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Erickson, Hal. **The baseball filmography, 1915 through 2001**. 2nd ed. McFarland, 2002. 552p bibl index afp ISBN 0786412720, \$45.00

Erickson, an *AMG All-Movie Guide* <http://www.allmovie.com/> editor and author of several popular culture works, including *Syndicated Television* (CH, Mar'90; revised 2002) and *Television Cartoon Shows* (CH, Apr'96), has revised *Baseball in the Movies* (CH, Oct'92), adding 29 films (for a total of 111 films) and revising several other entries. The alphabetically listed entries provide detailed background, including production information, and critical analysis of US "fictional" films, making his filmography more useful for reference than either Rob Edelman's *Great Baseball Films: From Right Off the Bat to a League of their Own* (1994) or Howard Good's *Diamonds in the Dark* (1997). Harvey Marc Zucker and Lawrence Babich provide good coverage of baseball films in *Sports Films* (1987), but their entries are much briefer, and their work has not been updated. Erickson's entries run from one page (e.g., *Better Times*) to 11 (e.g., *For the Love of the Game*). He also provides useful illustrations, and the index is excellent, with more than 7,000 references to named persons, films, and teams. Valuable for comprehensive baseball and film collections.

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