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Diamonds in the Rough: The Legend and Legacy of Tony Lucadello.

Tony Lucadello was a baseball scout for the Chicago Cubs and the Philadelphia Phillies, and in this posthumously published work (Lucadello took his own life at the end of his last scouting season, in May 1989) he relates, in short anecdotes (5–10 pages) the recruiting and signing of such major league players as Mike Schmidt, Ferguson Jenkins, and Mike Marshall. Hanneman supplies very brief introductions to each anecdote, as well as a two-page afterword. Though there is nothing substantial here, the book does provide a limited glimpse into a side of baseball rarely explored. Appropriate to all popular baseball and sports collections. [A fuller account of Lucadello’s last season is provided in Mark Winegardner’s Prophet of the Sandlots: Journey with a Major League Scout, reviewed below.—Ed.]—Robert Aken, Univ. of Kentucky Libs., Lexington