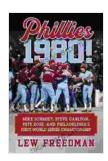
# Mike Schmidt, Steve Carlton, Pete Rose, and Philadelphia's First World Championship

The Philadelphia Phillies won their first World Series championship in 1980, thanks to the heroics of Mike Schmidt, Steve Carlton, and Pete Rose. The Phillies had been a perennial contender in the National League East, but they had never been able to get over the hump and win the pennant. In 1980, they finally broke through, winning 91 games and finishing first in the division.



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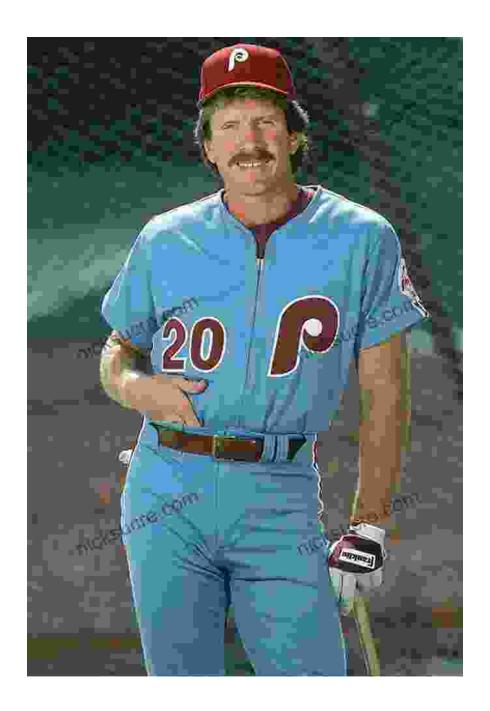


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#### Mike Schmidt

Mike Schmidt was the best third baseman in baseball in the 1980s. He was a five-time All-Star and three-time Gold Glove winner. In 1980, he led the National League in home runs (48) and RBIs (121). He also hit .311 with an on-base percentage of .409 and a slugging percentage of .661.

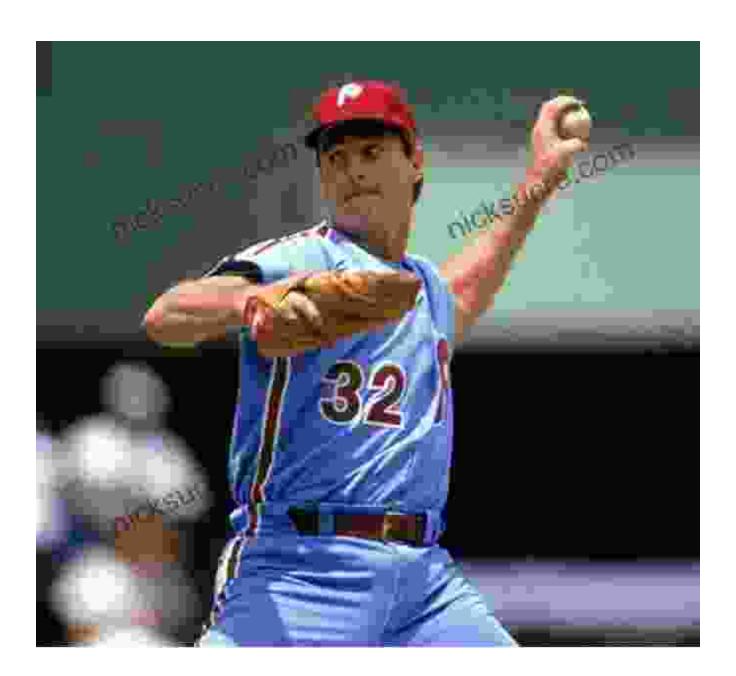
Schmidt was the heart and soul of the Phillies. He was a fierce competitor and a great leader. He was also a clutch hitter, and he always seemed to come up with a big hit when the Phillies needed it most.



#### **Steve Carlton**

Steve Carlton was one of the best pitchers in baseball history. He was a four-time Cy Young Award winner and a five-time All-Star. In 1980, he went 24-9 with a 2.98 ERA and 286 strikeouts. He also threw four complete games and three shutouts.

Carlton was the ace of the Phillies staff. He was a master of control and deception, and he could throw any pitch in any count. He was also a fierce competitor, and he never gave up on a game.

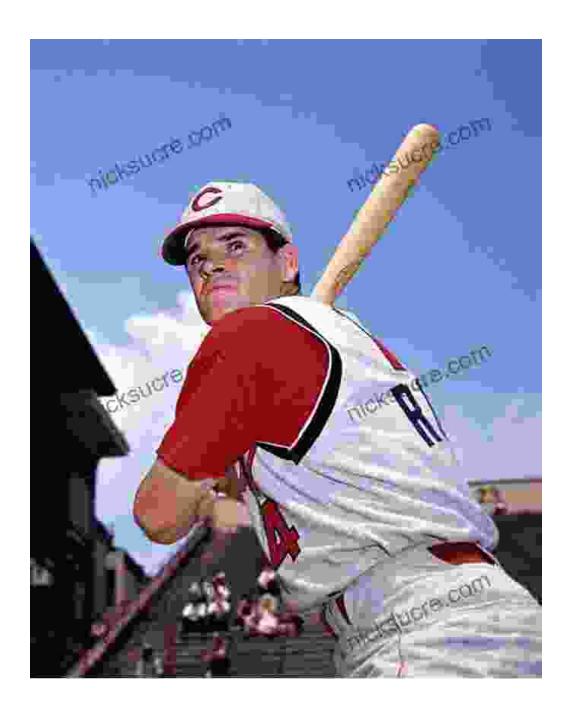


#### **Pete Rose**

Pete Rose is one of the most controversial figures in baseball history. He was a 17-time All-Star and a three-time National League batting champion.

In 1980, he hit .324 with 201 hits, 102 RBIs, and 52 stolen bases. He also led the National League in games played, at-bats, and plate appearances.

Rose was a key member of the Phillies. He was a great hitter and a good fielder. He was also a hustler, and he always played the game hard.



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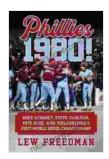
The Phillies won the first game of the series, 7-6, in 10 innings. Schmidt hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the tenth inning to win the game.

The Phillies lost the second game of the series, 4-3, but they came back to win the next three games and take a 3-1 lead in the series.

The Royals won Game 5, 4-3, to force a Game 6. But the Phillies won Game 6, 4-1, to clinch the World Series.

Schmidt was named the Most Valuable Player of the World Series. He hit .389 with two home runs and six RBIs.

The Philadelphia Phillies' first World Series championship is a storybook ending to a long and storied history. The team had been through some tough times, but they never gave up. In 1980, they finally reached the top of the baseball mountain, thanks to the heroics of Mike Schmidt, Steve Carlton, and Pete Rose.



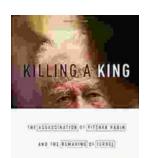
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