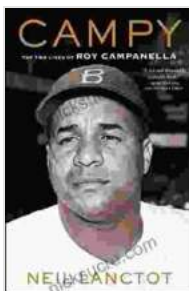


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Roy Campanella was one of the greatest catchers in baseball history. He was also a courageous civil rights activist. This article explores the two sides of Campanella's life and legacy.

Early Life and Baseball Career

Roy Campanella was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 19, 1921. He was the son of Italian immigrants. Campanella began playing baseball at a young age and quickly showed a talent for the game. He signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1946 and made his major league debut in 1948.

Campanella was a phenomenal catcher. He was known for his strong arm, quick reflexes, and ability to handle pitchers. He was also a good hitter, batting over .300 several times.

Campanella was a key member of the Dodgers' success in the 1950s. He helped the team win five National League pennants and one World Series championship. Campanella was named the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1953 and 1955.

Civil Rights Activism

In addition to his baseball career, Campanella was also a vocal civil rights activist. He spoke out against segregation and discrimination. In 1947, he

became the first African American to play in the Major Leagues since Jackie Robinson.

Campanella's activism made him a target of racism and threats. However, he never backed down from his beliefs. He continued to speak out against injustice and worked to improve the lives of African Americans.

Later Life and Legacy

Campanella's baseball career was cut short in 1957 when he was paralyzed in a car accident. He never played professional baseball again, but he remained active in the game as a coach and commentator.

Campanella continued to be a civil rights activist after his playing career ended. He worked with the NAACP and other organizations to fight for racial equality.

Campanella died in 1993 at the age of 71. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015.

Roy Campanella was a true pioneer. He was one of the greatest catchers in baseball history and a courageous civil rights activist. His legacy continues to inspire people today.

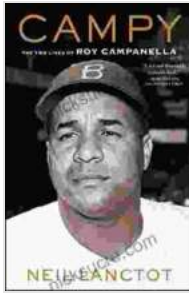
Roy Campanella was a remarkable man who lived two extraordinary lives. He was a great baseball player and a courageous civil rights activist. His legacy is one of perseverance, courage, and hope.

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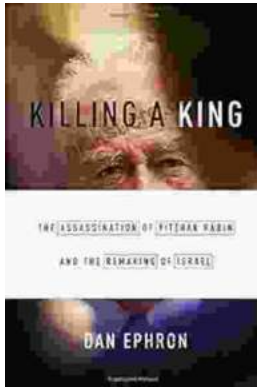
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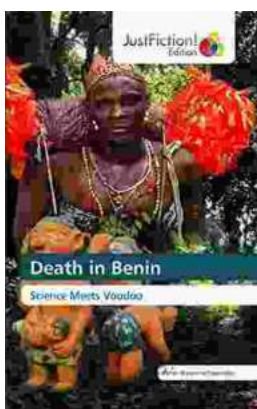


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