

Games We Used to Play

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Synopsis

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In these essays, written between 1954 and 1990, bestselling author Roger Kahn touches on locker-room controversies and politics, while inviting readers to share in the passion, grace, energy, and intense concentration involved in playing sports. Kahn pays warm tribute to his special heroes, Jackie Robinson, Roger Maris and Carl Furillo, along with those he particularly admired in the press box, John Lardner and Red Smith. Kahn also esteems football lineman Merlin Olsen, hockey goalie Glenn Hall, cager Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, outfielder Mickey Mantle, boxing promoter Don King, and last piece, "Story Without a Hero," about Pete Rose.

Reader's comments

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In 'Games We Used to Play,' Roger Kahn invites readers on a nostalgic journey through the lens of sports and personal anecdotes, capturing the essence of a bygone era. Kahn's storytelling is both poignant and insightful, blending his profound understanding of sports with a reflective look at how games have shaped our lives and society. His writing evokes a sense of yearning for the simplicity and camaraderie that sports once represented, acting as a time capsule that preserves the memories and emotions tied to these experiences. The book is not merely a tribute to the past but also a commentary on the evolution of sports culture, deftly exploring themes of change, loss, and the enduring power of play. Kahn's prose is elegant yet accessible, making it a delightful read for both sports enthusiasts and those who cherish the universal connections formed through shared experiences. Overall, 'Games We Used to Play' is a heartfelt homage to the past, offering readers a chance to reflect on the games that have touched their lives and the timeless lessons they impart.

â€”â€” Emily Carter (2026-05-30 17:09:13)