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Yahoo's lead baseball columnist offers an in-depth look at the most valuable commodity in sports—the pitching arm—and how its vulnerability to injury is hurting players and the game, from Little League to the majors. Every year, Major League Baseball spends more than \$1.5 billion on pitchers—five times more than the salary of every NFL quarterback combined. Pitchers are the game's lifeblood. Their import is exceeded only by their fragility. One tiny band of tissue in the elbow, the ulnar collateral ligament, is snapping at unprecedented rates, leaving current big league players vulnerable and the coming generation of baseball-playing children dreading the three scariest words in the sport: Tommy John surgery. Jeff Passan traveled the world for three years to explore in-depth the past, present, and future of the arm, and how its evolution left baseball struggling to wrangle its Tommy John surgery epidemic. He examined what compelled the Chicago Cubs to spend \$155 million on one arm. He snagged a rare interview with Sandy Koufax, whose career was cut short by injury at thirty, and visited Japan to understand how another baseball-mad country treats its prized arms. And he followed two major league pitchers, Daniel Hudson and Todd Coffey, throughout their returns from Tommy John surgery. He exposes how the baseball establishment long ignored the rise in arm injuries and reveals how misplaced incentives across the sport stifle potential changes. Injuries to the UCL start as early as Little League. Without a drastic cultural shift, baseball will continue to lose hundreds of millions of dollars annually to damaged pitchers, and another generation of children will suffer the same problems that vex current players. Informative and hard-hitting, *The Arm* is essential reading for everyone who loves the game, wants to keep their children healthy, or relishes a look into how a large, complex institution can fail so spectacularly.

In 1979 Billy McEwan is drifting through his last year of college (or, at any rate, his last year as an undergraduate.) But then he meets a troubled young woman named Tammi Honig. He does not save her life, but perhaps she saves his. Thanks to her, he enjoys (or experiences, at least) many adventures on New York's Upper West Side, back in the days when the City was still dangerous, dirty, and romantic, back in the days of punk rock, Thai stick, and Checker cabs. Indeed, his adventures eventually lead him beyond the boundaries of the Upper West Side. He doesn't just venture south of West 72nd Street or north of West 125th Street: at various times, he finds himself as far afield as Boston, Atlanta, and even the San Fernando Valley.

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The purpose of Basics of Mortgage-Backed Securities is to provide readers with a fundamental understanding of mortgage securities as an integral part of investment in fixed-income securities. The second edition of this MBS classic provides the latest information on the U.S. residential mortgage market, adjustable-rate mortgages and mortgage pass-throughs, relative value analyses and performance characteristics. Dr. James Hu discusses the major changes within the mortgage market that may affect the fundamentals of mortgage securities. Some of these are: the recovery of the REMIC market after its collapse; the flourish of private-label securities; the growth of equity loan-backed securities and its establishment as a member of the fixed-income securities family. Also included are additional historical data for all exhibits. Mortgage pre-payment, dollar rolls, and private-label mortgage-backed securities are also addressed.

"...Philosopher and baseball fan Alva Noë explores the many unexpected ways in which baseball is truly a philosophical kind of game. For example, he ponders how observers of baseball are less interested in what happens, than in who is responsible for what happens; every action receives praise or blame. To put it another way, in baseball - as in the law - we decide what happened based on who is responsible for what happened. Noe also explains the curious activity of keeping score: a score card is not merely a record of the game, like a video recording; it is an account of the game. Baseball requires that true fans try to tell the story of the game, in real time, as it unfolds, and thus actively participate in its creation. Some argue that baseball is fundamentally a game about numbers. Noe's wide-ranging, thoughtful observations show that, to the contrary, baseball is not only a window on language, culture, and the nature of human action, but is intertwined with deep and fundamental human truths."--Dust jacket flap.

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