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Description:

From *Starred Review* The plains states were particularly hard hit during the Depression. Between the economic issues and the drought, small farms folded by the hundreds, and the relief programs were underfunded and poorly run. Still, in the midst of it all, there was a need for people to be entertained and briefly forget their troubles. Neil Churchill, a Bismarck, North Dakota, car dealer, decided a baseball team was just the thing to help his neighbors forget. So, in an era when the Major Leagues only fielded teams east of the Mississippi, and the rest of the country made do with town- and company-sponsored semipro teams, Churchill's plan was met with great enthusiasm. When he assembled his roster, Churchill picked the best players he could find, and some of them were black! Remember, this was more than a decade before Jackie Robinson would play in the majors. Award-

winning journalist Dunkel has not only researched and presented a virtually forgotten but very significant piece of sports history, he has also done it in a very entertaining, narrative-nonfiction style. The principals, particularly Churchill and his players (including Satchel Paige) just simply come alive. Baseball fans will cherish this book, and it will become required reading among those who feel we can better understand today's racial tensions by looking to the past. --Wes Lukowsky --
This text refers to the edition.

Review "A delightful read. This is a tale worth telling." □*The Washington Post*

"Dunkel tells one of the great untold stories about baseball history, one that almost sounds too good to be true." □*The Chicago Tribune*

"Dunkel's enthralling narrative of Bismarck's talented collection of white and black players falls into the 'must-read' category." □*The Cleveland Plain Dealer*

□A terrific book. . . . It is funny, it is sad, it is spellbinding, required reading for anyone who loves baseball, who loves a vivid story well-told. . . . *Color Blind* is crammed with characters . . . laced with joy, rocked by sadness, framed by the civil rights struggle. . . . If you want to understand America, you have to understand baseball." □*Philadelphia Daily News*

"Dunkel writes with a passion and flair that matches the gritty, hardscrabble North Dakota landscape and culture of the Great Depression. His meticulous research and clever writing blows the dust off a forgotten □ but important □ chapter in baseball history. A fascinating addition to baseball's library." □*The Tampa Tribune*

"A little-known but charming narrative that affirms baseball as a cornucopia of good stories." □*The Daily Beast*

□A tale as fantastic as it is true, as American as racism and baseball. □ Dunkel's extensive research shows □ there's enough detail here to satisfy the most rabid fan □ and his portraits of Troupe, Paige, and Churchill are lively and warm." □*Boston Globe*

□*Color Blind* is an amazing story of black and white that should be read all over." □John Thorn, Official Historian, Major League Baseball and author of *Baseball in the Garden of Eden*

"Give an exceptional storyteller an exceptional story to tell, and you just might wind up with a book as good as Tom Dunkel's *Color Blind*." □Gene Weingarten, *Washington Post* columnist and feature writer, two-time winner of The Pulitzer Prize

"[A] wonderful book. *Color Blind* captures Satch and his Negro League pals at their absolute rollicking best. What a fabulous addition to the literature of our national pastime!" □Timothy M. Gay, author of *Satch, Dizzy, and Rapid Robert: The Wild Saga of Interracial Baseball Before Jackie Robinson*

□Remarkable." □*The Star Tribune* (Minneapolis)

□Very entertaining. . . . Baseball fans will cherish this book." □*Booklist* (starred review)

"Dunkel delves into the history of players, towns, and baseball itself in constructing this portrait of a harmonious team rising above a segregated society. . . . a story that transcends championships, and an inspirational reflection on an otherwise dismal human rights history." □*Publishers Weekly*

“Tom Dunkel’s wonderfully reported book *Color Blind* casts a spotlight on a long overlooked but fascinating corner of baseball history.” *San Antonio Express-News*

Dunkel well describes the loosey-goosey, not quite minor-league level of America’s regional teams in the 1920s and 30s, with ballplayers bouncing across the map to join one team and then another. A happy story.” *San Francisco Chronicle*

Painstakingly researched. [here] is Paige in all his maddening glory . . . against a sepia backdrop of drought, dust storms, and swarms of grasshoppers at the depth of the Depression.” *Washington Independent Review of Books*

A rich history.” *Bismarck Tribune*
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