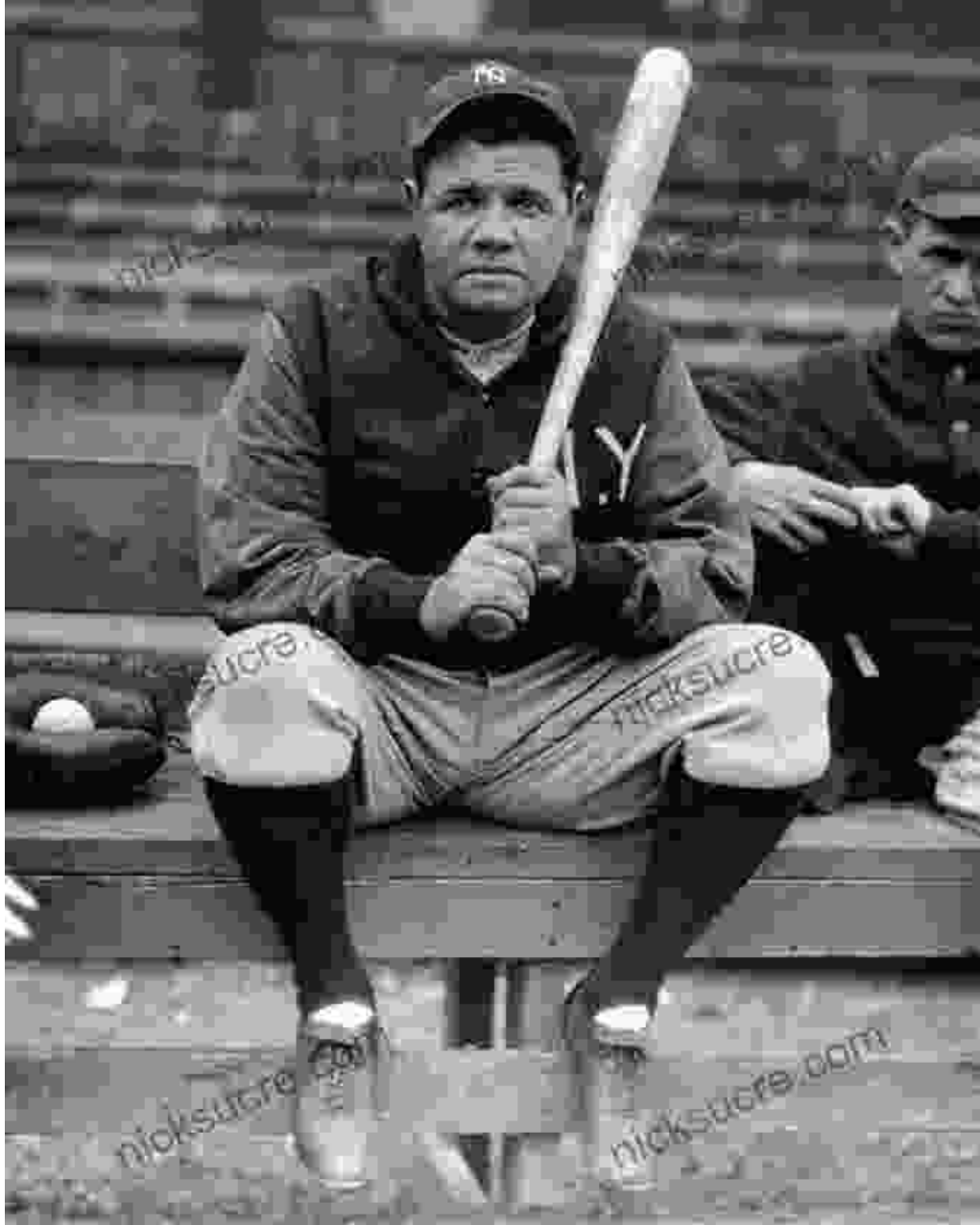
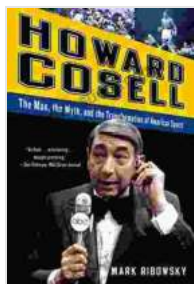


The Man, The Myth, and The Transformation of American Sports



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humble beginnings to become one of the most famous and beloved athletes of all time.



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Ruth's career began with the Boston Red Sox, but it was with the New York Yankees that he became a legend. He led the Yankees to seven World Series championships, and broke numerous batting records, including the all-time home run record. Ruth's power hitting and charismatic personality made him a fan favorite, and he helped to draw millions of new fans to baseball.

But Ruth's impact went beyond baseball. He was a pioneer in the use of endorsements, and he helped to legitimize the role of athletes in American culture. He was also a generous philanthropist, and he donated millions of dollars to charity.

Ruth's legacy is still felt today. He is considered one of the greatest baseball players of all time, and his number, 3, is retired by the Yankees.

He is also the inspiration for numerous books, movies, and television shows.

The Man: A Humble Beginning

George Herman Ruth was born on February 6, 1895, in Baltimore, Maryland. His parents were German immigrants, and they struggled to make ends meet. Ruth's father died when he was seven years old, and his mother placed him in an orphanage.

Ruth was a natural athlete, and he excelled at baseball. He was signed by the Boston Red Sox in 1914, and he made his major league debut in 1915. Ruth was a pitcher in his early years, but he eventually became a full-time outfielder.

The Myth: The Bambino and the Curse of the Bambino

Ruth's power hitting soon made him a fan favorite. He was nicknamed "The Bambino" because of his Italian heritage. In 1920, Ruth was traded to the New York Yankees, and he led the team to four consecutive World Series championships.

Ruth's success with the Yankees was so great that he became a national icon. He was featured on the cover of Time magazine, and he was the subject of numerous books and movies. But Ruth's success also came with a price. The Red Sox, who had traded him to the Yankees, went into a long decline, and many fans blamed Ruth for their misfortune.

The Curse of the Bambino became a legend in Boston. It was said that the Red Sox would never win another World Series until Ruth was forgiven.

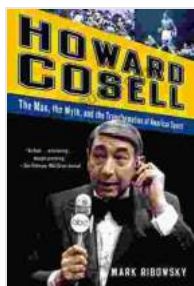
The curse was finally broken in 2004, when the Red Sox won their first World Series in 86 years.

The Transformation: A Baseball Icon and Cultural Phenomenon

Ruth's impact on American sports was profound. He helped to make baseball the national pastime, and he paved the way for other athletes to become cultural icons. Ruth was also a pioneer in the use of endorsements, and he helped to legitimize the role of athletes in American culture.

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