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6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. A Must-Buy for all Baseball FansBy wrbtuThe Duke has written a wonderful book here that really brings the reader down baseball's memory lane in fine style. It's printed on very high quality glossy paper the photos therefore are shown with great clarity. Duke was the best of the three great Centerfielders when they all played together as starters in New York City from 1954-1957 (the other two being Willie Mays Mickey Mantle). Unfortunately, The Duke's career ended sooner than those two (due to injuries), so today he is not as well remembered not as often spoken or written about. Some of my favorite parts of this book are Johnny Podres' description of the greatest catch he ever saw (in 1953, by The Duke), Don Zimmer's explanation for why The Duke didn't receive all of the credit as a great fielder that he deserved. In this book, Duke lists the Top 5 Dodgers of all-time at each position. I agree with just about all of his choices; he surprised me by remembering how good Preacher Roe was ranking him as #2 Lefty Pitcher behind Sandy Koufax, which I believe is accurate. The one ranking

I don't agree with his listing of Centerfielders, because his own modesty prevented him from ranking himself in the Top 5. C'mon Duke, we all know that you're Number 1! A very high class book in all respects. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Dodger history By Shive 1969 A great book on so many great Dodgers in history. I grew up rooting for the L.A. Dodgers and this book filled in my understanding of the past history of great ones I didn't know about it. Only flaw is Duke Snider doesn't rate himself as highly as he should. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. duke reminisces By Probabilistic Person I recommend this book to all old dodger fans that is circa Brooklyn. The Duke was my favorite player and he waxes eloquently about those he played with and against.

Duke Snider, former Dodgers great and Hall of Famer who played on both coasts, selects the top five players at each position and the top five Dodgers managers in this exciting compilation. Evoking cherished memories of one of the richest histories in sports and spotlighting the luminescent talent that has worn Dodgers blue, the book includes profiles of Zach Wheat, Burleigh Grimes, Jackie Robinson, Sandy Koufax, Gil Hodges, Steve Garvey, and Fernando Valenzuela.

From the Inside Flap Talk about a dream team: imagine what it would be like to take a franchise with as rich a history as the Brooklyn/Los Angeles Dodgers with all of the wonderfully gifted athletes who graced the uniform over the past century and assemble a lineup using only the very best players from that elite group? You'd probably take Sandy Koufax as your top left-handed pitcher, although who could forget Fernando Valenzuela or Johnny Podres? Would Don Drysdale be your choice as top right-handed pitcher or would you go with Dazzy Vance, the best thing going on for some very mediocre Dodgers teams of the 20s, or maybe you'd choose a couple of other Dons, Newcombe or Sutton? It doesn't get any easier at other positions. Would it be Hall of Famer Roy Campanella or future Hall of Famer Mike Piazza behind the plate? Jackie Robinson seems the best choice at second base but how do you ignore 10-time All Star and Hall of Famer Billy Herman? With all the incredible talent the Dodgers have had over the years, whether in Brooklyn or Los Angeles, it becomes a fairly enticing and challenging exercise. Former Dodger great Duke Snider, who spent 16 seasons with the Dodgers and played in both Brooklyn and Los Angeles and who has witnessed more than half a century of Dodgers baseball, is up to that challenge. In *Few and Chosen*, he has ranked the top five Dodgers at each position and the top five managers. Breaking down the strengths and weaknesses of dozens of ballplayers from different eras, Snider reveals his conclusions in this richly illustrated compilation of Dodgers memories. The finished product is an entertaining and informative inside look at the best players to be part of this great and revered franchise. By bringing together the legends of Dodgers lore, as well as the teams contemporary superstars, Snider has created the ultimate tribute to the Brooklyn/Los Angeles Dodgers while sparking lively debate among fans who hail from both coasts. About the Author Duke Snider is a former MLB center fielder who played for the Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers. He is a member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Phil Pepe is the author of more than 40 books on sports, including collaborations with Yankees legends Mickey Mantle, Billy Martin, and Whitey Ford. He is a former Yankees beat writer for the New York Daily News and a former president of the Baseball Writers Association of America. Don Zimmer is a former MLB infielder, manager, and coach. He made his MLB playing debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1954.