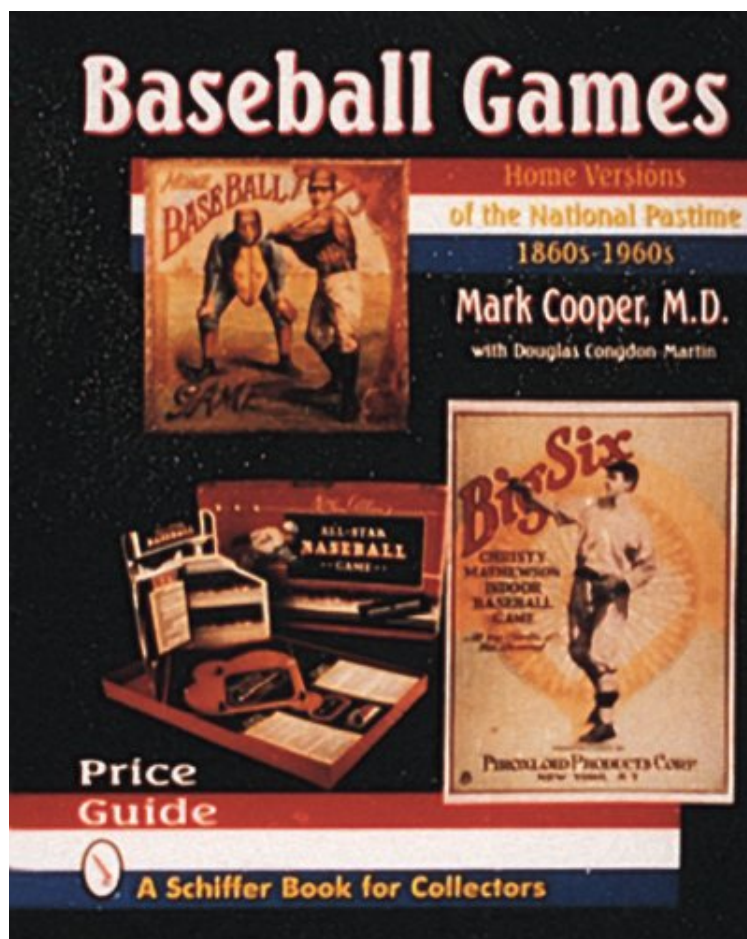




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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great Picture Book, But Not ComprehensiveBy NC from NYThe only book of its kind as far as I know, but that doesn't make it OK for it to include many games from after the 1960's and at the same time exclude the most popular games from the 1960's like APBA, Strat-O-Matic, Negamco, BLM, and various similar games. I have seen many other baseball games that were not in this book, too. So while it's a definite must-have for anyone who wants a history of baseball table games, its omissions as well as inclusions of games that were produced well after the book's title would imply (Brett Ball, 1981 ?) make it fall short of expectations. Why not produce 2 volumes and make each comprehensive for its time period ? The implication of the text is that there were far

too many pinballs and APBA type games and versions to include them, yet many games far beyond the years listed in the title are pictured. So, it's a great picture book, but far from comprehensive. 11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Great Coffee Table book By Bob Carpenter This is simply a picture book of a bunch of baseball games with some organization and text fill. The games are organized by century (18th 19th), and by type (player-endorsed, non-endorsed, card, action and coin-operated). There's a bit of baseball history, but what you'll want this for is the attention to historical detail in the games themselves. There are hundreds of games photographed in a reasonable (if not exceptional) amount of detail; most of the text is just a description of what's in the pictures. Many versions of popular games are compared, with information on how to tell the versions apart, which will be invaluable if you're a collector. For some reason there's four pages on Cadaco, but neither APBA nor Strat-O-Matic get a look in, nor do more contemporary games from 3M or Sports Illustrated or Avalon Hill. Don't expect a forty-dollar art book with prose that'll entertain you into the night. The printing quality, photo quality, and text-quality are only so so. I'm still waiting for the book that compares how the different games are designed strategically and how they play. This one's aimed more at collectors. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. For collectors only By Professor Rowe Baseball Games is a very basic effort: the captions give minimal information, the pictures are just satisfactory, and there's no narrative to put the games in any context. And the price is outlandish !

Baseball and board game collectors alike will be thrilled with this wonderful new book. Illustrated in full-color, it contains nearly every baseball board or table game produced from the 1860s to the 1960s. With the games reflecting the evolution of the National Pastime, this is a visual history of the game. Information about the games is included in accurate captions, and the context for the games in the history of the professional game is provided by the helpful text. There is a wealth of information for collectors, including tips on the dating of games and rating their condition. There is also a price guide to help the collector assess a fair value for the games. All in all this is an important new book for collectors and historians of the game. In a time when board games are giving way to the fast pace of computers, this is a delightful reminder of simpler times. All in all, this is an important new book for collectors and historians of the game. In a time when board games are giving way to the fast pace of computers, this is a delightful reminder of simpler times. Memorabilia from the National Pastime, also published by Schiffer Publishing.

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