ballplayer of determination, grace, and dignity who paved the way and set the highest standard for waves of Latino players who followed in later generations and who now dominate the game. The Clemente that Maraniss evokes was

an idiosyncratic character who, unlike so many modern athletes, insisted that his responsibilities extended beyond the playing field. In his final years, his motto was that if you have a chance to help others and fail to do so, you are wasting your time on this earth. Here, in the final chapters, after capturing Clemente's life and times, Maraniss retraces his final days, from the earthquake to the accident, using newly uncovered documents to reveal the corruption and negligence that led the unwitting hero on a mission of mercy toward his untimely death as an uninspected, overloaded plane plunged into the sea.

## **Roberto Clemente, Batting King**

In *What's My Name, Fool?* sports writer Dave Zirin shows how sports express the worst - and at times the most creative, exciting, and political - features of our society. Zirin's sharp and insightful commentary on the personalities, politics, and history of American sports is unlike any sports writing being done today. Zirin explores how NBA brawls highlight tensions beyond the arena, how the bold stances taken by sports unions can chart a path for the entire labor movement, and the unexplored political stirrings of a new generation of athletes who are no longer content to just "play one game at a time." *What's My Name, Fool?* draws on original interviews with former heavyweight champ George Foreman, Olympic athlete John Carlos, NBA player and anti-death penalty activist Etan Thomas, antiwar women's college hoopster Toni Smith, Olympic Project for Human Rights leader Lee Evans and many others. It also unearths a history of athletes ranging from Jackie Robinson to Muhammad Ali to Billie Jean King, who charted a new course through their athletic ability and their outspoken views.

## **Clemente**

"A story about baseball. About fathers and sons. It's about memory and identity, and an insidious illness that can rob a person of both."--T.p. 4

## **What's My Name, Fool?**

Just in time for baseball season! Babe Ruth came from a poor Baltimore family and, as a kid, he was a handful. It was at a reform school that Babe discovered his talent for baseball, and by the age of nineteen, he was on his way to becoming a sports legend. Babe was often out of shape and even more often out on the town, but he had a big heart and an even bigger swing! Kids will learn all about the Home Run King in this rags-to-riches sports biography. With black-and-white illustrations throughout, a true sports legend is brought to life.

## **A Drive Into the Gap**

Thomas More's "*Utopia*" is a profound exploration of political philosophy and social idealism, presenting a fictional dialogue that critiques contemporary European society of the early 16th century. The text, written in Latin and later translated into various languages, employs a satirical and allegorical literary style, interweaving humor, irony, and sharp socio-political analysis. More's narrative unfolds an imaginary island society, drawing contrasts with European norms regarding property, governance, and morality, thus prompting readers to reflect critically on issues like justice, freedom, and the human condition. Thomas More, a lawyer, statesman, and humanist, was deeply embedded in the tumultuous landscape of Renaissance England. His experiences in the court of Henry VIII and his commitment to Catholicism significantly shaped his perspectives on governance and ethics. These influences culminated in More's desire to envision an alternative society where reason, equity, and communal well-being triumphed over greed and corruption, making "*Utopia*" not merely a work of fiction but a compelling call to reform. Recommended for scholars, students, and general readers alike, "*Utopia*" challenges us to envision and engage with the fundamental structures of society. More's thought-provoking assertions continue to resonate, urging us to contemplate the balance between idealism and practicality in our pursuits of justice and equity in the modern world.

## Who Was Babe Ruth?

I was a baseball hero and an inspiring humanitarian. I am Roberto Clemente. A unique hero, Roberto Clemente is not only famous for his impressive baseball career, but also for his generous humanitarian efforts. Nearly 40 years ago, the same year he swung his 3,000th major league baseball hit, he died in an airplane accident on his way to deliver aid to earthquake victims. His heroics on the field earned him a place in the National Baseball Hall of Fame, the first Latin American to be granted access. Just in time for Hispanic heritage month, learn all about this legend's life from his inspiring beginnings to his tragic end. This book will feature a full-color illustrated cover, one-color illustrations throughout, a detailed time line, introductions to other notable people from the story, a map, sidebars, and a top-ten list of important things to know about Roberto Clemente.

## Utopia

The 1971 Pirates of Roberto Clemente, Willie Stargell, Bill Mazeroski, Dock Ellis, and Steve Blass are among my all-time favorite teams, and their spectacular World Series win over the Orioles of Earl Weaver, Frank Robinson, Brooks Robinson, Jim Palmer, and Dave McNally is one of the great baseball upsets of the postwar era. Still, though I followed their season closely, I never fully understood their impact. \---Allen Barra, *The New York Sun* In 1947, major league baseball experienced its first measure of integration when the Brooklyn Dodgers brought Jackie Robinson to the National League. While Robinson's breakthrough opened the gates of opportunity for African Americans and other minority players, the process of integration proved slow and uneven. It was not until the 1960s that a handful of major league teams began to boast more than a few Black and Latino players. But the 1971 World Championship team enjoyed a full and complete level of integration, with half of its twenty-five-man roster comprised of players of African American and Latino descent. That team was the Pittsburgh Pirates, managed by an old-time Irishman. In *The Team That Changed Baseball: Roberto Clemente and the 1971 Pittsburgh Pirates*, veteran baseball writer Bruce Markusen tells the story of one of the most likable and significant teams in the history of professional sports. In addition to the fact that they fielded the first all-minority lineup in major league history, the 1971 Pirates are noteworthy for the team's inspiring individual performances, including those of future Hall of Famers Roberto Clemente, Willie Stargell, and Bill Mazeroski, and their remarkable World Series victory over the heavily favored Baltimore Orioles. But perhaps their greatest legacy is the team's influence on the future of baseball, inspiring later championship teams such as the New York Yankees and Oakland Athletics to open their doors fully to all talented players, regardless of race, particularly in the new era of free agency.

## I Am Roberto Clemente (I Am #8)

From an award-winning writer, the first linked history of African Americans and Latinos in Major League Baseball After peaking at 27 percent of all major leaguers in 1975, African Americans now make up less than one-tenth--a decline unimaginable in other men's pro sports. The number of Latin Americans, by contrast, has exploded to over one-quarter of all major leaguers and roughly half of those playing in the minors. Award-winning historian Rob Ruck not only explains the catalyst for this sea change; he also breaks down the consequences that cut across society. Integration cost black and Caribbean societies control over their own sporting lives, changing the meaning of the sport, but not always for the better. While it channeled black and Latino athletes into major league baseball, integration did little for the communities they left behind. By looking at this history from the vantage point of black America and the Caribbean, a more complex story comes into focus, one largely missing from traditional narratives of baseball's history. *Raceball* unveils a fresh and stunning truth: baseball has never been stronger as a business, never weaker as a game.

## The Team that Changed Baseball

Whether winning world championships or falling into last place, fielding teams with Hall of Fame players or trotting out bumbling boys of summer, the Pittsburgh Pirates have thrilled, frustrated, and fascinated

generations of fans since 1876. To date, the Pirates have won five World Series and have a total of thirty-six players and managers in the Hall of Fame—including Honus Wagner, Pie Traynor, Lloyd and Paul Waner, Ralph Kiner, Willie Stargell, Roberto Clemente, and Bill Mazeroski. The Pirates Reader is a tribute to the fans, players, and teams who have forged the franchise's rich history. Richard Peterson has collected the writing of baseball's greatest storytellers and brings to life the players, games, and magical moments for this classic and well-loved team.

## **Raceball**

We as a people of a proud and historic nation watched our economy become badly fractured from 2001 through 2009. The lust for big power and wealth has caused some leaders in government, business, and religion to demonstrate greater ambition in achieving their own personal success than the success and prosperity of the very people they are responsible for leading and protecting. Our political system has lost the ability and desire to have bi-partisan teamwork in making the quality of life better for everyone, as well as future generations. My goal is for us to seek and find solutions to problems, not just whine and gripe among ourselves for self-gain. I am a small town boy from Kentucky who was fortunate enough to attend college on a basketball scholarship, and my college education might not have even been possible without athletics. Three years as a young Marine Corps Officer gave me an opportunity to see life from another vantage point. Forty years as an Executive in the Automotive Industry, an opportunity to live in eleven different states and one territory, and raising family of five gave me additional perspectives on life. This book has been born from the memories and actual experiences I have enjoyed from relationships and friendships with many interesting personalities, from Baseball Great Roberto Clemente to former Governor George Nigh of Oklahoma, along with many top executives in industry. I have seen the Good, the Bad, and even the "Ugly" of life. Fortunately I have seen so many good and kind people that the bad and the ugly have been overcome. I hope you enjoy reading "Have We Lost Our Common Sense?" as much as I have enjoyed writing it.

## **The Pirates Reader**

Grab your Js and hit the court with this Who Was? biography about NBA superstar Michael Jordan. Meet the man who changed the game forever. Michael Jordan has always been competitive—even as a young boy, he fought for attention. His need to be the best made him a star player on his college basketball team and helped him become an NBA legend, both for his skills and his endorsements. His Nike contract for Air Jordan basketball shoes set an unmatched precedent for professional athletes. Author Kirsten Anderson takes readers through each exciting moment, detailing the iconic reverse lay-ups and jump shots of Michael Jordan's storied career. Look for more Who HQ titles: Who Is LeBron James? Who Was Kobe Bryant? Who Is Shaquille O'Neal? Who Is the Man in the Air?: Michael Jordan

## **Have We Lost Our Common Sense?**

Growing up the youngest of seven children in Puerto Rico, Roberto Clemente had a talent for baseball. His incredible skill soon got him drafted into the big leagues where he spent 18 seasons playing right field for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Who Was Roberto Clemente? tells the story of this remarkable athlete: a twelve-time All-Star, World Series MVP, and the first Latin American inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. From the Trade Paperback edition.

## **Who Is Michael Jordan?**

Told in a new Who HQ Now format for trending topics, this Who Was? biography details NBA superstar Kobe Bryant's legendary career and the impact of his legacy on the sports world and beyond. Kobe Bryant was just an eighteen-year-old high-school basketball player when he decided to enter the National Basketball Association's draft. Though he was the thirteenth overall pick by the Charlotte Hornets, he would never play a single game for them. Instead, Kobe was traded to the Los Angeles Lakers, where he would spend his entire

twenty-season career, winning five championships and numerous awards. Author Ellen Labreque takes readers through each exciting moment, from his iconic dunks to his 81-point game--all the milestones that span Kobe Bryant's legendary career and legacy.

## Who Was Roberto Clemente?

Who Was Kobe Bryant?

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