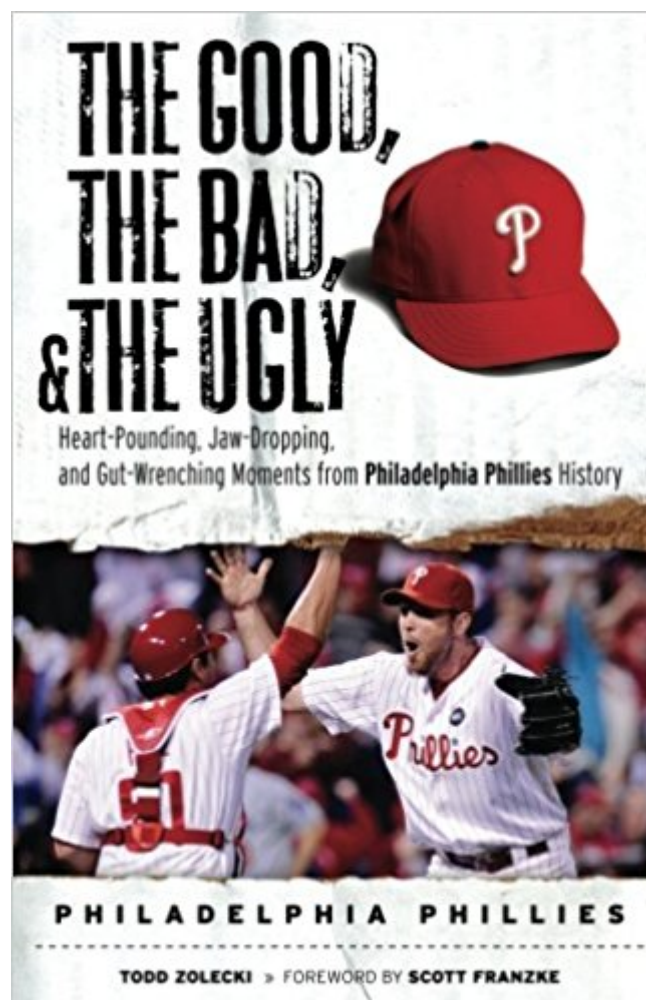




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The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly: Philadelphia Phillies: Heart-Pounding, Jaw-Dropping, And Gut-Wrenching Moments From Philadelphia Phillies History





Synopsis

Genuine fans take the best team moments with the less than great, and know that the games that are best forgotten make the good moments truly shine. This monumental book of the Philadelphia Phillies documents all the best moments and personalities in the history of the team, but also unmask the regrettably awful and the unflinchingly ugly. In entertaining-and unsparing-fashion, this book sparkles with Phillies highlights and lowlights, from wonderful and wacky memories to the famous and infamous. Such moments include the rapturous season of the "Whiz Kids" and the magical 2008 run to the World Series, as well as the lows of the historically inept Phillies of the 1930s and the equally historic collapse of 1964. Whether providing fond memories, goose bumps, or laughs, this portrait of the team is sure to appeal to the fan who has been through it all.

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Customer Reviews

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This is a readable, reliable, respectable introduction for new fans or reminiscence for long-time fans. The book began by describing *“The Good, The Bad and the Ugly”* in Phillies’ history. This format worked well. After this section, the arrangement seemed more random

and this led to some unnecessary repetition. Also, the author's obvious and understandable admiration for Pete Rose causes him to make some ostrich-like statements about Rose always being real and never having any pretense. Rose's own book, *My Prison Without Bars* shows the inaccuracy of this assessment. Conviviality doesn't equal transparency. Still, the book does a solid job of summarizing Phillies' history. One of my favorite parts was Tug McGraw's description of Game 5 of the 1980 NLCS, "Going through an art museum on a motorcycle. I wonder if he ever did that."

Just finished this, as the Phillies were losing to the SF Giants in the 2010 playoffs, so bad timing. This is an easy read and good addition to any Phillies fan library. The book is split into several sections: 1. The good, bad, and ugly in Phillies history (as the title implies). Several of these I was too young for like the 1964 collapse and the commentary and quotes around that collapse were great. 2. All time Phillies lineup. Seems a bit weighted towards current Phillies, which he backs up with stats and data. Pretty convincing, but I would have liked to have seen a bit more here (maybe several people's views). The all-time team is primarily from the two World Series teams (which kinda makes sense). 3. Lineup using above all time team. This was well done as he had each manager set their lineup with reasoning. 4. Trades made (both good and bad). Good collection, but few notable left out like Von Hayes trade. Good book, quick read, and most people will learn something or hear a new view.

GREAT BOOK ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE A PHILLIES FAN BROUGHT BACK SOME GREAT MEMORIES LOVE IT I HAVE READ IT ABOUT 3 TIMES

a must read for any Phillies fan

enjoyed reading

Great book about the Phillies. If you have a Phils fan in your family or a friend who likes the Phils, I would recommend this book. Great read.

I purchased this for my boyfriend who's a huge Phillies fan. It is a great buy for any Phillies fan

More than a great summary for new fans, but a reminder for long time fans. New stories from the players, some that happened before many of us were old enough to remember. Many sports writers don't get the Phillies fans' mentality, but Todd has taken a trip in our footsteps and become one of us. So much heartbreak over the years has evolved into so much joy. We cherish the team of '07, '08, '09 and '10 because we starved for so long, and now we really want to savor what winning tastes like.

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