

Advance Praise for *The New York Game*

"Brilliant....Savor this massively impressive book by a talented author who is clearly in love with his subject. An exemplary sports book."

—**Kirkus Reviews**

"Let me put it this way: You're going to beg for extra innings. Without missing a scandal or a sensation, with an eye on how assimilation transforms the picture, Kevin Baker has written a buoyant, double coming-of-age story. He leaves plenty of myths — and Abner Doubleday — by the wayside. He carries us on a high-octane tour from baseball's early, pre-league days to the first box scores, past Giants, Bridegrooms, and Highlanders, to stadium singalongs and brawling, betting, and umpire-flattening. A naked Babe Ruth is the least of the wonders in this exuberant, deliriously readable, glorious grand slam of a book."

—**Stacy Schiff, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams***

"No one knows New York City better than Kevin Baker, so it's only natural that he would breathe such spectacular life into the stories of the National Pastime in the Capital of Baseball. A remarkable, complicated doubleheader of a book."

— **Ken Burns, filmmaker**

"This big boy may be the greatest-ever baseball book. If 'greatest' means most comprehensive, lively, erudite, and fun. It's also the consummate New York book. Imagine Robert Caro and Roger Angell joining forces, and turning to Doctorow for a spit polish. I read *The New York Game* in a state of protracted awe."

—**Darin Strauss, National Book Award Winning author of *Half a Life***

"Kevin Baker has effortlessly braided a century of baseball and New York history into a single, glorious narrative that is as witty and rollicking as it is surprising and enlightening. His command of both of his subjects is awe-inspiring, and yet he unspools it all with the grace and ease of a perfect swing. *The New York Game* will have you reading passages out loud to anyone within earshot. It's the most exhilarating book I've encountered in years."

—**Jonathan Mahler, author of *Ladies and Gentlemen, the Bronx Is Burning***

"A triumph. This book stands among the finest of all baseball histories, with scholarly muscle and breathtaking literary grace. *The New York Game* will help readers see our national pastime—and our nation—through clear new eyes. I loved this book."

—**Jonathan Eig, author of *King***

"Kevin Baker's *The New York Game*, which chronicles the story, characters and madcap happenings of baseball in New York, with its Robins and Highlanders and Superbras and Giants, will be a joy for any fan of baseball or Americana. It's as colorful as it is strange, and is in fact the story of America told in another way."

—**Rich Cohen, author of *When the Game Was War: The NBA's Best Season***