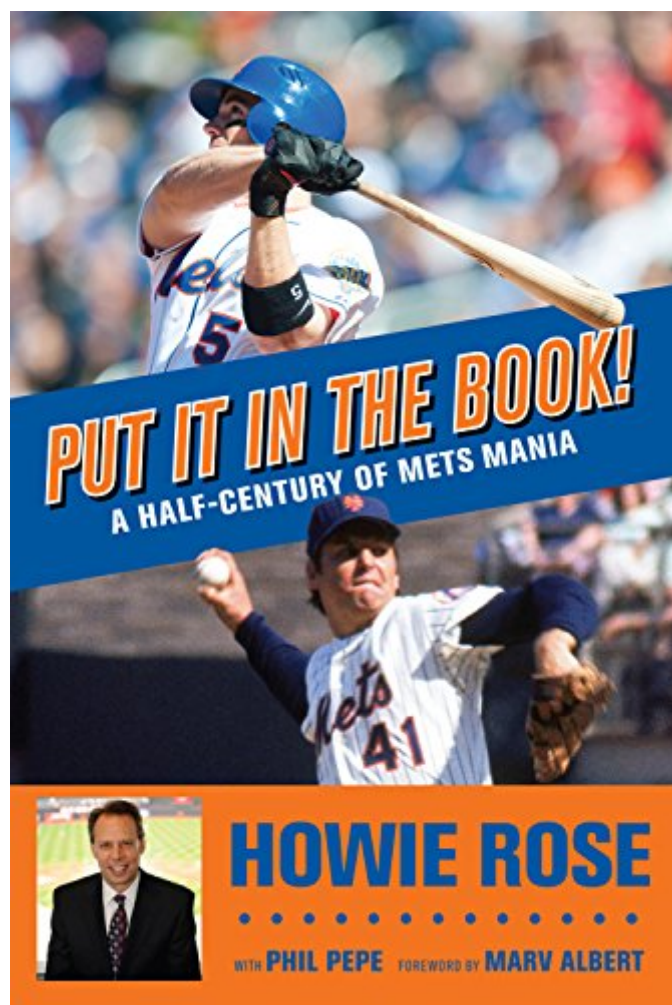


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Put It In The Book!: A Half-Century Of Mets Mania



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 Mets "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

The book is a let down as I thought it was about various Mets memories and anecdotes. It is short on inside stories and long on becoming a broadcaster. The title is, for Mets fans, tough to resist, but if you are looking for inside stories on the Mets, take a look elsewhere. The forward from Marv Albert is something to sink your teeth into, which some might find interesting. It is not a well written book, and I struggled through it, always expecting an "insider's viewpoint" into some of my Met heroes but it was not to be. We all share wonderful memories of the 51 years of NY Mets but this is a let

down. Instead, I recommend "Summers at Shea", which is a compilation of articles from the NY Times which serves as an excellent jog to the memory of Mets fans. I enjoy Howie Rose as an announcer but not as a writer. From the verbal to the written did not transfer well.

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.

The subtitle is misleading as this is not a book about the history of the Mets, but rather one about Howie Rose's broadcasting career. His days as a hockey announcer as well as his other jobs in sports broadcasting are all prominently featured. It makes for an interesting, but hardly a fascinating read and there is little if anything new for Mets' fans other than a little insight into which players were good guys and a couple that weren't. Not bad, but the subtitle, though less compelling should have been "my career in broadcasting". definitely not "a half century of Mets' Mania",

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 your a Mets fan, or even a casual follower of the team, this book is for you. It's full of some nice

stories and recollections. I'd recommend this book to any Mets fan, even if it's just to explain what it means to "put it in the books!"...

As I was reading this book I felt I heard Howie rose' s voice actually telling me the story. I wish the book was longer I really really enjoyed his thoughts about being a mets fan and then evolving into the broadcast booth. Howie how can you top this ? Any Mets fan would enjoy this book.

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 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 broadcasters point of view.

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 worm 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.

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