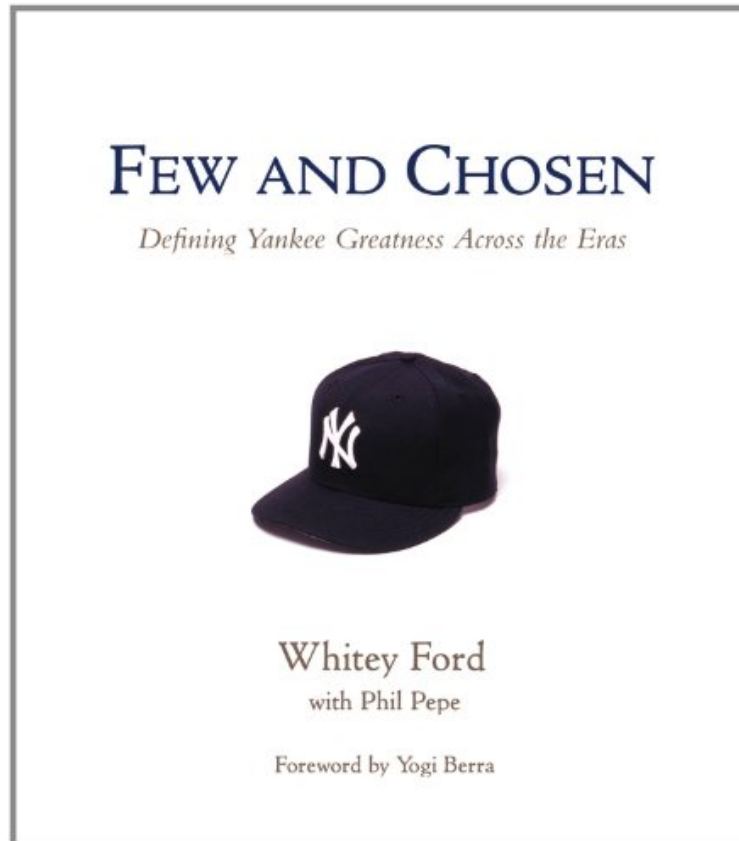


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Whitey Ford, a Hall of Fame pitcher with the Yankees for 16 seasons, gives unique insight and takes on the challenge

of selecting the five best players at each position in the franchise's history, which includes 26 World Series championships and 36 American League pennants a legacy no other team comes close to achieving. Featured players include Joe DiMaggio, Phil Rizzuto, Yogi Berra, Mickey Mantle, Johnny Mize, and Enos Slaughter.

From Publishers Weekly Instead of the Grand Unifying Theory about what makes the Yankees great that Ford's title promises, his book simply offers his certainly eminent opinions about the all-time best Bronx Bombers at each position. He uncovers no explanations scientific, spiritual or otherwise for that elemental Yankee *je ne sais quoi*. Ford engagingly discusses his former teammates and coaches, divulging personal experiences and anecdotes. He is less successful on players who preceded or succeeded him. He adds no new insight, for instance, into Babe Ruth or Lou Gehrig, protesting that he never saw them play. Still, charming anecdotes about his predecessors occasionally surface: once, Hall-of-Famer Tony Lazzeri secretly filled Babe Ruth's eyedrops bottle with water, then later complained of dry eyes and, borrowing Babe's "medicine," terrified his friend by drinking it. The book's problems are inherent to any such project, and Ford does as well as the next guy. His down-to-earth, sometimes simplistic writing makes for a quick read. Sidebars by other Yankee greats break up the text with additional opinions about the players being discussed, but they never quite disagree with the author, and therefore don't do much to enhance this workmanlike addition to Yankee lore. (Oct.) Forecast: Despite its flaws, Yankee loyalists will enjoy the book, and the Chairman of the Board's name will help sales. Fans of other teams might not buy it, for obvious reasons. With an October release, the book's fate could ultimately be decided by how far the Yankees go in the postseason. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Chockfull of personal anecdotes, Ford's book undertakes a difficult task: to rank the top players and managers from major league baseball's most storied franchise. This offering by the former great Yankee southpaw will pique controversy, weighted as it is toward Ford's teammates and others he viewed in action. At the same time, legendary figures like Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, and Tony Lazzeri are hardly given short shrift. In one sense, the book's sweep is even broader than might be anticipated as Ford explores much of the Yankees' history over the past 80 years. Humor is abundant, with tales of Yogi Berra and off-field antics, but pathos is present too, through the recounting of Roger Maris's difficult quest to break Ruth's single-season home run record. Best of all, Ford produces something of an autobiography by sharing his earliest days on the Yankees, dealings with good friends Mickey Mantle and Billy Martin, and the camaraderie that characterized the team during the Fifties and mid-Sixties. For public libraries. R.C. Cottrell, California State Univ., Chico Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Have you ever wanted to sit down with a baseball great and just hear him talk? That's what reading this nicely paced, low-key compilation is like. Former Yankee great Whitey Ford picks the best Yanks of all time, choosing five players for each position, including manager, judged only on their years in New York. Sometimes Whitey goes on at some length about a player he knew well; other times it is just a paragraph, but it is always genial and informative. Sidebars, mostly interviews, include one from 1987 by Billy Martin in his own defiant style and an affectionate one from 1986 by Mickey Mantle on Ford. Stray cool facts--what fans live for--from the text: Ford thinks relief pitching constitutes the biggest change ever in baseball; the Yankees had only four catchers over 43 seasons (Dickey, Berra, Howard, and Munson); the first Italian American in the majors was Ping Bodie (real name Francesco Pezzolo), who came to the Yankees in 1918. Good fun. Grace Anne DeCandido Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved