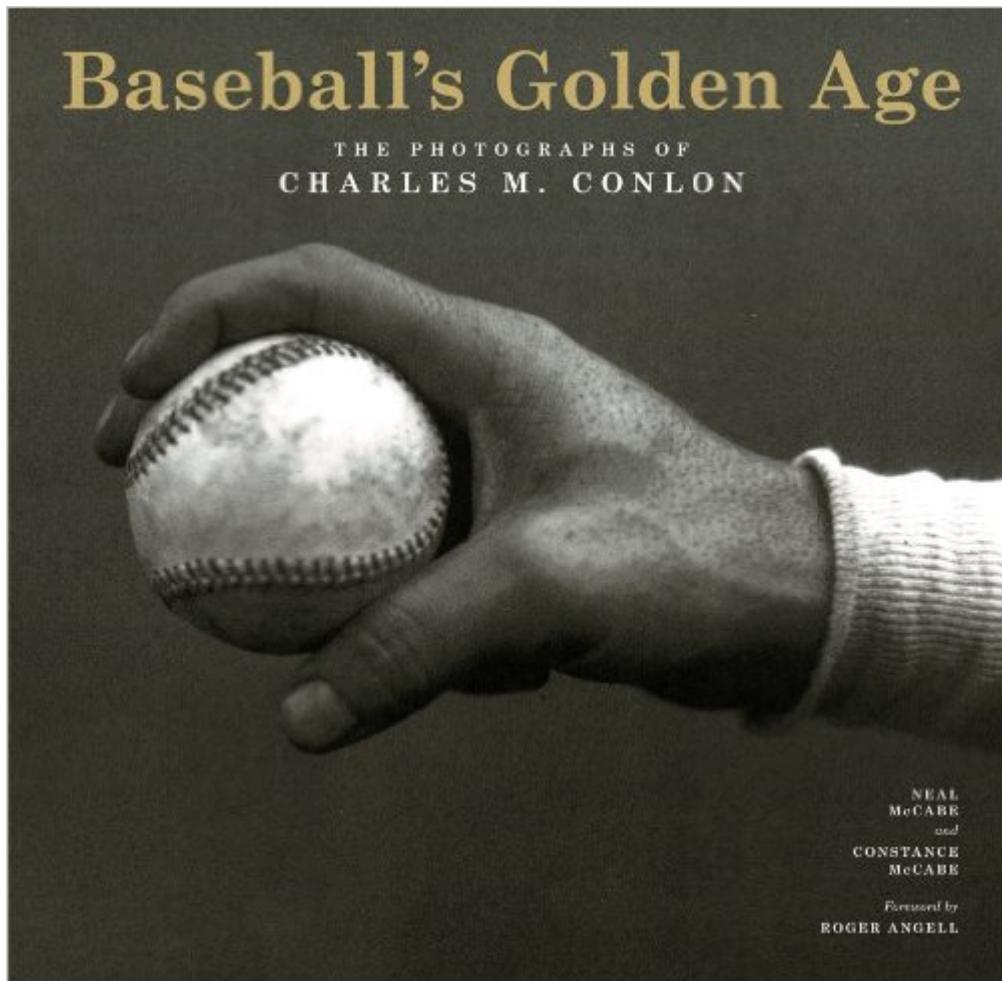


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Ty Cobb slides into third in a flurry of dust and spikes. Home Run Baker, young and strong, takes batting practice while his teammates stand in awe. Wee Willie Keeler and Cy Young, Babe Ruth and Dizzy Dean, Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams--these and other American heroes take the field in Baseball's Golden Age: The Photographs of Charles M. Conlon. From 1904 to 1942, Conlon photographed it all, creating some of baseball's most famous photographs, but the photographer himself has remained practically unknown. This volume is the first publication to reproduce Conlon's photographs as fine art and to give his remarkable legacy its due. Selected and printed from the Conlon negatives in the archives of The Sporting News, 205 dazzling images fill the pages of Baseball's Golden Age. The glory of that time shines through in the text as well, as author Neal McCabe has assembled wonderful, evocative stories that bring these legendary baseball heroes to life. Baseball's Golden Age continues to please all fans of baseball--past, present, and future. Praise for Baseball's Golden Age: "This is an invaluable volume for baseball fans and American history buffs alike." --Sports Illustrated A revelation in black and white, a time machine to the era of wooden ballparks, legal spitballs and manual typewriters . . . Roger Angell of the New Yorker called it "the best book of baseball photographs ever published." • "Los Angeles Times

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This marvellous collection of the greatest baseball photographs ever taken qualify as one of the

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