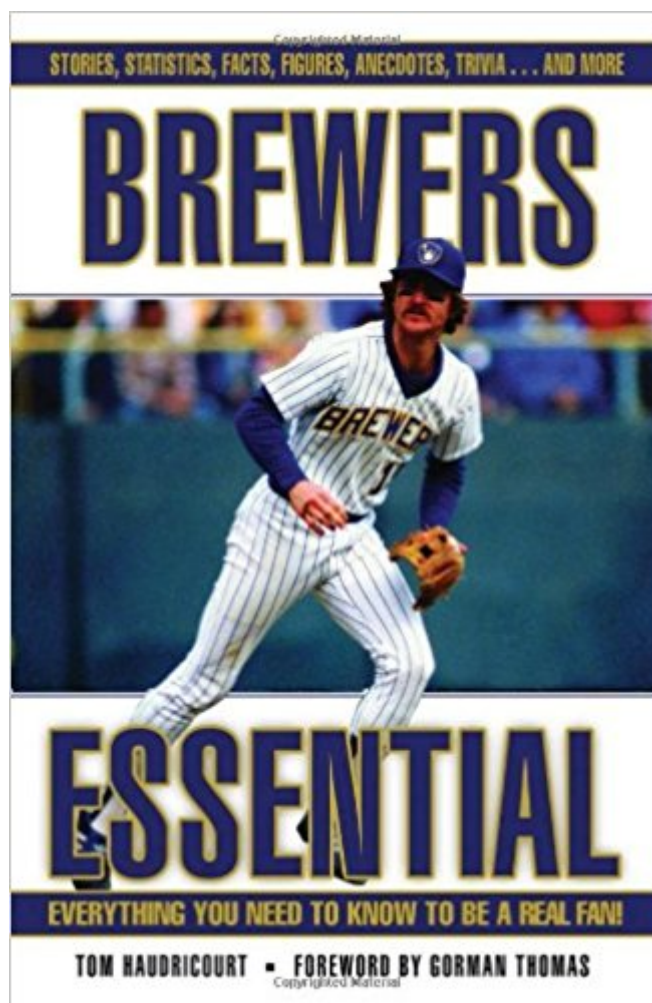


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# Brewers Essential: Everything You Need To Know To Be A Real Fan!



## Synopsis

As a one-stop record containing everything Brewers fans want to know about their favorite baseball team, this resource is packed with anecdotes, history, explanations of traditions, statistics, trivia, and photos. Hours of entertainment include insider stories, player biographies, greatest moments, biggest disappointments, memorable personalities, and top-10 lists.

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"I think the history of the Milwaukee Brewers started in 1978. That was when a bunch of castoffs and kids coming through the system were put in a mold by [George] Bamberger and became a winner." -from the foreword by Gorman Thomas

Bob Uecker and Bernie Brewer. County Stadium and Miller Park. Bambi's Bombers and Team Streak--they're all here. Packed with insider stories, player biographies, statistics, trivia questions, top-10 lists, and much more, *Brewers Essential* is guaranteed to provide hours and hours of entertainment for every serious fan of Milwaukee baseball. Milwaukee fans were stunned and heart-broken when their beloved Braves departed for Atlanta after the 1965 season, but their spirits were revived when local businessman Allan "Bud" Selig made it his life's purpose to bring baseball back to the city. Just five years later, Selig's dream came true when he purchased the bankrupt Seattle Pilots, relocated the team to his hometown, and renamed them the Milwaukee Brewers. The early days were tough: the team lost its home opener 12-0, wearing uniforms from which the Seattle

patches had been ripped off and replaced with Brewers insignias, and went on to post a disappointing 65-97 record. In fact, they would not have a winning season until 1978. But the fans slowly warmed up to the team, and their support turned to downright passion in 1982 when Milwaukee made a championship run. The Brewers lost the Suds Series to St. Louis, but they built a deep bond with their fans that lasts to this day. *Brewers Essential* is the book that those true-blue Brew Crew fans have been waiting for--a complete guide to everything that makes it so great to be a baseball fan in Beer City, U.S.A. In addition to learning the complete story of the team's unlikely starts, Brewers fans can relive the glory of 1982 and acquaint themselves with Harvey's Wallbangers, a team that featured some of the greatest names in Milwaukee baseball history, including Robin Yount, Paul Molitor, Gorman Thomas, and Cecil Cooper. They can trace the up-and-down performances of the next quarter century, and take pride in the unlikely emergence in 2007 of a young-but-talented squad that made a serious run at the playoffs. While Prince Fielder, Ryan Braun, and company came up short that year, they made it clear to the rest of the league that the World Series might soon make another visit to Milwaukee.

Solid, sympathetic and occasionally sportive. "*Brewers Essential*" is a good introduction to Brewer history and a good reminiscence for the veteran fan. I learned interesting details like Robin Yount, Paul Molitor and Jim Gantner had the longest association of three teammates in big-league history, and fans seated in the first row of seats behind home plate at Miller Park are closer to the catcher than the pitcher is. Plus, it's always fun to spend time with "Mr. Baseball". "Anybody with ability can play in the big leagues. But to be able to trick people year in and year out the way I did, I think that was a much greater feat."

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My more intense fandom started a few years before this book was written. I found this a great resource to educate me on the history of the club before I was old enough to remember and fill in the gaps for the years in which I was too busy going to school and playing sports myself to closely follow the team. The chapters were relatively quick reads, which I enjoyed as it made it easier to read in short bursts. I plan to share this book with others.

This is a great book to fill you in on the Brewers' history and the teams' highly likeable culture and attitude. I very much enjoyed reading this book and went through it in no time. Even if you are

already familiar with the Brewers you will most likely greatly enjoy reading this book as it let's you relive many great moments of the brew crew and probably will also tell you a few things that you haven't heard before. The author has been covering this clubhouse for the local newspaper for decades and thus is intimately familiar with the team as well as with it's management and fans. This is by far the best book I have read on this great club. True blue brew crew stuff.

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