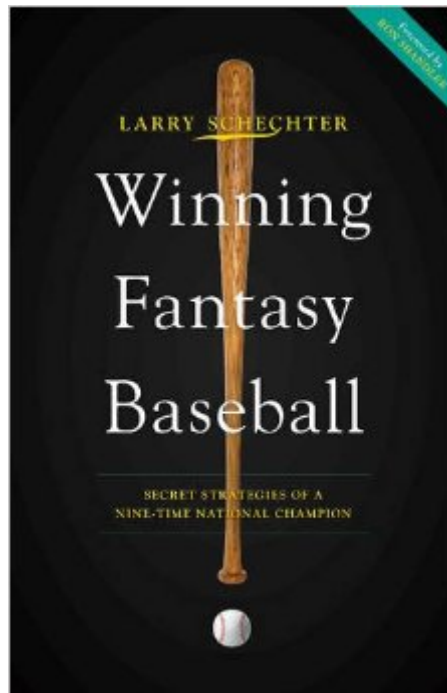


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Winning Fantasy Baseball: Secret Strategies Of A Nine-Time National Champion



Synopsis

Play smart. Play to win. Play like a champion. In *Winning Fantasy Baseball*, Larry Schechter discloses the secrets of his proven methods. Packed with commonsense, easy-to-use strategies for beginners through experienced players, Schechter supplies readers with a toolkit to achieve the most important thing in fantasy ball--winning! Some have called Schechter one of the best fantasy baseball players in the world. He is a two-time winner of the CDM Sports national salary-cap challenge, having defeated 7,500 competitors in 2002 and 6,000 in 2005. He is also a six-time winner of the renowned Tout Wars experts league and a one-time winner of the USA Today-sponsored League of Alternative Baseball Reality (LABR). Readers will learn directly from the champ everything they need to know about: - how to project player stats; - how to convert those stats into a specific value; - strategy for snake drafts, and mono-league and mixed auctions; - selecting teams using a salary cap; - playing in keeper leagues; - and performing in-season management. Although the book is primarily about fantasy baseball, many of the concepts also apply to fantasy football and other fantasy sports.

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No longer do you have to buy a book or search for an article that explains draft/auction strategy, player valuation, in-season strategy, etc separately. *Winning Fantasy Baseball* has it all in one book. The draft and auction strategy sections were spot on and really drove home some very important points, while identifying many of the mistakes fantasy owners continue to make. Schechter's writing style is easy to read and understand and there is no doubt that your fantasy baseball skills will take

a giant leap forward after reading.

I enjoyed reading through *Winning Fantasy Baseball*, and will continue to reference back to it as I prepare for my drafts, and throughout the season. It is absolutely applicable to both hardcore fantasy players, and beginners. It is dry informational type reading and at times can get pretty nerdy with various player value formulas etc. What this book allowed me to do was learn how to create my own player rankings and values based off my specific league settings and roster construction. What this allows me to do is enter the draft with a rankings list and dollar values that are tailored to my league. I no longer have to print out the same player rankings that everybody else carries into the draft. Developing my own draft guides allows me to see where certain values can be found in a draft. And VALUES is the central theme to this book, and to winning your fantasy leagues.

This really is an excellent book on fantasy baseball for just about everyone- if you are a beginner Larry gives you the recipe to start from scratch. And even if you are the most experienced or successful fantasy player around, there will be something in this book that can help you, and certainly make you think. And Larry covers every format too- from single league auctions to salary cap games, to mixed league snake drafts, etc. For a sport as popular as fantasy baseball, there have been very few books really explaining how an expert puts together and maintains a team- until now. Seriously, if you play fantasy baseball and want to better your game, I think you should get this book. And then stay out of my league.

I bought this book the first weekend it came out. I feel guilty for not writing a review sooner, but I was busy murdering people in small stakes online drafts. While it's a huge help in having a better draft day, the real joy from the book comes from having a new perspective from which to look at a draft. He explains how to take the total amount of money to be spent in an auction by all the teams combined, and allocate a portion of it to each player. Once you have the league laid out in front of you, with a clear idea of each player's value, a draft becomes a fun exercise in getting the most out of it. I used to leave a draft with a vague sense of whether it went well or not. I now leave it with clear rankings of all the teams involved. He applies his ideas to snake drafts and in-season changes, but my view of auction drafts was so drastically changed by this book that I'd have to say that's the centerpiece of the nice table he's set for the fantasy baseball fan. Not only is the information valuable, it's a fun read over a rainy day or two.

Great book. If you've ever wondered where the dollar values come from in those fantasy magazines you read, you'll find out in this book. You'll also learn about why they may not make sense for your league(or at all). Whether you are looking to build your own value formula or just wondering if you are approaching your draft in the right way, this book will be a valuable resource.

Larry's clearly a star in the fantasy baseball world. 15% through the book I thought he was my long lost father. Some parts of the book aren't going to be for every player, but he does a nice job letting you know before you even get into most of it whether or not it applies to the type of reader you are. At 300 pages, it's basically a choose your own adventure of 20 or so pages because of the different game types and experience levels. I'm a guy that plays only auctions and preaches value. While I did that, I don't think I've made certain to get ENOUGH value. Larry shows you how. I can't wait to use Larry's formula and see how it goes in 2014!

Larry Schechter uses no trick pitches in his illuminating, hard-to-put down "Winning Fantasy Baseball." The author comes at you with, in baseball jargon, hard stuff. You want to be good, perhaps as good as a nine-time fantasy league champion whose respect in the realm is peerless? Then you have to work at it. If there's a word Schechter has been hooked on, the word is "value." No easy ways out -- just hard, dedicated stuff. The author shows great respect for a long-held tenet of this reviewer: Baseball is a game of questions, not answers. The stuff herein gives you the right questions while shredding the bromidic "answers" self-annointed sages might throw your way. Simply (but not easily) find a player's worth -- to you -- and get him for less.

Great book. It really opened my eyes into how to do better in the world of not only fantasy baseball, but other fantasy sports. Larry Schechter is a genius and I highly recommend this book to all of those that play fantasy sports, and also to those just wanting something good to read. I applied the principles from the book into my fantasy baseball league and saw an immediate improvement in my team's performance. No, I did not win the league, but I did manage to make the playoffs. Injuries pretty much ended my run, but cannot wait until next year!

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