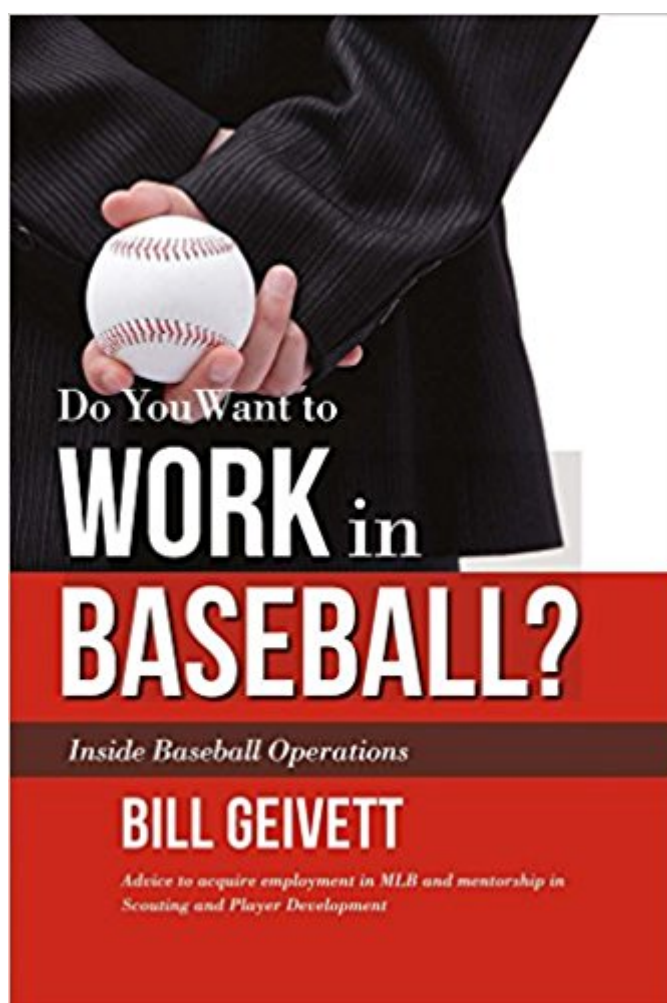


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Do You Want To Work In Baseball?: Advice To Acquire Employment In MLB And Mentorship In Scouting And Player Development



Synopsis

Bill Geivett's- Do You Want to Work in Baseball? Do you want to know the process of acquiring employment in MLB? Have you wondered how baseball scouts evaluate players? Do you want to know more about professional baseball Player Development? Bill Geivett draws on his 28 years of experience in professional baseball to answer these questions. He offers his insights from his time as a player, scout, and front office executive. Do You Want to Work in Baseball? is more than a "how to" description of details to remember. It is filled with Bill's real-life lessons learned from the varied roles he has held for Major League Baseball Clubs including the California Angels, New York Yankees, Montreal Expos, Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Los Angeles Dodgers, and the Colorado Rockies. For anyone who desires a career in Major League Baseball or any professional sport, as well as, athletes, parents, and fans, Do You Want to Work in Baseball? is a unique practical look into a world that only a few have seen first-hand. This book details the necessary preparation and extensive work required to attain an interview or employment in today's competitive landscape of professional sports. It also details the process of scouting younger athletes and projecting their abilities into the future. Lastly, it takes the reader into a thought-provoking look at professional Player Development and the intricate processes and perspectives involved. The book includes some colorful stories about Tommy Lasorda, Joe Maddon and FP Santangelo, among others.

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Customer Reviews

Bill Geivett has 28 years of experience in professional baseball as a player, scout, and front office executive. He has been a member of the California Angel organization, New York Yankees,

Montreal Expos, Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Los Angeles Dodgers, and the Colorado Rockies. In 2007, he oversaw the Colorado Rockies Minor League system that featured 16 players who were originally drafted/signed/developed by Colorado. That year, the Rockies were named Organization of the Year. And in 2009, the Rockies's Wild Card team had an Opening Day lineup made up entirely of homegrown players. Bill has also guided the Montreal Expos's Minor League system, which was named Topps Organization of the Year in 1996. In addition, he was a college baseball coach at Loyola Marymount University (1988-90) and California State University, Long Beach, when it advanced to the 1991 College World Series. Bill has earned degrees from Sacramento City College (AA), University of California, Santa Barbara (BA) as well as a master's degree in education with an emphasis in physical education from Azusa Pacific University. Drafted four times in the mid-80s (Los Angeles Dodgers, Chicago White Sox, Chicago Cubs, and California Angels), he signed with the Angels following his senior year at UCSB where he gained All-American accolades as a third-baseman. In 1991, he was inducted as a member of the UCSB Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame.

As a recent college graduate that is steadfast in getting a job with an MLB franchise, in many ways I was lost before this book. Mr. Geivett does an exceptional job at not only explaining great nuggets about how to get an interview but interweaves his own anecdotes and stories that help push the book along. He dives into scouting and what actually goes into scouting departments and what happens on a day in and day out basis. The level of detail he uses as well as the stories he's able to create meaning from is incredible. The book is basically broken into three separate topics the first is having the right preparation and extensive work required to attain an interview or employment. As I mentioned he delves deep into the process of scouting younger athletes and projecting their abilities into the future. Lastly, he goes all in on player development and the intricate processes and perspectives involved. He talks about the relationship between all the departments and so much more. I have read this book 3 times cover to cover and I was able to pick up new and different anecdotes each time. If you are at all serious about pursuing a career in baseball, read this book and you will know for sure. He doesn't pull any punches and lets you know that it's anything but an easy gig. This book also can apply to so many different audiences. He delves into the importance of communication and philosophy of organizations. It is applicable to so many different people in so many different ways. I highly recommend this to a wide range of people but in particular if you think you want a career in baseball, please pick this up!

I've spent time reading "career advice" oriented books before, but none like this. I couldn't put this book down for two reasons: 1 - Bill's experience speaks for itself, and he freely passes on what he has learned throughout the years in baseball. Very insightful. 2 - His writing style, and ability to intersperse well-told stories that drive home key points, is very engaging and entertaining. You have to read this book if you are interested in working in baseball specifically, but there are lessons for those seeking a career more broadly in other professional sports as well. Additionally, if you are a baseball fan and want to know what goes on behind the scenes in an organization, with no interest in pursuing a career, read this book. He discusses organizational philosophy for player development, how scouts evaluate players with an eye towards building the championship team, and of course tells plenty of great stories about the Winter Meetings, life on the road as a scout, and conversations with well-known baseball managers. It's an entertaining read even if you aren't seeking a job in baseball. Highly recommended!

This is an amazing book. Very practical with a ton of takeaways with of course a lot of great baseball stories. There is a lot to absorb and I will probably read it a few times again. The reader gets a really good understanding of what it takes to get into baseball operations and what a prospective MLB employee has to be prepared for overall. There are many important points in this book: one of my favorite takeaways is having to figure out what separates you from someone else? Of course, not easy when just starting out in one's career but this book gets one to think about it. Another aspect of the book that I really appreciated is Mr. Geivett's honesty. There is one part where he does not do his best on an interview and he talks about it openly, which was helpful for many reasons. It is a good reminder we all make mistakes; but what is important is to be able to figure out what and why mistakes occur and how to avoid repeating them etc. While the book is for those seeking to work in baseball operations, this book is really good for any sport. The job market is not easy so any helpful ideas can only be an asset. I could go on and on about the book. Greg Goldsmith

Do you want to work in baseball? If so, you MUST buy this book. Mr. Geivett presents what to do in a clear and concise manner; this book is literally the instructions on how to get a job in baseball. Even if you don't want to work in baseball and are just a fan of the game, you still need to buy this book. Mr. Geivett provides the details of how scouting and player development work for our favorite teams. The book is a fascinating look into the operations of the game and is very enjoyable to read.

This book by Bill Geivett provides tremendous insight into a world so hard to gain insight to. For any prospective "job seeker" focusing on a career - or lifestyle in the game of baseball, then this book is for you. The examples shown in the book give the reader a great understanding in the mind of a baseball executive and what teams may look for. I cannot stress enough how much I have learned from this book by Bill Geivett!

Not only is the book informative and helpful, the stories that Bill incorporates make it an incredibly fun read. It is the rare book that provides sound theories and amazing examples of the applications of those theories. Anybody who wants to work in baseball operations should read this book. Bill Geivett is one of the best in the business, and any advice he gives is advice I would follow. Great read. Highly recommend.

My college son is looking into sports management and is loving this book.

A must have guide if you dream of making it in America's great game! This is THE how - to book to land a job in baseball. If you don't want a job in baseball, but are interested in the inner workings of an MLB front office, this is also a very entertaining read. I have never felt this inspired after reading a "self -help" book till now!

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