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Glenn Stout has been the series editor of *The Best American Sports Writing* since its inception. Richard A. Johnson is the curator of the Sports Museum. Together they have written numerous critically acclaimed sports books, including *Yankees Century: 100 Years of New York Yankees Baseball* and *The Dodgers: 120 Years of Dodgers Baseball*. Widely regarded as first-rate baseball historians, the authors have appeared on NPR, ESPN, HBO, the History Channel, and numerous regional television and radio stations.

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