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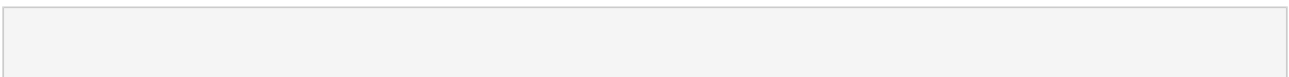
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Review

"*Fall from Grace: The Truth and Tragedy of "Shoeless Joe" Jackson* helps flesh out that portrait and add context to the actions of a player who was banned from baseball for life for his part in the scheme. . . . Hornbaker patiently presents the evidence and invites the reader to become the jury.

-- Paul Hagen, MLB.com

"Hornbaker breathes fresh life into the character and motivations of baseball legend Shoeless Joe Jackson in detailing his tragic plunge from stardom to infamy for his ambiguous role in fixing the 1919 World Series. His haunting portrait of one of the game's most controversial and complex figures also provides a balanced and insightful addition to the everlasting reexaminations of the greatest scandal in the game's long history."

-- David Nemecek, novelist, baseball historian, and author of *The Great Encyclopedia of Nineteenth Century Major League Baseball*, *The Beer and Whiskey League*, and *Major League Baseball Profiles: 1871-1900*

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-- Stuart Shiffman, *Illinois Times*

About the Author

Tim Hornbaker is a lifelong sports historian and enthusiast. His books *Turning the Black Sox White: The Misunderstood Legacy of Charles A. Comiskey* and *War on the Basepaths: The Definitive Biography of Ty Cobb* were received with critical acclaim.

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