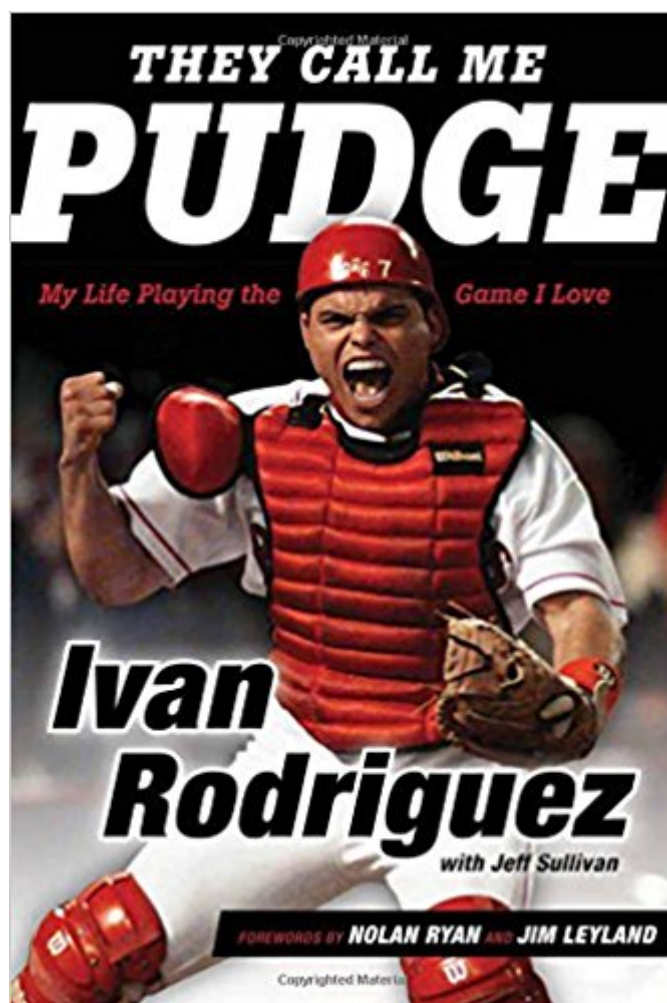


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They Call Me Pudge: My Life Playing The Game I Love



Synopsis

With 14 All-Star appearances, 13 Gold Gloves, a Most Valuable Player Award, and, of course, a World Series ring, Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez has more than earned his spot in Cooperstown as one of the best Major League catchers of all time. In *They Call Me Pudge*, Rodriguez tells the story of his unforgettable baseball journey, from signing his first professional contract as a 16 year-old in Puerto Rico, to his years in Texas, Detroit, and beyond, to the World Series stage in Miami, and behind the doors of the Texas Rangers front office. Rodriguez's accomplishments, his teammates, and his biggest challenges all receive time in the spotlight in this refreshing memoir of a life and Hall-of-Fame career.

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Widely regarded as one of baseball's all-time great defensive catchers, Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez played for the Texas Rangers, Florida Marlins, Detroit Tigers, New York Yankees, Houston Astros, and Washington Nationals during his 20-year Hall-of-Fame playing career. He was named the American League MVP in 1999 and won a World Series championship with the Florida Marlins in 2003. The 14-time all-star and 13-time Gold Glove winner was born and raised in Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, and he now serves as special assistant to the general manager for the Texas Rangers. He was elected to baseball's Hall of Fame in 2017. [Jeff Sullivan](#) is a columnist and feature writer for the Dallas Cowboys as well as the editorial director at Panini America. His first book, *America's Team: The Official History of the Dallas Cowboys*, was published in 2010. He lives in Arlington, Texas. [The all-time leader in strikeouts and no-hitters, Nolan Ryan](#) pitched in the major leagues from 1966 to 1993 and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in

1999. Jim Leyland managed the Pirates, Marlins, Rockies, and Tigers.

Very good read! I am a huge Pudge & MLB fan, truly enjoyed this wonderful book!

It would take more than five stars to rate the style and well rounded character of a baseball player of Pudge's caliber. Dedication is the name of the game, and of course his blessed arm is an important asset, too. However, the book shows a Pudge Rodriguez who is only human and strives to be the best in every role he plays: as a son, husband, player and most importantly as a human being. Long live the Pudge! Translating it into Spanish as well was a brilliant idea!

I got this book for John Morrison, because Ivan Rodriguez has always been his favorite player. I haven't been much of a baseball fan but we both are loving his autobiography!

This is a great read by one of the game's greatest catchers. Like he did during his career, Pudge comes across here as competitive, driven and focused, all while having a good time. Just because he was blessed with natural talent doesn't mean he didn't have to work hard to reach his goals, and Rodriguez offers readers a glimpse behind the mask in this fantastic memoir.

This book has it all, all of Pudge's secrets within the game for young catchers, inspirational stories, it's like his Hall of Fame speech, an instant classic. Every baseball fan should read this book.

A true baseball book with stories from one of the elite players of the last three decades.

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