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From Publishers Weekly

Four World Series defeats and two playoff losses are among the numerous misfortunes that have befallen the Boston Red Sox in the 70 years since their sale of Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees. "In story after story of near-triumph, the book should delight the team's most fanatically loyal followers, who will find it the verbal equivalent of a hair shirt," said PW .

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Review

Shaughnessy emerges as something like a jock's Hawthorne, evoking the muse and writing of witchcraft, foiled heroism, and the scarlett letter B upon every Red Sox fan's breast. (Scott Booth, *The National*)

A wonderful book that performs magnificently on every level—history, as mythology, as drama, and as pure entertainment. (Doris Kearns Goodwin)

The quintessential New England horror story. Read it and weep. (Stephen King)

About the Author

Dan Shaughnessy is a sports columnist for the **Boston Globe**. He is the author of numerous books on Boston's rich sports history, including **Ever Green: The Story of the Boston Celtics** and **One Strike Away**.

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