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Description:

Review

A deeply old-fashioned treatise in which a statistic of Mr. Taylor's devising (potential runs per game) is used to rate the top hitters in history by era, position and role... Charming.

(Tim Marchman *Wall Street Journal* 2011-01-00)

This book recounts the careers of hundreds of baseball players and measures their performance according to different yardsticks. It is nostalgic for me because I knew many of them from my playing days and many others from my subsequent days in organized baseball. It should be an invaluable aid to those interested in the players of the past and how they compare with the players of today.

(Johnny Pesky, former Boston Red Sox shortstop, manager, and long-time member of the Red Sox organization)

What an intriguing read! Of all the measurements that have been incorporated to determine value over the last 20 years, *The Runmakers*, with its 'bases per plate appearance,' in my opinion, is the closest formula to define the greatness of hitters. From Babe Ruth through the dead ball era, lowering of the mound, and the emergence of Bonds, McGwire, Sosa, and the 70-home run seasons, Taylor gets it right.

(Ray Knight, 1986 World Series MVP, former manager of the Cincinnati Reds, and television announcer for the Washington Nationals)

Most baseball statistical analysts believe that 'traditional' measures of player performance—batting average, runs batted in, and so on—are lacking... In Taylor's model, the key measure is 'bases per plate appearance'... This is a compelling model.

(Choice 2011-01-00)

About the Author

Frederick E. Taylor is a lifelong baseball fan and player. A retired professor of American government, he also worked for the United States Department of Commerce and Department of Defense. This is his first book.

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