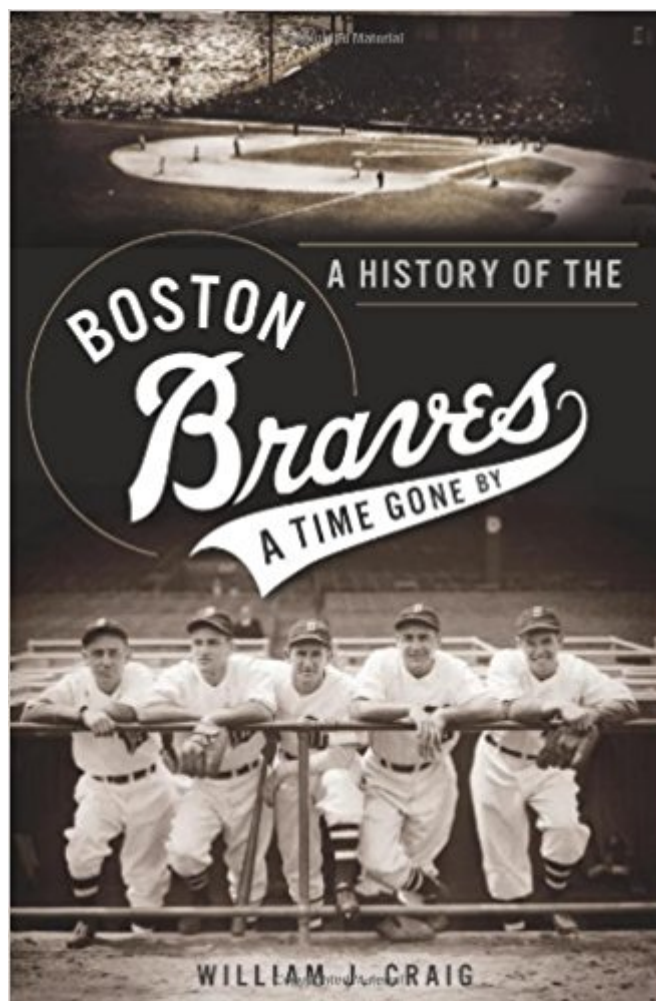


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# A History Of The Boston Braves: A Time Gone By (Sports)



## Synopsis

Boston has been a proud baseball town for over a century. For those lucky enough to have passed through the turnstiles of Braves Field, the Boston Braves will forever live in the corridors of their collective memory. Baseball legend Babe Ruth finished his career on the historic diamond at Braves Field, while Hall of Famer Eddie Mathews was just getting started. When the franchise moved the team to Milwaukee in 1953, the Boston Braves helped usher in the modern age of Major League Baseball. Travel back to the Wig-Wam with author William J. Craig, to a time when players arrived at the ballpark by trolley car and a seat in the bleachers only cost sixty cents. From the astounding 1948 pennant season to the final inning, Craig pays tribute to a team that Boston fans will never forget.

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## Customer Reviews

William J. Craig has served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. He graduated from Gordon College with a B.A. in history and currently resides with his wife and children in Revere, Massachusetts where he works as an author and speaker.

Grat!

The book starts off with some really informative baseball history but goes down hill from there. For me there is too much of the author's rants and gripes about the "good old days". Parts of the book

skate the edge of being offensive. Editorials need to be in the newspaper not in a baseball book.

It was adequate at best. I am a long time Boston Braves fan so I have read everything I could get my hands on about them, and this book doesn't quite stack up to others.

A short, enjoyable read about the longest continuously playing franchise in MLB history. By the way Mr Craig, Mr Hornsby's first name was Rogers (not Roger.)

good book

THIS IS A VERY INTERESTING BOOK, IF YOU ARE FROM BOSTON, OR HAVE A NOSTALGIC INTEREST IN THE OLD BOSTON BRAVES. also, JUST INTERESTING FOR BASEBALL HISTORY.I PURCHASED because I am writing a book about the 1914 Miracle Boston Braves. Perhaps NOT so interesting, if one has no special interest in the braves.

"A History of the Boston Braves" is very professionally presented and well-bound with easy to read print and sharp, clear photos. Someone devoted much effort into its production. The story is easy reading and fast moving with nice anecdotes. There is a nice photo of a younger Casey Stengel arguing with an umpire in 1941-21 years before he came to the Mets. There are some factual glitches: In 1956, Frank Robinson of the Redlegs tied the Braves' Wally Berger 1938 mark for homers by a rookie (38). The Braves used the Choate School in Connecticut only during WW2 Spring training, not before. And yes, its Rogers Hornsby, not Roger. A long standing Braves' mantra was: "Spahn and Sain and two days of rain", referring to the 1948 pennant race and the Team's supposedly thin pitching staff. This reviewer just happened to discover this quote from catcher Phil Masi: "And another thing-all that talk about Spahn and Sain and two days of rain is bunk! Sure they pitched fine ball, but so did Vern Bickford and Bill Voiselle, but nobody ever gave those two any credit" For the record, Bickford went 11-5, Voiselle 13-13, the great Spahn 15-12 and the ace, Johnny Sain 24-15. Credit the Baseball Encyclopedia web site for those nuggets. Those minor nitpicks aside, "A History of the Boston Braves" is a very pleasant tale of, as the cover states, "a time gone by".

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