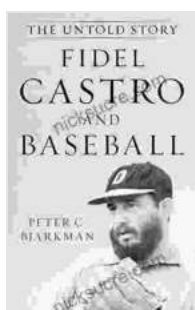


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Fidel Castro's love of baseball is well-known. He was a lifelong fan of the sport, and he often played it himself. But Castro's impact on baseball went far beyond his own personal enjoyment. He was also a major force in the development of Cuban baseball, and he played a key role in bringing Major League Baseball to Cuba.



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Castro's love of baseball began at a young age. He grew up playing the game in the streets of Havana, and he quickly developed a passion for it. In his early twenties, Castro played for a semi-professional team in Cuba. He was a talented player, and he even had a tryout with the New York Giants in 1947. However, Castro ultimately decided to pursue a career in politics, and he gave up baseball.

Even after he became a political leader, Castro remained a passionate fan of baseball. He often attended games, and he even played the game

himself on occasion. In 1961, Castro founded the Cuban Baseball Federation, which is the governing body for baseball in Cuba. The Cuban Baseball Federation is responsible for developing and promoting baseball in Cuba, and it has played a major role in the success of Cuban baseball.

In addition to his work with the Cuban Baseball Federation, Castro also played a key role in bringing Major League Baseball to Cuba. In 1999, Castro met with Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig, and the two men agreed to work together to bring Major League Baseball games to Cuba. In 2000, the first Major League Baseball game was played in Cuba, and Castro was in attendance. The game was a huge success, and it helped to open up Cuba to the world.

Fidel Castro's impact on baseball is undeniable. He was a passionate fan of the sport, and he played a major role in its development in Cuba. He also helped to bring Major League Baseball to Cuba, which was a major step forward for the sport in the country. Castro's legacy will continue to live on in the Cuban baseball community, and he will always be remembered as one of the most influential figures in the history of the sport.

Castro's Playing Career

Castro was a talented baseball player in his youth. He was a switch-hitter who could play multiple positions, including pitcher, shortstop, and outfield. In 1947, Castro had a tryout with the New York Giants, but he ultimately decided to pursue a career in politics. However, Castro continued to play baseball throughout his life, and he often played the game with his friends and family.

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Castro and Major League Baseball

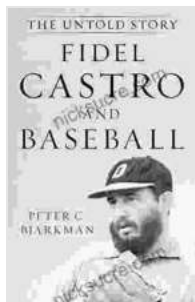
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Castro's efforts to bring Major League Baseball to Cuba were not without controversy. Some people argued that it was wrong to do business with a communist dictatorship. However, Castro believed that baseball could be a force for good in Cuba, and he was determined to bring the sport to the island.

Castro's legacy in baseball is complex. He was a passionate fan of the sport, and he played a major role in its development in Cuba. He also helped to bring Major League Baseball to Cuba, which was a major step forward for the sport in the country. However, Castro's critics argue that he used baseball to promote his own agenda, and that he did not do enough to support the development of baseball in Cuba.

Despite the controversy, there is no doubt that Castro was a major figure in the history of baseball. He was a passionate fan of the sport, and he played a major role in its development in Cuba. He also helped to bring Major League Baseball to Cuba, which was a major step forward for the sport in

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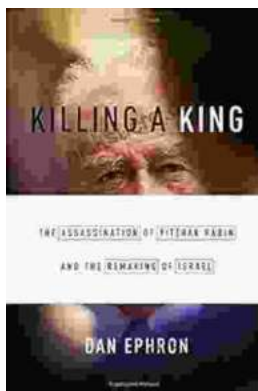


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