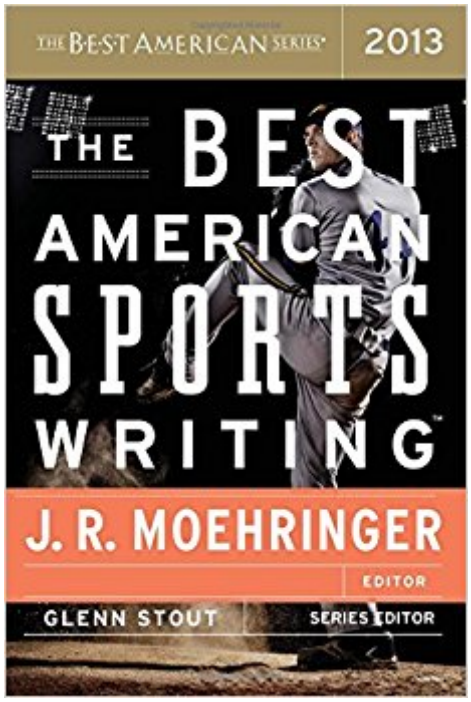
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MoehringerÃ¢â ¬â •a self-described Ã¢â ¬Å“generalistÃ¢â ¬Â• whose Los Angeles Times feature story on a homeless man became the Samuel L. Jackson movie Resurrecting the ChampÃ¢â ¬â •handles his guest-editing duties with care in this twenty-third volume of the excellent series. The 26 pieces here skew toward footballÃ¢â ¬â •what doesnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t these days?Ã¢â ¬â •but there are big dollops of baseball and running, along with coverage of sports as wide ranging as bowling, weight lifting, surfing, and the Special Olympics. ThereÃ¢â ¬â„¢s a very strong piece on bullfighter Juan Jose Padilla, making a triumphant comeback from an astonishing goring, the bullÃ¢â ¬â„¢s horn entering beneath PadillaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s jaw and exiting his left eye socket. And a bittersweet account of amateur bowler Bill Fong, who rolled 35 straight strikes before succumbing to a nine on the first ball of his final frame, coming up just short of bowlingÃ¢â ¬â„¢s holy grail: a perfect 900 score for three games. A profile of Curt Schilling shows the retired pitcher carrying the same confidence and competitiveness in forming a video-game company that he once took to the mound, with different results. A no-brainer pickup for the sports collection. --Alan Moores

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I enjoyed this for the most part. There were several excellent stories on runners which I'm glad were included. I wouldn't have sought out those stories but found them quite interesting, each in their own way. The story on Wes Leonard, the young man from Michigan who died on the court shortly after leading his high school basketball team to a playoff victory, was very compelling as was the spotlight on Urban Meyer. "The Game of His Life" by Jonathan Segura was brilliant. Touching without being overly sentimental and written in a way that draws the reader in. The reason I only gave the book three stars was that it included some stories that I felt were there as a social commentary, such as the Corner of Love and Basketball -- Yuck!! -- and Why Don't More Athletes Take a Stand. The piece on Lance Armstrong was interesting but labored. I thought it was included because of content rather than writing.

JR did a fabulous job of curating a collection of stories, not just about sports, but about the human condition(s) and challenges. I love the fact that my life is enriched by the education I get from these reads.

It sure met my expectations!My son Albert Samaha, a Buzzfeed News journalist is one of the Notables mentioned in the book!ÃƒÂ Ã Å¸Ã ËœÃ Å ÃƒÂ Ã Å¸Ã â œÃ Å¡ÃƒÂ Ã Å¸Ã â "Ã Å

It's a decent read for sports lovers, they release a new one yearly

First book of this type I have read. I enjoyed it immensely . A great reminder that in this age of $100Million superstars that sports are still a human endeavor with its share of joy and tragedy.

My adult son, who happens to have a master's in sports management, requests this book each year for Christmas. It must be good considering he lives and breaths sports and continues to request it each year.

If you agree, buy the book. Lots of good stories. When I say good sportswriting, I mean 'more narrative' like in the old days. I have no use for stats. But good human sports stories. BRING IT!

Gave to my son who is a sports writer. Was his request so hope he enjoyed it.

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