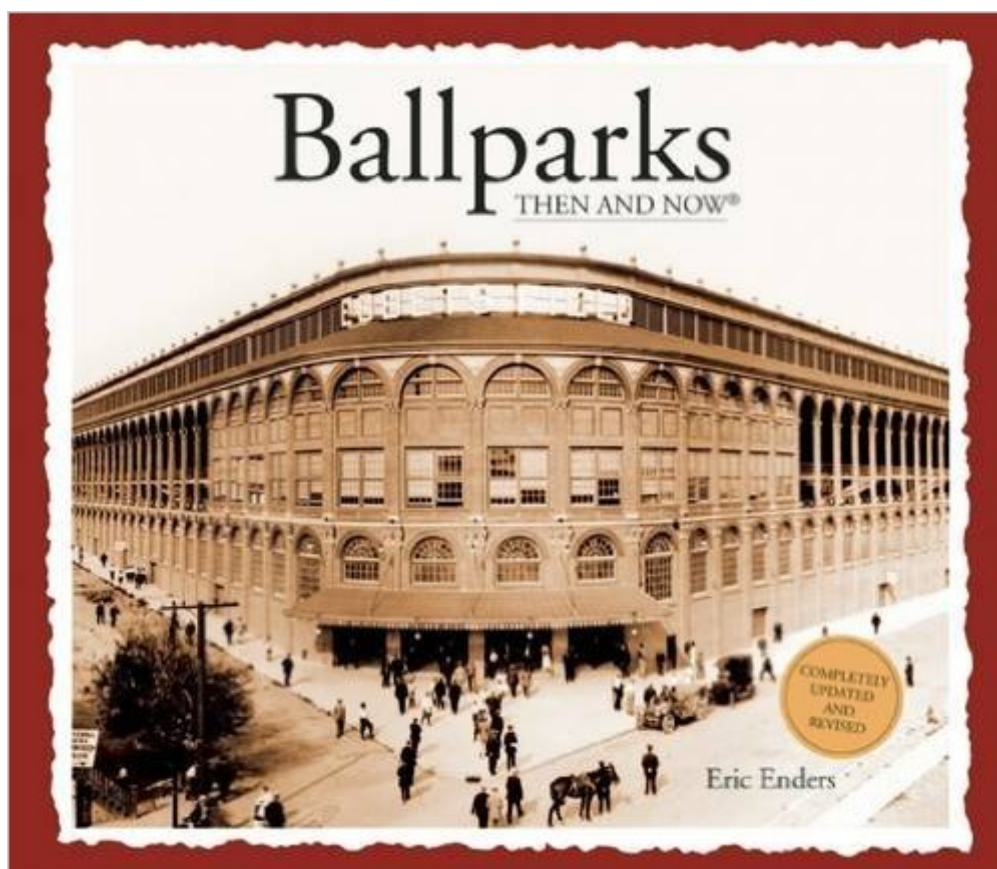


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I got this book as a gift and while I kind of like it, it could use improvement. The pictures are great. But some of the facts about the ballparks are incorrect or misleading. For example, when discussing Baltimore's Memorial Stadium (predecessor to Oriole Park at Camden Yards) the fact sheet indicates the stadium opened in 1922 as Baltimore Stadium. That's kind of accurate, but not quite right. A different stadium opened in 1922 on the same site as Memorial Stadium. The original was completely removed to make way for Memorial Stadium, but this book describes the change as a simple 'renovation'. In reality nothing of the original stadium remained. And the original stadium on that site was known briefly as Baltimore Stadium but the longest running and most common name

for the stadium was Municipal Stadium. There's no mention of the Municipal Stadium name at all. The Baltimore Stadium history is the only city that I have intimate knowledge of the facts of the stadium history on. So that's the only section that I can read and see obvious errors and omissions. But I have to assume there are other discrepancies like this scattered throughout the book as it seems unlikely that my particular area of knowledge coincides with the only mistakes in the entire book. The other issue I took with this book is the disparity between different cities. For Baltimore, Boston, and New York for example, there are multiple page spreads showing numerous photos of stadiums from those cities in various states of age and renovation. But for other cities like Anaheim and Oakland there are just 2 pages that barely highlight the history of those parks.

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