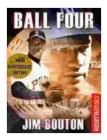
# **Ball Four: A Memoir by Jim Bouton: A Classic Baseball Book That Still Resonates Today**

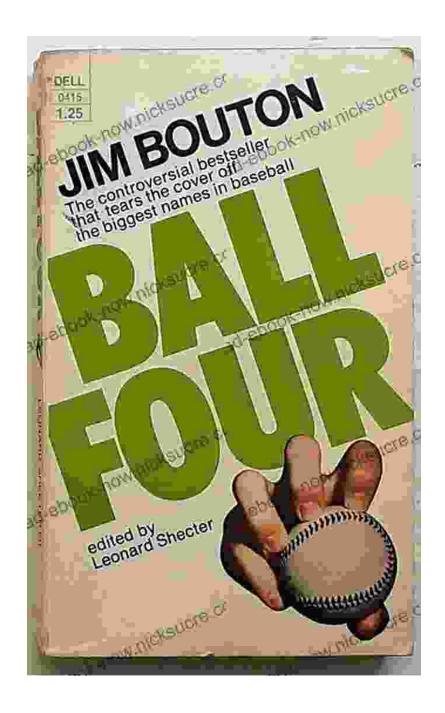


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**Ball Four** by Jim Bouton is a classic baseball book that provides an unvarnished look at the life of a major league pitcher. First published in 1970, the book was groundbreaking for its honesty and humor, and it remains one of the most popular baseball books ever written.

Bouton, who pitched for the New York Yankees, Seattle Pilots, and Houston Astros during his 10-year career, wrote **Ball Four** as a diary of his

experiences during the 1969 season. The book is filled with candid stories about the players, managers, and fans he encountered, as well as his own struggles with injuries and self-doubt.

**Ball Four** was an instant bestseller, and it has been translated into more than 20 languages. The book has also been adapted into a play and a film. In 2006, it was named one of the 100 greatest sports books of all time by Sports Illustrated.

### Why Ball Four Is Still Relevant Today

**Ball Four** is still relevant today for several reasons. First, it provides a timeless look at the human side of baseball. Bouton's stories about the players he played with and against are still relatable to fans today, and his insights into the game of baseball are still valuable.

Second, **Ball Four** is a reminder of how much baseball has changed over the years. Bouton's book provides a glimpse into a time when players were more likely to speak their minds and when the game was less commercialized. In an era when baseball is often criticized for being too corporate and too focused on money, **Ball Four** is a refreshing reminder of what the game used to be.

Finally, **Ball Four** is simply a great read. Bouton's writing is funny, honest, and insightful. Whether you're a lifelong baseball fan or just a casual observer, you're sure to enjoy this classic book.

## **What Critics Are Saying About Ball Four**

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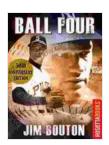
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#### **How to Get Ball Four**

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If you're not sure whether or not you'll enjoy **Ball Four**, you can read an excerpt from the book on Amazon.

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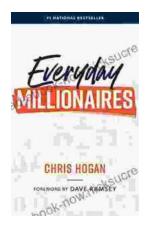
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