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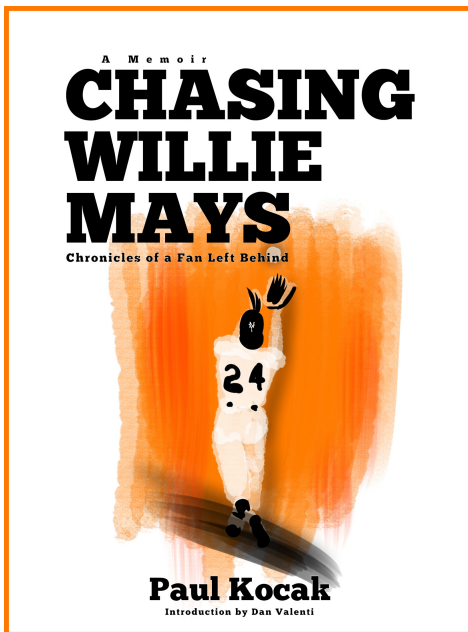
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Chasing Willie Mays

Chronicles of a Fan Left Behind

By Paul Kocak



What if your hero is forced to abandon you and you can't let go?

Spanning a baseball fan's life, this memoir explores hero worship, coming of age, and obsession. **Paul Kocak** grew up as a New York Giants fan in baseball's golden age. When the boy's team moved to San Francisco, he became a fan in exile. We relive backyard fantasies playing Wiffle Ball and Hitting Them Out. We learn of a heart-breaking teenage drowning of the narrator's neighbor. The chronicle's time line coincides with the assassination of JFK, Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam War. He encounters Hall of Famer Willie McCovey, former Cy Young winner Vida Blue — and Willie Mays. With a subtext of addiction and recovery, *Chasing Willie Mays* travels coast-to-coast and into the soul with grace, insight, and humor.

"Paul Kocak captures what it was like to grow up as a baseball fan in Stamford, Connecticut, our hometown. Along the way, he recalls a golden era of New York baseball."—Bobby Valentine, former manager of the New York Mets and Boston Red Sox

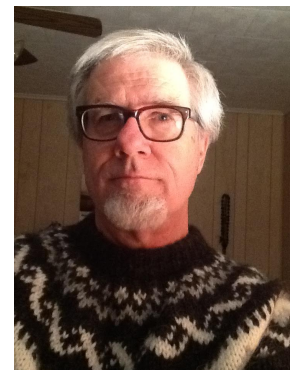
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Paul Kocak is the author of *Baseball's Starry Night*, which Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Doris Kearns Goodwin called "a magical book about a magical night." Born in Stamford, Connecticut, he lives in Syracuse. This is his seventh book.



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