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“Baseball fields are places of magic and wonder, even those that aren’t cut out of Iowa cornfields, because they marry the elegance of geometry with the fascination of history (which is only a fancy name for story-telling) more effectively than any place but a church.”

BILL LITTLEFIELD

“We’re a crowd animal, a highly gregarious, communicative species, but the culture and the age and all the fear that fills our days have put almost everyone into little boxes, each of us alone. But baseball, if we love it, gives us back our place in the crowd. It restores us.”

ANNE LAMOTT

“Too many of those who steward the game still don’t understand that they hold baseball in trust for the public and that baseball deserves better.”

FAY VINCENT

“Baseball teams go south every spring to cripple their players. In the old days they only stayed a couple of weeks, and they couldn’t get many of them hurt in that time, but, nowadays, they stay till they get them all hurt.”

WILL ROGERS

“A manager’s job is simple. For 162 games, you try not to screw up all that smart stuff your organization did last December.”

EARL WEAVER

“It’s always the same. Combs walks. Koenig singles. Ruth hits one out of the park. Gehrig doubles. Lazzeri triples. Then Dugan goes in the dirt on his can.”

JOE DUGAN

“Every time I look at my pocketbook, I see Jackie Robinson.”

WILLIE MAYS

“I am not concerned with your liking or disliking me. . . . All I ask is that you respect me as a human being.”

BOB GIBSON

“Baseball is our national game.”

CALVIN COOLIDGE

“I never thought about being a writer as I grew up; a writer wasn’t something to be. An outfielder was something to be. Most of what I know about style I learned from Roberto Clemente.”

JOHN SAYLES

“A properly hurled knuckleball seems to make up its own rules on its way to the plate. It floats, flutters, twitches, lurches, and dives.”

JAMES GLEICK

“They’ve got a lot of names for pitches now, but there are only so many ways you can throw a baseball.”

PETE REISER

“Every time I sign a ball, and there must have been thousands, I thank my luck that I wasn’t born Coveleski or Wambsganss or Peckinpough.”

MEL OTT

“I’ve seen the future and it’s much like the present, only longer.”

DAN QUISENBERRY

“You try to get that game out of your mind, but it never leaves you.”

JAMES “COOL PAPA” BELL

“Baseball has the great advantage over cricket of being sooner ended.”

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

“What do you expect from a northpaw world?”

BILL LEE