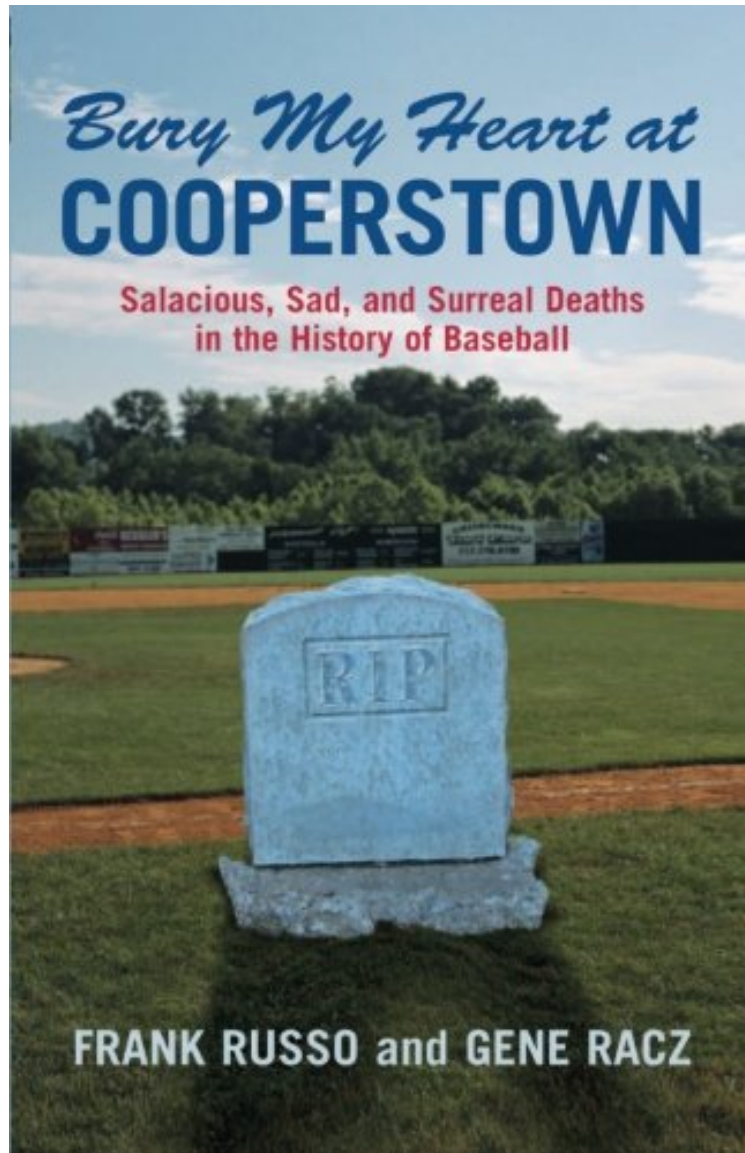


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HaloBallThe book claims to tell about the "salacious, sad and surreal deaths in the history of baseball." The stories in this book are certainly sad. They are also almost entirely mundane. I would expect a book about "surreal" baseball deaths to talk about Hall of Famer Ed Delahanty, who slipped/jumped/was pushed off a bridge over Niagara Falls after being removed from a train. Or Bo Diaz, who was killed by a satellite dish. Yet they are nowhere to be found. A quick perusal of the author's website turns up several intriguing situations: a player who was "hit by a falling weight," one who suffered "gas asphyxiation by his dentist," one who was "crushed by a dump truck." Where are they? What about the players killed by the game itself? Where is Ray Chapman, the only major leaguer killed by a pitch? Where is Jim Creighton, who died from internal injuries suffered while swinging a bat? Where are any of the dozens of minor league players listed on the author's website as having died from playing, including one who died from a collision at home plate and one who was struck by lightning on the field? The book did include a few interesting stories, but most of them are in the first few pages of the first chapter. The rest tend to be tedious stories of unknown players dying in routine fashion.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating BookBy CustomerNot sure why, but this is a really interesting subject - great read. We see players into their thirties or forties, so perhaps a book like this is satisfying because it gives closure. Whatever the reason, I recommend it.

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A HomerunBy Joanne RussoAn entertaining and very interesting book! I was amazed at how some of these bios had me wondering "what was he thinking!?" Others made me shed tears. It is a book filled with the little tidbits of information that you haven't heard over and over again. Once you start reading this book you become captivated with the lives and unfortunate deaths of these baseball greats. I highly recommend it.

An entertaining look at how a number of baseball players have left the game all too soon, this book covers murders, suicides, accidents and bizarre mishaps, deaths by alcoholism, and even deaths by sexually transmitted diseases. The ever amusing and interesting stories include James Phelps, who made a running catch, was bitten by a poisonous snake, finished the game, then promptly died; Harold B. Rowdy Elliott, who fell out of an apartment window in San Francisco in 1934 at the age of 33; Gus Sandberg, whose demise was when he decided to light a match to see how much gas was in the tank of his car; Darnell Stensen, who was shot in the chest and head and run over by his own SUV in 2003 at the age of 25; Len Koenecke, who got his head smashed in by a pilot as he tried to grab controls in the cockpit of a commercial airplane flying from Chicago to Buffalo in 1935; and love-sick, star-struck Bob Lansford, who poisoned himself to death with a picture of a young actress in front of him in 1907. There are countless offbeat facts, trivia, and even specific locations of where many of the ballplayers are buried such as Lou Gehrig, Babe Ruth, Billy Martin, and many more. The book also provides you with a grave-hunting for dummies chapter with tips on how to find your favorite deceased ballplayer.

From BooklistIf you've ever enjoyed a game of dead-guy baseball (choosing all-star teams made up of players with odd deaths), here is an indispensable reference. When Russo started his Web site (thedeadballera.com), he wasn't thinking dead guys; the "dead-ball era" refers to that period of early baseball history before the ball was juiced, and the home run became the ticket to fortune. Naturally, though, most of the players Russo researched were, well . . . dead, and many of them died outlandish deaths. Suddenly, Russo had a necrology on his hands, and a bizarre one at that. This volume gives in completely to the ghoulish angle, focusing specifically on the deaths of the dead-ballers with chapters on such somber swan songs as syphilis ("Clap for Your Heroes") and suicide ("Suicide Squeeze"). Unfortunately, the majority of the players from the dead-ball era will have faded from the memories of most fans; one can only hope that Russo plans another volume devoted to death in the live-ball era. You won't respect yourself in the morning, but you won't put this one down either. Bill OttCopyright American Library Association. All rights reservedFrom the Publisher"Baseball devotees will love this book for their own reasons, but so will non-acolytes. Maybe in different sets of hands that would have been impossible to pull off. But in Frank Russos and Gene Raczs hands, what you're about to read will soon become one of those books where the corners of the pages quickly wear away from overuse." from the foreword by New York Post sportswriter Mike VaccaroAbout the Author