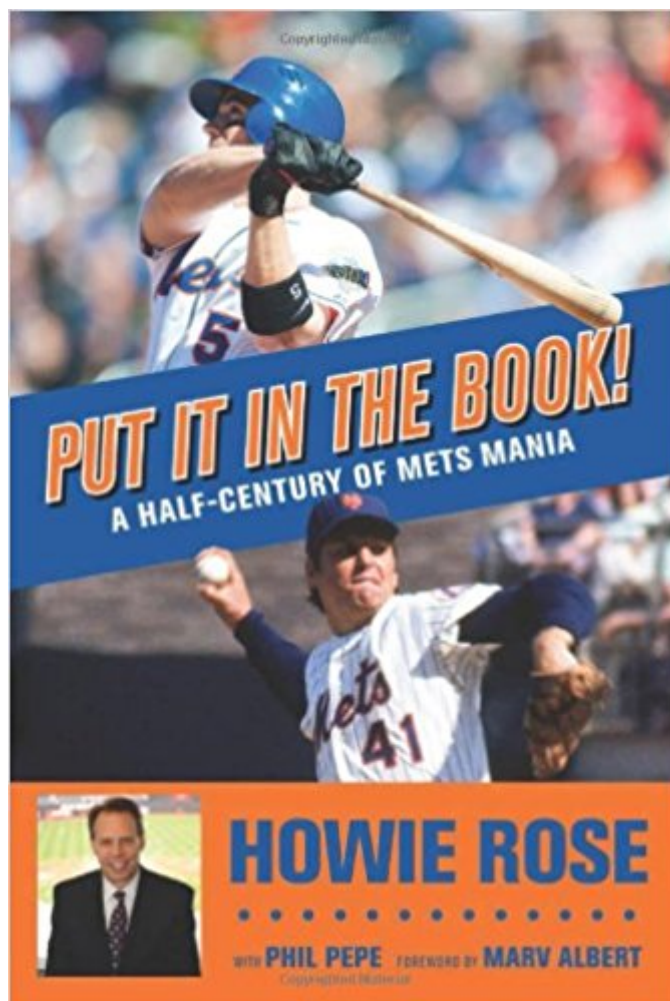


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Put It In The Book!: A Half-Century Of Mets Mania



Synopsis

In *Put It In the Book*, New York Mets broadcaster and lifelong fan Howie Rose takes fans behind the microphone, into the locker rooms, and through the last 50 years of Mets baseball. Millions of fans have listened to Rose's trademark calls over the years, and now, with his patented honesty and humor, he gives a firsthand account of the team from the greatness of Tom Seaver to Johan Santana's recent no-no. In addition to a personalized look at the rich history of the team, this work also features Rose's thoughts and opinions on the current Mets team and roster and his thoughts on the future of the club.

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Customer Reviews

Howie Rose is a sportscaster who has been the New York Mets radio announcer since 1995. He lives in Woodbury, New York. Phil Pepe is the author of more than 50 books on sports, including *The Yankees: An Authorized History of the New York Yankees*, *Few and Chosen Yankees: Defining Yankee Greatness Across the Eras*, as well as a biography of Yogi Berra, and collaborations with New York Yankee legends Mickey Mantle, Billy Martin, and Whitey Ford. He was the Yankees beat writer for the New York Daily News from 1968 through 1981 and is a past president of the Baseball Writers Association of America. He lives in Englewood, New Jersey. Marv Albert was the voice of the New York Knicks for parts of five decades and has been the play-by-play man for numerous NBA Finals, World Series, Super Bowls, and Stanley Cups. He lives in New York City.

Great Book! I am a 36 year old Mets fan who grew up listening to Howie Rose on WHN and WFAN

during the glory days of the 80's. The Mets Extra show and the hot stove shows he did during the off-season were must-listen radio for die-hard Mets fans in a time when there was no internet. I feel I learned more listening to Howie as a 10 year old than anywhere else. I have always been a big fan of Howie Rose so I decided to buy the book. The book is not about dirt or juicy info on old players (although there is some interesting stuff on managers, especially Bobby V). Oh yeah, and Jeff Kent was a jerk! The book is primarily about Howie's life and how he became a Mets fan and how he broke into the business. For those who grew up in Brooklyn and Queens and are Howie's age, I'm sure you will love reading the book and reminiscing. For those who are in their 30's like myself, you can learn a lot about the Mets early years and what it was like at Shea Stadium when the Mets finally became a winner in '69. You learn a lot about the day to day work of a broadcaster and all the preparation that goes into a game. Howie also talks a lot about his love for the Rangers growing up and how Marv Albert helped him get into the business.

I was rather dismayed as this book was not a collection of stories that would shed light on the lesser known tidbits of Mets history. Instead it was filled with the author regaling the reader about how everything worked out for him but lesser broadcasters would have had to work hard to achieve his goals. What could have been great stories often resulted in the author explaining that whenever someone had an issue with him it was not because of his actions but by a misunderstanding by the offended party. The author seemingly strove to say something unflattering about everyone mentioned in the book and seemed dismayed when he didn't have something nasty to associate with anyone not named Howie Rose. A more appropriate title would have been A Half-Century of Howie Rose.

Howie Rose tells how he made his dream come true. With hard work and a few good words from Marv Albert. Rose describes how he became a broadcaster and his encounters with ballplayers; good or bad, whether it was hockey or baseball. I became a huge fan of Howie Rose. It didn't take me that long to appreciate how he calls a baseball game or that famous call in the 94 Cup "Matteau Matteau." His transition from TV play by play to radio was flawless. He paints a great picture with words. Overall you will enjoy Howie's experience as a dreamer to reality and broadcasting his favorite team. A must read for all those fans that love a good story from a broadcaster's point of view.

I am a Mets fan and I have always enjoyed Howie Rose's pre and post game shows from the Mets

Extra days as well as his top notch game calls. It was great reading the tales of how he got to be where is today. Howie is a much a part of Mets history as Seaver, Gooden, Hernandez, Piazza and Wright and I hope he stays with the club for many years to come! Great read for up and coming broadcasters, Met fans, and baseball fans looking for a little insight into the behind the scenes of life in the Show.

I started out thinking that the book was going to be about the Mets and Howie's observations of the team, but it turned into Howie's life story and his obsession with Marv Albert. There were some very good parts and insights into the Mets and Howie's descriptions of the World Series years of 69 and 86 were fun to relive. Overall, I would say it was a good read, just not what I expected when I purchased it.

I enjoyed reading Howie's book because I remember his post game shows in 1987 as therapy. The Mets were on top of the world after the 1986 World Series win. In 1987 when things were not going as well (and how could they?) it was comforting to listen to Howie Rose dealing with the upset callers. He not only goes into his story, but he gives lots of "behind the scene" stories of Met players and managers that make for a great read for fans. There is an upbeat attitude that helps me even to this day in 2013 when the team is playing poorly.

Howie is such a class act and a great broadcaster for the Mets. The Mets could lose 100 games a year, but I would never tire of listening to him. The book is a quick and good read. I was done in about an hour. I wasn't as interested in Howie's recaps of particular games because I still remember them. They seemed like filler to me and I skimmed them quickly. The most interesting parts of the book are when he gives readers a little more insight into his behind-the-scenes interactions with players and managers.

If you have been listening to and enjoying Howie Rose for a long time, are familiar with the history of the Mets, the players, the rivals, etc. you'll really enjoy this book. He writes openly, isn't sugar coating everything and like his broadcasts is always entertaining with his knowledge of history and his passion for the game. Since it's brand new, it's also great to hear him talk about players like David Wright, Ike Davis, Daniel Murphy and Mets manager Terry Collins.

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