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[Review of] Everything Baseball

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Baseball has been celebrated by and incorporated into our popular culture over
the last 150 years, and Mote attempts to list every occurrence. Alphabetically arranged sections cover over 3200 films, TV shows, radio presentations, plays, artistic works, fictional works, poems, songs, and voice recordings. Descriptive details (e.g., major performers, publishers, dates) are useful, but the brief annotations are often of little help. The scope is wide, covering everything from early 20th-century silent shorts to Bull Durham to every recorded version of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." Short essays, lists, and excerpts scattered throughout highlight selected entries, as do 175 photos. A nearly comprehensive index lists 2500 names, and guides to further information are provided in the entries and appendixes. The wealth of baseball-related items in this unique collection will delight fans and popular culture scholars. —Robert Aken, Univ. of Kentucky Libs., Lexington