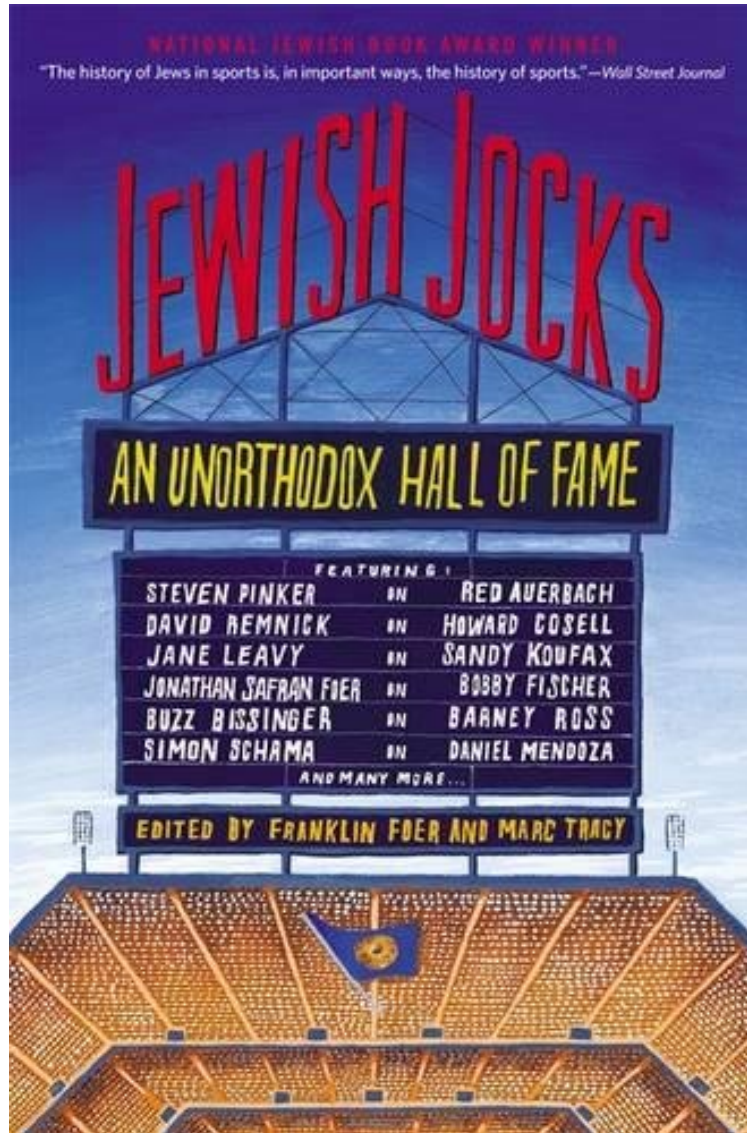


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**From Twelve : Jewish Jocks: An Unorthodox Hall of Fame** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Jewish Jocks: An Unorthodox Hall of Fame:

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. RICK "SHAQ" GOLDSTEIN SAYS: "THE BIG LEBOWSKI: 3,000 YEARS OF BEAUTIFUL TRADITION: FROM MOSES TO SANDY KOUFAX"By Rick Shaq Goldstein"Jewish Jocks" is the perfect formula for all that is special in modern Jewish literature... history past and present... more sorrow than any one people deserve to be burdened with... denigration that many don't... won't... and

shouldn't put up with... writing that from paragraph to paragraph can range from poetic... to humorous... to agonizingly emotional if you are a true member of the tribe... role models in areas you may not have thought to look for them in... and the beautiful sense of family and pride over the centuries... and yes... more and more Jewish idols and role models in sports! The very short stories that range from Sid Luckman to Sandy Koufax... and from Mose Soloman (whose signing by John McGraw and the Giants led to the following headline in the Sporting News: "McGRAW PAYS 50K FOR ONLY JEWISH BALLPLAYER IN CAPTIVITY.") to boxing champion Barney Ross whose story written by Buzz Bissinger is probably the most powerful six page story you'll read in many a year! The multiplicity of authors with subjects ranging from boxers from over 250 years ago to ping pong players to a basketball coach named Auerbach who never paid "retail" for the stars he acquired through trades, in what history has proven to be almost always one-sided in \*THE-RED\*... also include members of the tribe of Israel that are infamous as well. Including Arnold Rothstein who was part of the throwing of the 1919 World Series as well as Jack Molinas who helped throw basketball games from all sides of the court. What makes each short story provide a larger impact to the reader than the mere total of the pages... is that you can feel the personal heartfelt feelings in almost every writer's story. In my opinion this book is not unlike a top athlete who can hit, field, run, throw and hit with power. This book can make you laugh... and make you want to cry. You are reminded of the Holocaust... and really what human being should ever forget that... with facts such as: "Three quarters of Dutch Jewry was murdered in the Holocaust, a higher proportion than anywhere else in western Europe"... it motivates you when the great Hank Greenberg said about all the anti-Semitic attacks: "IT DROVE ME TO DO BETTER, TO PROVE THAT A JEW COULD BE A BALLPLAYER." And the humor... "G-d made the Gentiles because someone had to buy retail." There are so many great stories in this one book... and I'd be amiss to not make note of the one on the great prideful Al Rosen who fought back on and off the baseball field against the despicable anti-Semitism he faced and it "only intensified Rosen's Jewish identity." There's a lot to be learned for both Jews and Gentiles in this book... from the fact "Between the two world wars, there were twenty-six Jewish boxing champions, including two of the greatest fighters of the era, Benny Leonard and Barney Ross"... to the tough as nails Jewish quarterback who changed the game by the name of Sid Luckman... "Sid (changing yet another stereotype) is remembered less for his brain than for his brawn. It was impossible to keep Sid Luckman out of a crucial contest. Like Moshe Dayan or Bugsy Siegel, he was the big Yid who tells the world, "YOU THINK YOU KNOW US, BUT YOU'RE WRONG." P.S. And a little humor for the road: "Arnold Rothstein is the price we pay for Albert Einstein." 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Unimpressive By M. White The book is completely unimpressive. After Sandy Koufax, there isn't much of any interest. There are not many people of the Jewish faith in the higher echelons of sports, insofar as athletes are concerned, at least that are covered in this book. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. More Than Sports By seahorse 50 This is a rich and erudite review of Jews as citizens as well as athletes. Not all of the Jews are jocks and not all of them are white hats (Arnold Rothstein). This is a work of history and anthropology. The heroes here had to overcome bigotry and stereotypes, yet were allowed to walk with Kings. We are also reminded that Jews were not truly emancipated until well into the middle of the 20th century. It suggests that Sports is The Great Emancipator. Take a look at Kinsler playing second base for the Texans: a five skill athlete. Then look over into the dugout at his boss. Then look at the Dallas NBA franchise. The individual struggles of Jewish Jocks have had societal impacts far beyond their intentions.

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"Marc Tracy and Franklin Foer have compiled JEWISH JOCKS: An Unorthodox Hall of Fame, essays on 'the most influential Jews in sports,' from athletes, coaches, and owners to broadcasters and statisticians. David Remnick, David Brooks, Jonathan Safran Foer, Jane Leavy, and Steven Pinker are among the heavyweight contributors. You'll laugh, you'll cry." Publishers Weekly, Top 10 Sports Books Fall 2012 Editor's Choice: "Fifty well-written brief portraits." The New York Times Book "Jewish Jocks' ends up convincing you of its theme: The history of Jews in sports is, in important ways, the history of sports." Will Leitch, Wall Street Journal "A must for the bookshelf of any Jewish sports fan." Kirkus "Belies the cheap punch line [to] prove that the Jewish sporting tradition is as rich as it is varied. Jewish Jocks features notable writers in peak form." Sports Illustrated "A skillfull collection... through its sheer comprehensiveness, JEWISH JOCKS also makes the argument that the Jewish athlete isn't an anomaly." Los Angeles Times "The history of Jews in sports is, in important ways, the history of sports." Wall Street Journal About the Author Franklin Foer is editor of the New Republic and a Schwartz Fellow at the New America Foundation. He is the author of How Soccer Explains the World: An Unlikely Theory of Globalization.