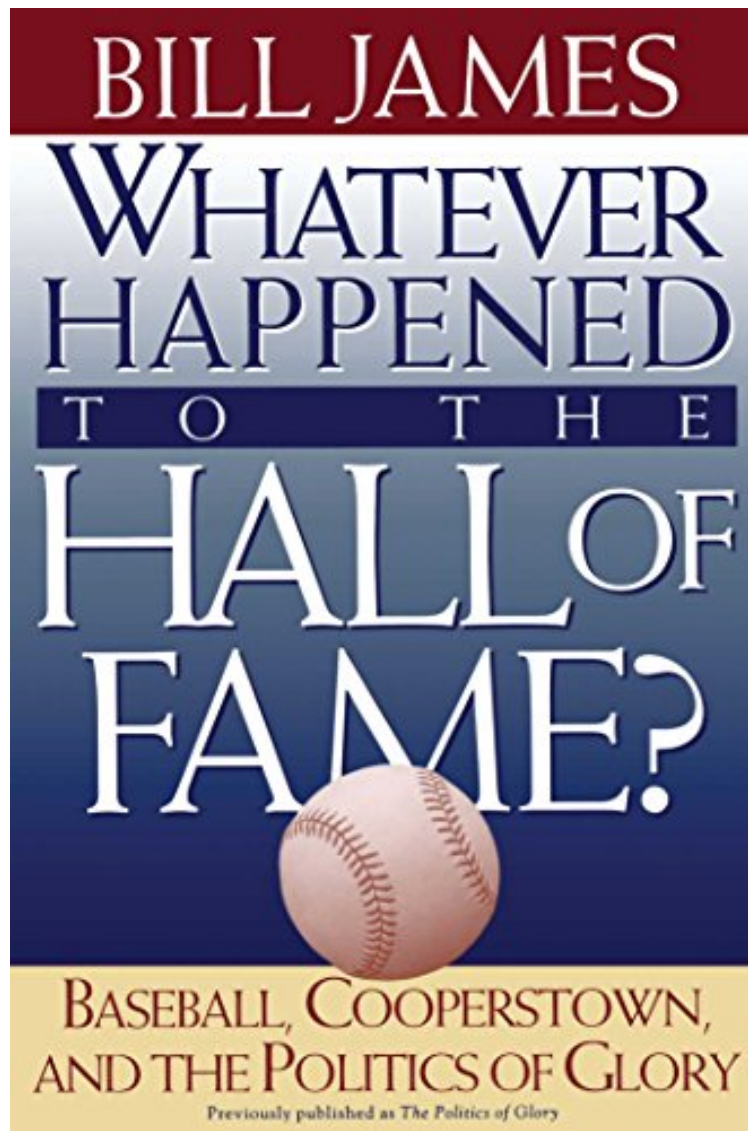


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history of the Hall is analyzed in detail. Von Ein Kunde It saddens me to see that someone has "reviewed" this book as being the work of someone who "cooks numbers" to suit his own hypotheses. This really cannot be further from the truth, and anyone who actually understands the use and study of statistics in baseball will realize this. "Politics of Glory" is insightful in the way that it turns the light of context onto the history of the Baseball Hall of Fame. Now we can better understand just how some members have been elected, and how many deserving candidates have been left out. What is important to realize is that James, while speaking out on a few poor choices, also takes great pains to say that membership requirements for the Hall are subjective at best, and that it is up to the reader to decide where that magical Mendoza line is for enshrinement. A 5-star review for anyone who is interested in the history of the game from both prosaic and statistical perspectives. If you don't like stats (really, there are very few - only a number of rankings by player "similarities"), then read it in pieces. The chapters are arranged so that one does not have to read it straight through, and non-statheads can skip the stuff they don't find appealing. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Hard To Ignore, If Not Always Right Von Eric Paddon I'll say for this Mr. James, he knows how to put his numbers together. And though I do not agree with some of his conclusions, this book is a success in that it will force one to think about the issue of HOF selection. Where James fails though, in particularly with regard to Phil Rizzuto is that he fails to take into account that a player who's numbers might be par to others not in the HOF merit induction if one also makes significant contributions to the game after his playing career. As a shortstop alone do Rizzuto's stats merit induction? You can argue about that and say maybe not. But when you factor in what Rizzuto added afterwards in 40 years as an institution in the Yankee broadcasting booth, you realize how much more he contributed to the game. Ditto Richie Ashburn. As a first baseman Gil Hodges might not have been HOF, but factor in managing the Mets to a championship \*in addition\* to his playing career and his induction should have been automatic long ago. That type of above average player who serves the game beyond his playing career deserves merit for reasons that go beyond James' comparative stats, and I think that represents the book's one true flaw. Also, he spends no time discussing the merits of HOF selection for managers, executives and umpires which I think also should have been addressed. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. One of the 2 or 3 sports books, i read over over.. Von Ein Kunde An excellent use of statistics common sense in discussing the HOF issue. I'd never really put much thought into it before, but, have since reading this book. Not surprisingly to James fans, this book uses a lot of statistics to sort the wheat from the chaff when looking at HOF selection candidates. However, James also uses some subjective tools, like MVP voting, All-Star games, gold gloves, quotes, Keltner List, etc. to emphasize what was thought of the players WHILE THEY WERE PLAYING, not quotes 40 years later by old cronies or by quoting inflated stats during the 20's/30's. Also, good use of humor to keep some of the dry statistical stuff more interesting. In addition, the historical info on the HOF is very interesting stuff i've never read elsewhere. To finish, i'd tell the reviewer who was upset w/ James' analysis of the Frisch/Terry selections to re-read the book. When 8 men w/ marginal at best (I use that term loosely for some) credentials are voted in they're all in close proximity to almost 1/2 the committee than something's wrong. Hafey played in 1275 games. Haines was .525 pitcher. Youngs was mediocre played 10 yrs. Linstrom had 7 yrs. as a regular. Same w/ Kelly. Bancroft Bottomley are marginal. All these guys rank in the bottom 10% of the HOF selections, along w/ the 40's guys, Ferrell, Hooper, etc.

Kurzbeschreibung Arguing about the merits of players is the baseball fan's second favorite pastime and every year the Hall of Fame elections spark heated controversy. In a book that's sure to thrill--and infuriate--countless fans, Bill James takes a hard look at the Hall, probing its history, its politics and, most of all, its decisions. From Publishers Weekly James examines the history, politics and voting decisions surrounding the controversial elections to baseball's Hall of Fame. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. Pressestimmen George F. Will Bill James has a genius for igniting fascinating baseball arguments, and an enviable talent for winning a lot of them. This book demonstrates why, were there a Cooperstown for baseball conversationalists, James would already be enshrined there. Daniel Okrent Once again, typical James: informative, insightful, amusing, and utterly persuasive. It will, I should add, be absolutely infuriating to the remaining baseball Luddites who don't realize what a genius Bill James is. Richard Corliss Time For 452 sizzling pages, the game's premier stats solon and most passionate fan stir-fries the old debate about who does and doesn't deserve to be [in the Hall of Fame]. Dan Gutman Newsday Let's just let Bill James decide who belongs in the Hall of Fame. He's proven that he knows more about baseball than anybody in the whole world....