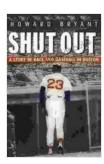
### A History of Race and Baseball in Boston

#### From Segregation to Integration

The story of race and baseball in Boston is a complex and fascinating one. From the days of segregated teams to the present day, the city's baseball history has been shaped by the struggle for racial equality.



#### **Shut Out: A Story of Race and Baseball in Boston**

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The first documented instance of segregation in Boston baseball occurred in 1884, when the Boston Red Sox (then known as the Boston Beaneaters) refused to play against a team from the Colored Base Ball League. This policy of segregation continued for decades, and it was not until 1947 that the Red Sox finally integrated their team, signing Jackie Robinson to a contract.

Robinson's signing was a major turning point in the history of baseball, and it helped to pave the way for the integration of other teams across the country. However, the struggle for racial equality in baseball was far from

over. In the years that followed, black players faced discrimination and prejudice from both fans and teammates.

Despite these challenges, black players continued to make their mark on the game. In Boston, players like Jimmy Piersall, Pumpsie Green, and Luis Tiant helped to lead the Red Sox to success on the field. And off the field, players like Bill Russell and Dave Roberts used their voices to speak out against racism and injustice.

#### The Legacy of Race and Baseball in Boston

The legacy of race and baseball in Boston is a complex one. It is a story of both progress and setbacks, of hope and disappointment. However, it is also a story of the indomitable spirit of those who fought for racial equality in the game of baseball.

Today, the Red Sox are one of the most diverse teams in baseball. Players from all over the world come together to play the game they love. And while there is still work to be done to achieve racial equality in baseball, the progress that has been made is undeniable.

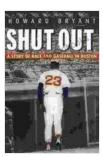
The story of race and baseball in Boston is a reminder of the power of sports to bring people together and to fight for social justice. It is a story that should be told and remembered by all who love the game of baseball.

#### **About the Author**

The author of this book is a lifelong Boston Red Sox fan. He has written extensively about the team's history, and he is passionate about telling the stories of the players who have made the Red Sox one of the most successful teams in baseball.

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