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Whether You Re A Major League Couch Potato, Life Long Season Ticket Holder, Or Teaching Game To A Beginner, Watching Baseball Smarter Leaves No Territory Uncovered In This Smart And Funny Fan S Guide Hample Explains The Ins And Outs Of Pitching, Hitting, Running, And Fielding, While Offering Insider Trivia And Anecdotes That Will Surprise Even The Most Informed Viewers Of Our National PastimeWhat Is The Difference Between A Slider And A Curveball At Which Stadium Did The Wave First Make An Appearance How Do Some Hitters Use iPods To Improve Their Skills Which Positions Are Neverplayed By Lefties Why Do Some Players Urinate On Their Hands Combining The Narrative Voice And Attitude Of Michael Lewis With The Compulsive Brilliance Of Schott S Miscellany, Watching Baseball Smarter Will Increase Your Understanding And Enjoyment Of The Sport No Matter What Your Level Of Expertise Zack Hample Is An Obsessed Fan And A Regular Writer For Minorleaguebaseball He S Collected Nearly , Baseballs From Major League Games And Has Appeared On Dozens Of TV And Radio Shows His First Book, How To Snag Major League Baseballs, Was Published In More for the beginner and casual fans, except for the

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statistical analysis, which is for math geeks I m a big fan of the game, but I don t really care how slugging percentage is calculated Still, lots of fun facts and factoids, history and answers to things that always made you go hmmm Highy recommended for spouses and girlfriends of fans, and football and basketball snobs who think baseball is dull If you think baseball is dull, it s only because you don t know everything that s going on with every pitch. This book meanders through the world of baseball, dropping short anecdotes, statistics, opinions, and other items meant to make you say Gee whiz, I didn t know that This is told with a light touch, mildly humorous throughout It seems quite similar to a book on baseball I previously read that had been sold at a Hallmark card store As a baseball fan, I knew or at least was passingly familiar with a large majority of the stories, like why stadiums are different, and why rules are the way they are I was very surprised, given my audiobook source says that this book was from 2017, that the book dissed the concept of video call reviews, saying that will never happen, and waxed eloquently on the strategic use of multiple trips to the pitcher to waste time, etc that have changed in pro baseball rules over the past few years Ends up this book was first released in 2007, and some of the things that it says to make you a smarter baseball watcher are now totally incorrect If you are a beginner, you won t know what is still correct and what isn t, and if you are a casual but up to date fan, these just look like mistakes It is a shame these new versions of the audiobook were released without updating the changes in baseball, or at least without a notice about the actual age of the content I took stars off because of this, and because it wasn t really written for the deeply serious geeks Had this book been about a sport I know less about, like women s gymnastics, with the same odd details and snarky opinions, I probably would have ranked it higher as I liked the voice of the author. The subtitle of this well crafted work A Professional Fan s Guide for Beginners, Semi Experts, and Deeply Serious Geeks For the first two categories, right on Geeks are not going to learn a whole lot that they already do not know That aside, though, this is a nice work Examples of what is in some of the chapters Chapter 2 focuses on Pitchers and Catchers The first part of the chapter describes basic pitches and how they are thrown fastball, curveball, slider,

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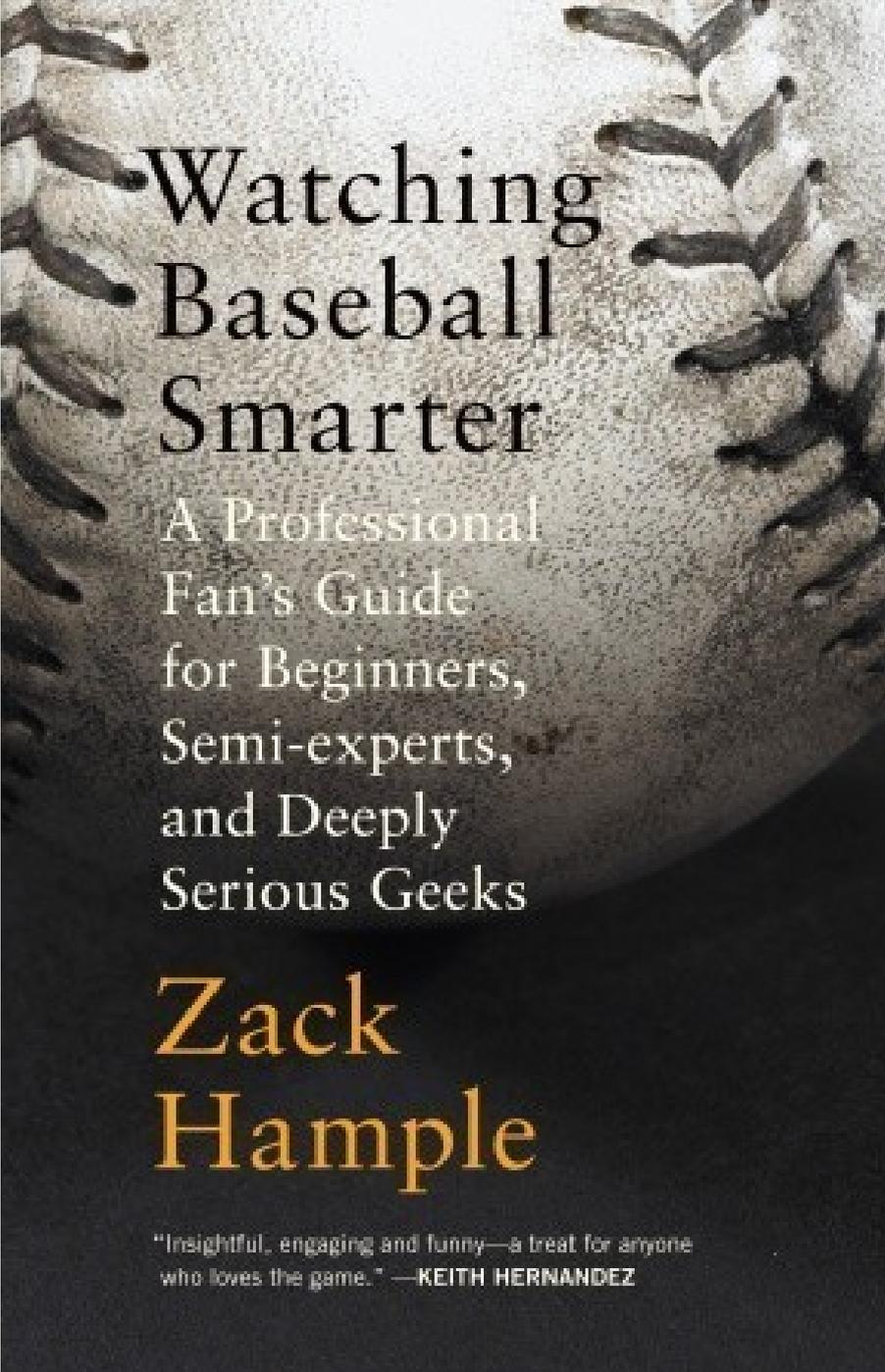
change up, split finger fastball, knuckleball, screwball, spitball  
naughty, naughty , eephus, and gyroball does it even exist  
Each is described, with a bit of humor added here and there  
Chapter 5 explores Fielding There are brief descriptions of  
what each position has to do As an old second baseman, I  
enjoyed reading about the basics of the double play and so on  
Chapter 6 examines Stadiums but should this not be Stadia, to  
use the proper Latin term One of the enjoyable features is the  
description of some unique fields Think Fenway Park or  
Wrigley Field But why not talk about the cool stadium in  
Cleveland Chapter 9 takes a peek at Random Stuff to Know  
E.g., Why K for strikeout on scorecards What about uniform  
numbers The seventh inning stretch And so on This book is a  
lot of fun Even hard core baseball fans might enjoy it for its  
style, even though they may not learn a great deal that is new  
For beginners and intermediate fans, though, this will be quite  
a pleasure This book says that it is aimed at people who know  
enough about baseball to know what a line drive is, but not  
enough to know much more than that, and it pretty much delivers  
exactly what it claims I enjoyed reading it it was fast, full of fun  
little tid bits and asides, and as a neophyte baseball fan, I finally  
understood what a squeeze play is and not only what the  
infield fly rule is but why the rule exists. That said, about 75% of  
the information in the book I had already picked up just by  
watching games over the past year, and there are long  
stretches where the book reads like its aimed at 8 year olds A  
few sections feel like filler If parts seemed too simplistic for ME  
and I still can't quite match every team to the correct league ,  
then most ball fans don't need this.

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Halo: The Cole Protocol

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