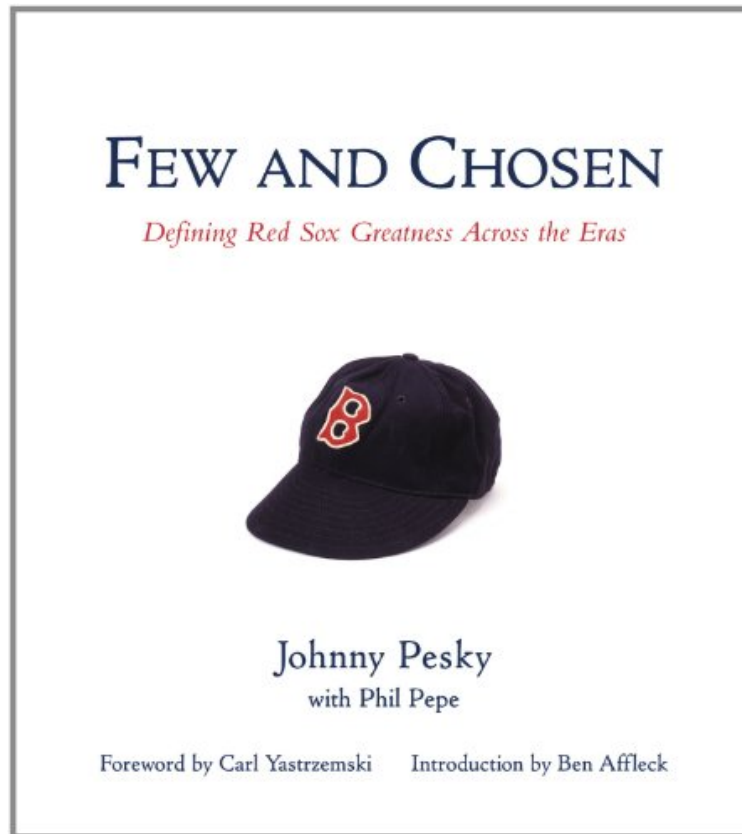


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Boston Red Sox icon Johnny Pesky ranks the five best players at each position to ever take the field in this subjective

analysis. Featured players include Mo Vaughn, Jimmie Foxx, Ted Williams, Cy Young, Roger Clemens, Pedro Martinez, Jim Rice, Bill Lee, and Nomar Garciaparra.

From the Publisher "Because of his long association with the team, who better to choose an all-time Red Sox team than Peksy? And because he has been associated with every Red Sox player over the past 60 years, I am honored and flattered that Johnny has seen fit to find a place for me on that team at not one, but three different positions." - From the Foreword by Carl Yastrzemski "The 'Pesky Pole' still stands in Fenway Park as a monument to the greatness of the team and its storied history. So does John Pesky." -From the Introduction by Ben Affleck

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 Boston Red Sox have - with all of the wonderfully gifted athletes who have graced their uniform over the past century - and assemble a lineup using only the very best players from the elite group. Would you take Roger Clemens or Pedro Martinez as your number one starting pitcher? Or would it be Cy Young or Babe Ruth - just to toss out a couple of names? In left field, your choices might include great players like Jim Rice and Carl Yastrzemski. But if you could put just one name in the top spot, wouldn't it have to be Ted Williams? With all of the incredible talent the Red Sox have had over the years, it becomes an enticing - and challenging - exercise. Former Sox great Johnny Pesky was up to that challenge; in *Few and Chosen*, he has ranked the top five all-time Boston Red Sox players at each position, as well as the team's top five managers. Pesky watched many of the candidates play as he traveled from ballfield to ballfield developing the tools and knowledge that would mark his own life in baseball. He played with or against many others over the years - many of which he spent in Boston - as a major league shortstop during baseball's golden ages, the forties and fifties. And he has spent the better part of the past five decades evaluating talent and working with players as a manager, coach, scout, and broadcaster within the Red Sox organization. If anyone is qualified for an undertaking such as this, it's Pesky. Breaking down the strengths and weaknesses of dozens of ballplayers from different eras, Pesky reveals his conclusions and rankings in *Few and Chosen: Defining Red Sox Greatness Across the Eras*. The finished product is an entertaining and informative insider look at the best players to be a part of this great franchise. By bringing together the legends of Sox lore, as well as the team's contemporary superstars, Pesky has created the ultimate tribute to the Boston Red Sox while also fanning the flames of debate among the most passionate fans in sports.

About the Author

Johnny Pesky has served the Red Sox in virtually every capacity as an All-Star player, a coach, a manager, a broadcaster, and a goodwill ambassador over parts of seven decades. A Boston legend, Pesky has worn the uniform longer than anyone else, and his namesake Pesky Pole marks the right field foul line at Fenway Park. 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. Carl Yastrzemski is a former player for the Boston Red Sox, a member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, an 18-time All-Star, and the recipient of seven Gold Gloves. Ben Affleck is a critically acclaimed filmmaker, an actor, and a philanthropist. He is a fan of the Boston Red Sox.