

Between The Covers Rare Books



a Conversation between Tom and Ashley

A: *[reading a manual]*

T: This doesn't look like work...

A: I'm trying to figure out the rules of baseball.

T: Well you start with nine players and... wait... why?

A: People seem to be missing their sportsball so much that I thought maybe I could invent a new game.

T: What does that have to do with baseball?

A: I thought I could learn a few tricks of the trade from America's favorite pastime. Do you think many people have access to a metal detector and salad tongs at home?

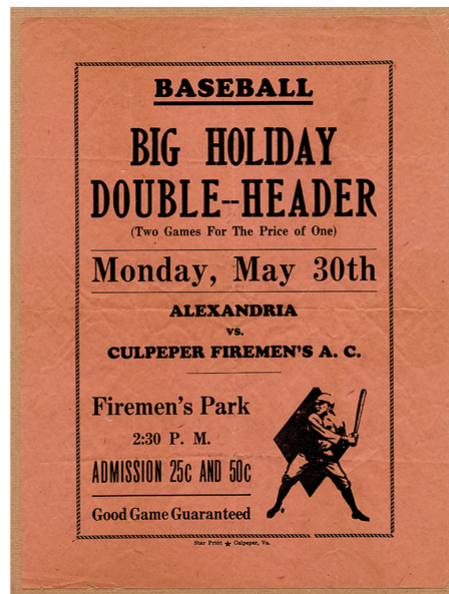
T: I don't want to know. *[starts to leave]*

A: *[yells]* INFIELD FLY RULE!

T: *[shakes head]*

A: You're outta here!

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1. (Baseball)

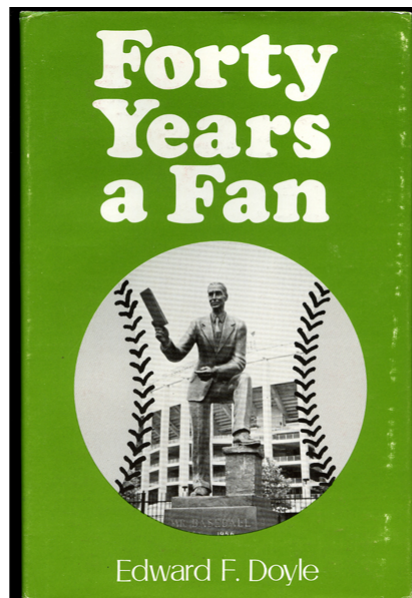
[Broadside]: Baseball Big Holiday Double-Header (Two Games for the Price of One) Monday, May 30th Alexandria vs. Culpeper Firemen's A.C. Firemen's Park...

Culpeper, Va.: Star Print (1921)

\$550

Approximately 9" x 12" on pink paper. Attractive broadside with an illustration of a batter in the lower right-hand corner.

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2. (Baseball)

Ed "Dutch" DOYLE

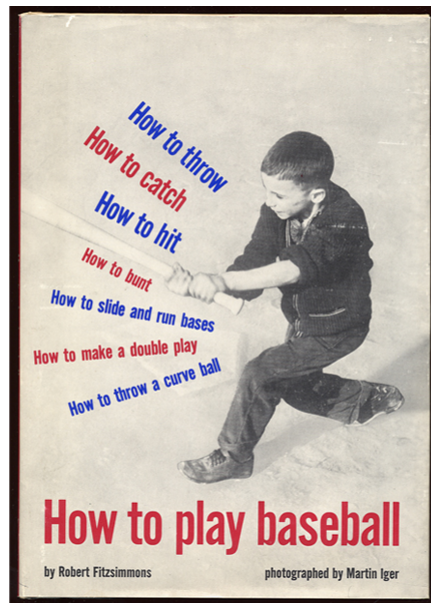
Forty Years a Fan: A Fan Looks at the Baseball Greats

Philadelphia: Dorrance (1972)

\$85

Interesting self-published rumination on baseball by a Philadelphia born-and-bred baseball fan.

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3. (Baseball)

Robert FITZSIMMONS and Martin Iger

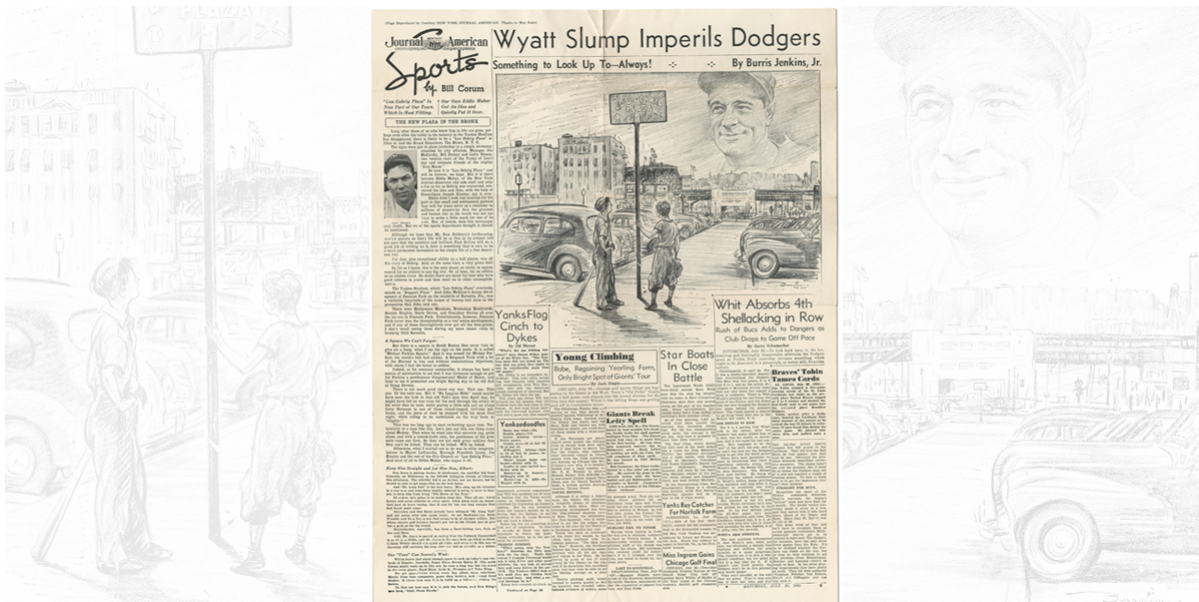
How to Play Baseball

Garden City: Doubleday (1962)

\$65

A very nice copy of this how-to book for children, and very scarce thus - most copies went to school libraries.

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4. (Baseball)

(Lou GEHRIG)

[Caption title]: Something To Look Up To---Always!

New York: New York Journal American 1941

\$750

Printed recto only, reproducing the front page of the sports section of the *New York Journal American* for July 26, 1941.

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5. (Baseball)

John UPDIKE

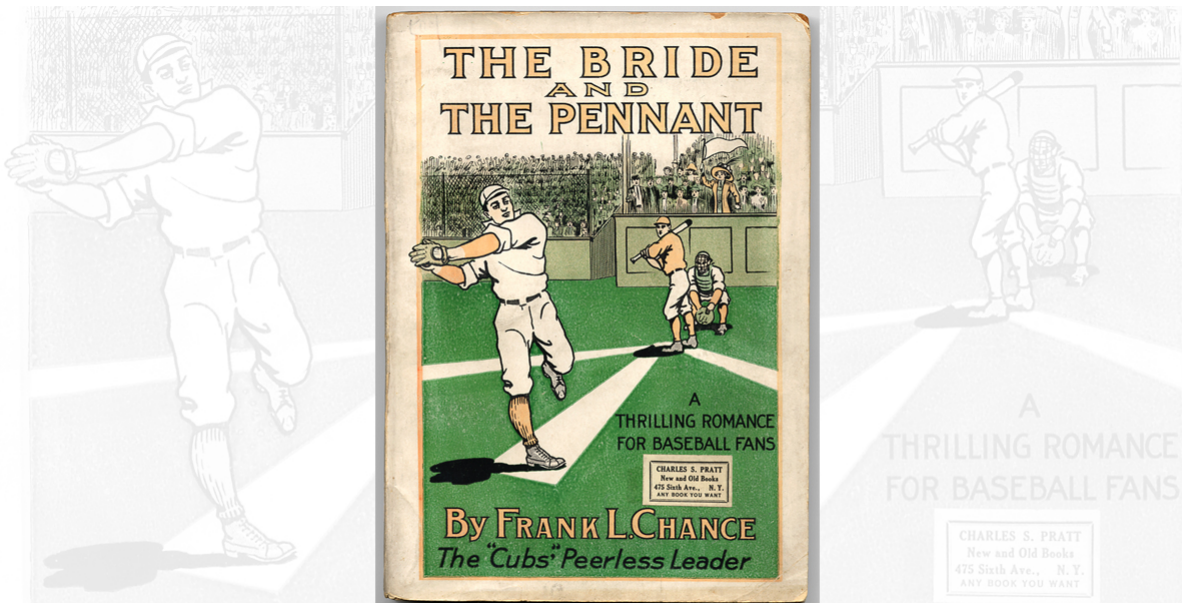
Hub Fans Bid Kid Adieu

Northridge, California: Lord John Press 1977

\$3500

Copy 1 of 300 numbered copies Signed by Updike. From the library of Lord John Press publisher Herb Yellin. A much beloved essay on Ted Williams' last at-bat.

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6. (Baseball fiction)

Frank L. CHANCE (possibly ghostwritten by Hugh Fullerton)

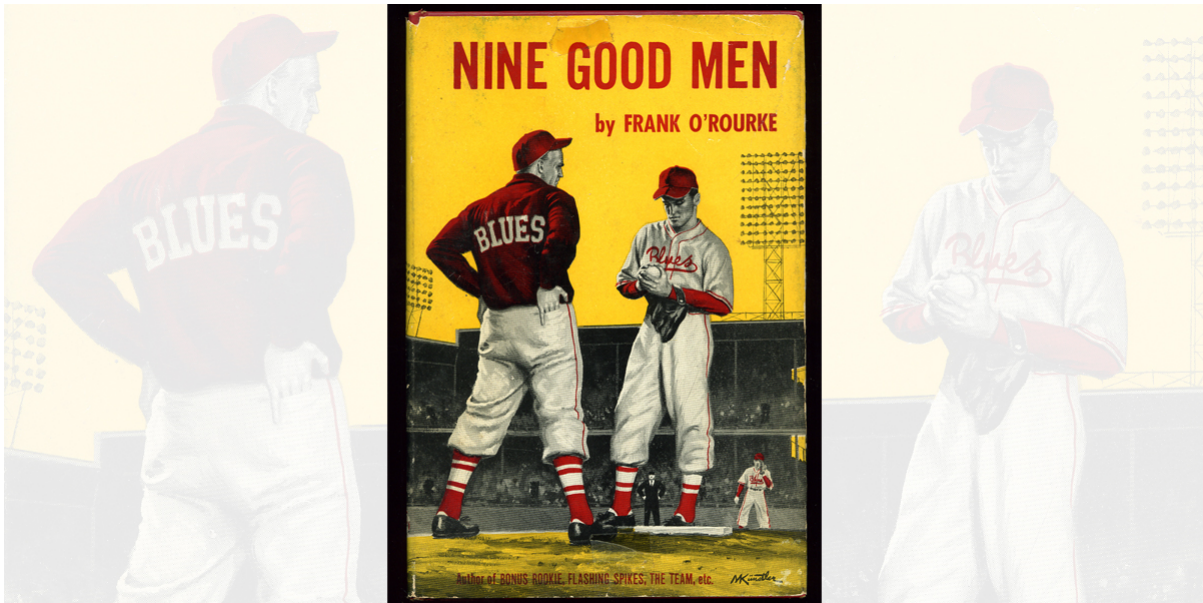
The Bride and The Pennant

Chicago: Laird and Lee (1910)

\$1750

Very rare pulp novel by the Cubs' "Peerless Leader" and which includes a short biography of Chance. McCue in *Baseball by the Books* speculates that it was ghostwritten by Hugh Fullerton, who dedicated his own first baseball novel to Chance.

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7. (Baseball Fiction)

Frank O'ROURKE

Nine Good Men

New York: A.S. Barnes (1952)

\$115

A novel of a season through the eyes of a coach.

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8. (Baseball, Softball)

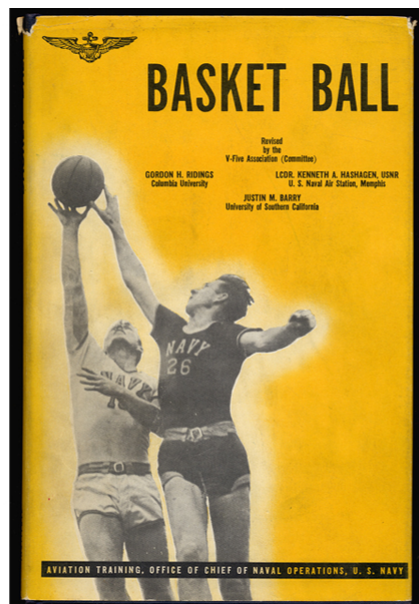
Softballers Magazine: The Authoritative Softball Magazine

Stamford, Connecticut: (The International Softball Publishing Corporation) 1938

\$350

A short-lived periodical, this issue contains Lowell Thomas's article "Confessions of a Softball Manager," recounting his experiences managing the semi-celebrity softball team, the "Nine Old Men."

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9. (Basketball)

V-Five Association of America, prepared by

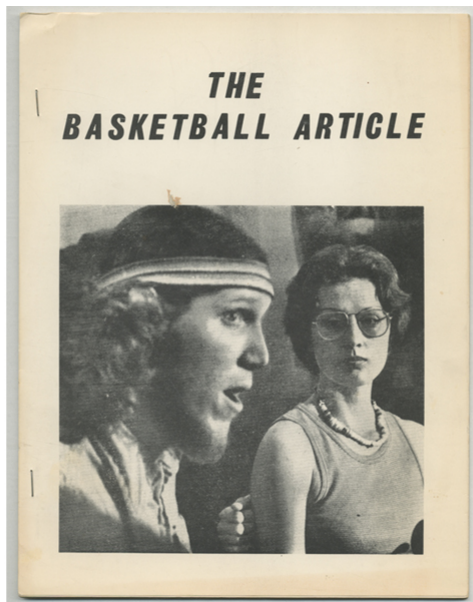
Basketball [jacket title: Basket Ball]

Annapolis MD: United States Naval Institute (1957)

\$50

Revised edition, reprinted.

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10. (Basketball)

Bernadette MAYER and Anne Waldman

The Basketball Article

(New York): Angel Hair Books (1975)

\$275

An article rejected by both *Oui* magazine, who originally requested the piece, and *The Village Voice*.

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11. (Bicycles)

(Trade catalog): Iver Johnson Bicycles

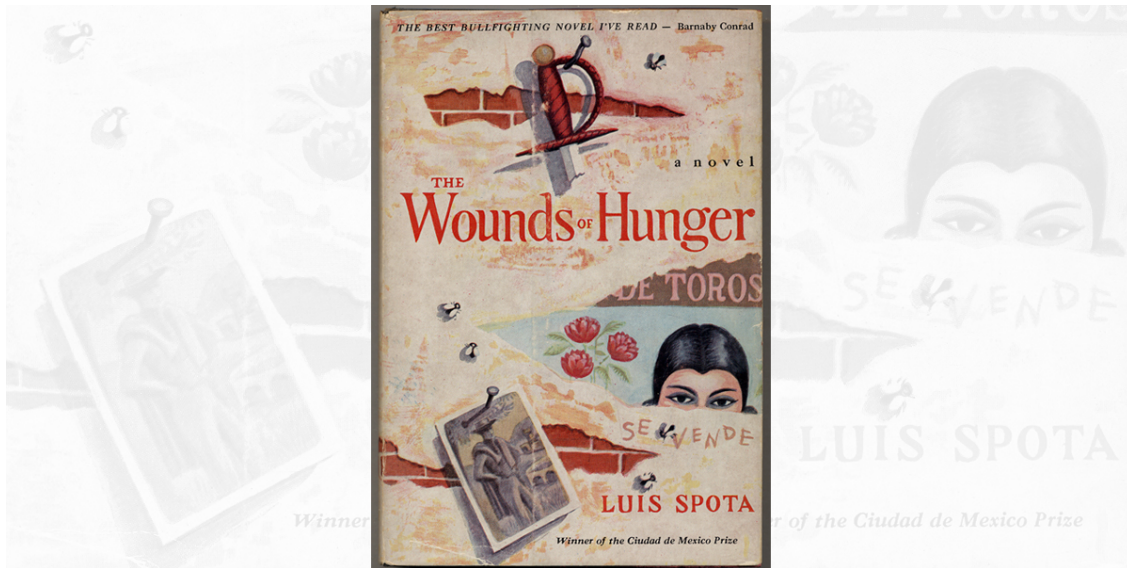
New Edition. Fiftieth Anniversary 1871-1921

Fitchburg, Massachusetts: Iver Johnson's Arms and Cycle Works 1921

\$300

Attractive trade catalog with a wide range of bicycle related products.

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12. (Bullfighting Fiction)

Luis SPOTA

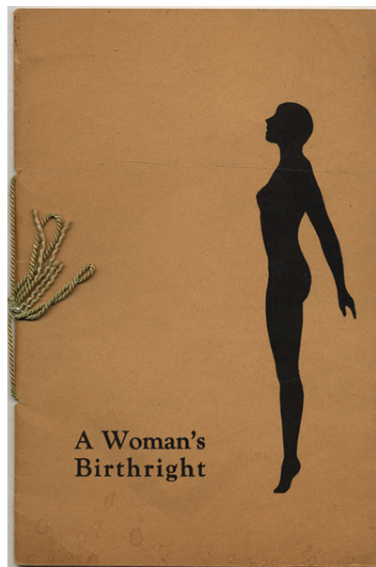
The Wounds of Hunger

Boston: Houghton, Mifflin 1957

\$100

A lovely copy of this important novel about the seamier side of bullfighting which won the Ciudad de Mexico Prize.

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13. (Exercise)

WALLACE

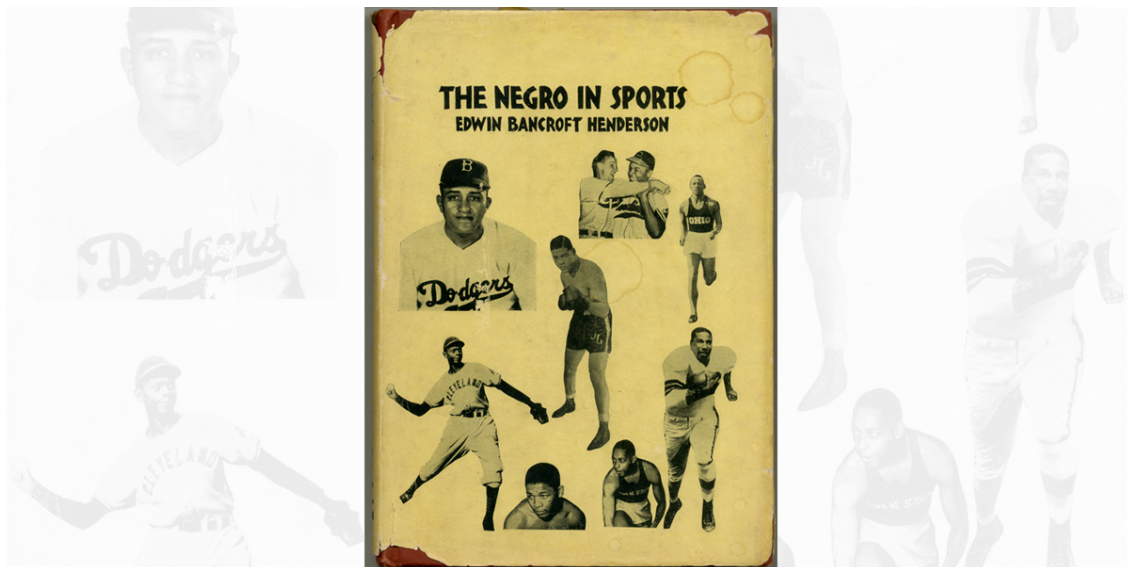
A Woman's Birthright

[No place]: Privately Printed by Wallace 1942

\$35

Testimonials and before-and-after shots of women who used the single-named Wallace's beauty routine and weight control program exercise and a "keep fit to music" routine.

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14. (Football)

Edwin Bancroft HENDERSON

The Negro in Sports

Washington, DC: Associated Publishers, Inc. (1939)

\$800

This copy owned by a Hall of Fame college football coach, Harvey Harman (1900-1969), who played football for the University of Pittsburgh before coaching at Haverford College, the University of Pennsylvania, and Rutgers. Inscribed by the author to Harman with further collegial inscriptions from James Guy Tyson (1899-1970) Howard University football star, lawyer, and director of the American Red Cross; Augustus Oliver Thornton, educator and member of the Improved Benevolent, Protective Order of Elks of the World (IBPOEW); and two others.

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15. (Gay Interest)

(K. ANDERSON)

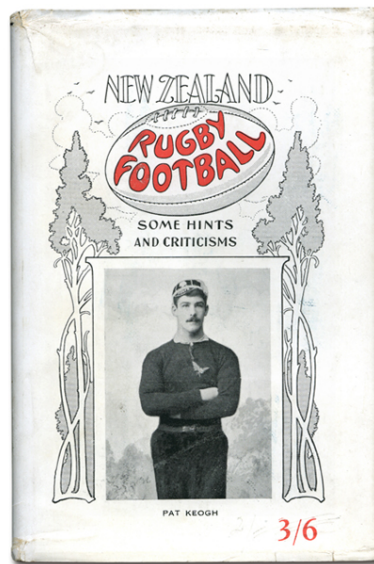
[Poster]: Gay Olympic Games I. San Francisco Aug. 28-Sept. 5, 1982

San Francisco: Gay Olympic Games 1982

\$650

An attractive poster for the very first Gay Olympic-style games created by "K. Anderson" depicting many of the sports also included in the Olympic Games.

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16. (Rugby)

Irwin HUNTER

New Zealand Rugby Football: Some Hints and Criticisms

Auckland: Whitcombe & Tombs Limited (1929)

\$500

First edition.

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17. (Skiing)

E. Freda GOSSAGE

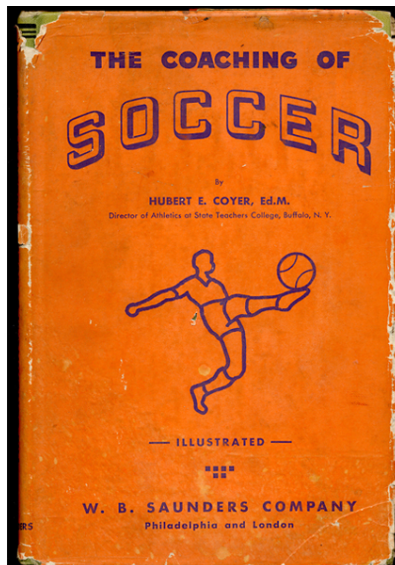
[Photo Album]: One of the Earliest Female Ski Races Compiled by a Member of the First Organization for Women Skiers

Lenzerheide, Switzerland: 1922-1923 / 1927

\$3500

An album depicting what may be the first official women's ski race, created by one of the members of The Ladies' Ski Club, the first organization for women who wanted to ski.

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18. (Soccer)

Hubert E. COYER, Ed.M.

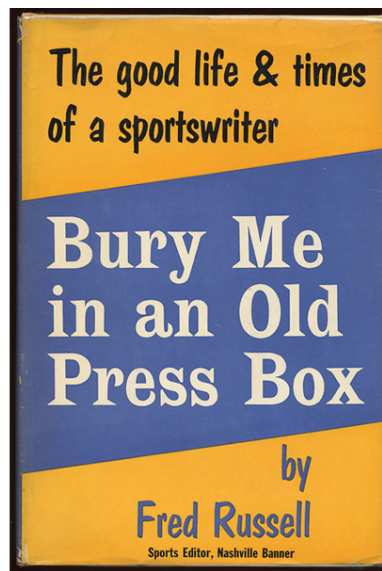
The Coaching of Soccer

Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders Company 1937

\$100

First edition.

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19. (Sportswriting)

Fred RUSSELL

Bury Me in an Old Press Box: Good Times and Life of a Sportswriter

New York: Barnes (1957)

\$65

Russell was the longtime editor of the Nashville Banner, this copy Inscribed to humorist Milt Gross: "To Milt Gross, a real pro writing a sports column. With warm regards. Fred Russell."

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20. (Surfing)

John BRYSON

Original Surfing Photographs

1963

\$450

Original photographs taken by John Bryson, a freelance photographer who worked for *Life*, *Look*, and *Holiday* magazines, with his name stamp on the verso of each, with one dated, "Feb 15 1963."

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