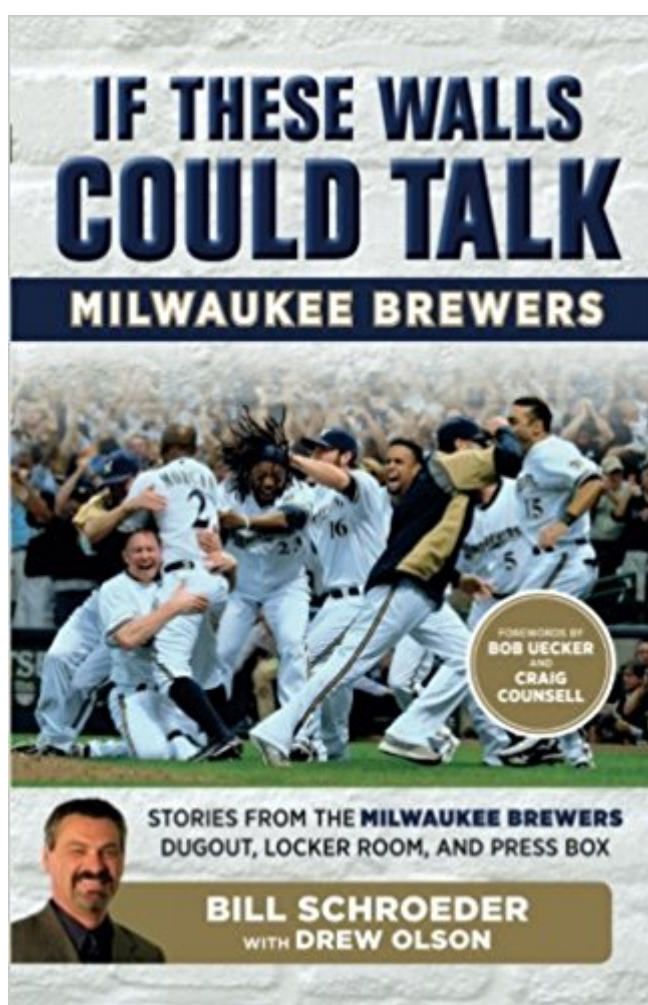


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# If These Walls Could Talk: Milwaukee Brewers: Stories From The Milwaukee Brewers Dugout, Locker Room, And Press Box



## Synopsis

Chronicling the Brewers from the Suds Series of 1982 to the 2011 National League Central title and from Bambi's Bombers of the late '70s to Harvey's Wallbangers of the early '80s, Bill Schroeder, a longtime Brewers color commentator and former Brewers catcher, provides insight into the Brewers inner sanctum as only he can. Read about what goes on in the equipment and training rooms, how batting practice can be chaotic, what it's like to travel with the team, and off-the-wall anecdotes like the time Steve Sparks injured his shoulder trying to rip a phone book in half after listening to a motivational speaker.

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and senior years. He attended Clemson University, leading the Tigers to the Atlantic Coast Conference title in 1978 and 1979. He and his wife, Kate, reside in New Berlin, Wisconsin. He has two daughters, Lindsey and Mallory, a son, Billy, and a granddaughter, Madelyn. Known for his great sense of humor, Bob Uecker has broadcast Brewers games since 1971. He resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In *If These Walls Could Talk* Bill Schroeder and Drew Olson provide a comprehensive look at the Milwaukee Brewers, paying tribute to the great players like Robin Yount and Paul Molitor, reliving memorable moments on the diamond, sharing a smattering of tales, most only mildly amusing, giving credit to behind the scenes staffers like the director of clubhouse operations and the director of team travel, and reflecting on the challenges of broadcasting a game. It's a good book to just spot read because the narrative is bogged down with a bit too many details. Nevertheless, *If These Walls Could Talk* succeeds in educating the reader on the mechanics of the game, and the stress of it as well, both for the players on the field and for the behind the scenes staffers who makes things happen. Never again will I complain that baseball players are overpaid. A life in baseball is far from glamorous. Even though the book covers all the bases (no pun intended) about the organization and the game, the manager-player relationship is left out. The team had a succession of managers in the 1980s that are barely mentioned by the authors.

If you are a Brewers fan especially, or a baseball fan in general, this is a MUST read. The book is full of tidbits, inside information and the information we all wish we were privy to if we were able to visit the locker rooms during the baseball season. The humor and the insight are wonderful and it is a great read all around. Highly recommend picking up a copy and reading and even perhaps rereading just before the start of the baseball season or any time the reader requires a baseball "fix!"

If you are a Milw Brewer fan, you need to read this book. If you are not, buy it just to read the section on Bob Uecker. I couldn't stop laughing. now i know how Bill Schroeder got the nickname "Rock". Excellent read.

Bill Schroeder has been with the Brewers for a long time now as a player and then an announcer. He has become a real part of this organization and his love and loyalty for the Crew shines in this book. Fun read.

If you like the Brewers you will enjoy this book.

Sometimes I yell at Rock on a broadcast but this book helped me understand more of the game.  
Great read and lots of funny stories.

Gave it to my dad for his birthday. He liked it. It's nice light reading.

Bill Schroeder is my favorite baseball announcer, the Milwaukee Brewers is my favorite team, so I'm totally delighted with the book!

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