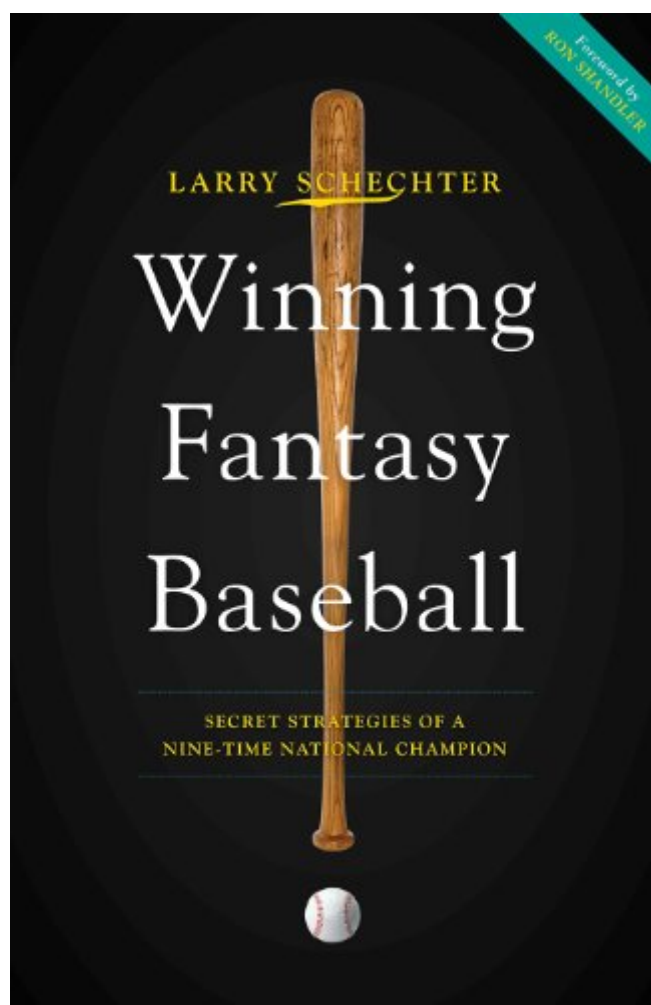


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# Winning Fantasy Baseball: Secret Strategies Of A Nine-Time National Champion



## Synopsis

Play smart. Play to win. Play like a champion. In *Winning Fantasy Baseball*, Larry Schechter discloses the secrets of his proven methods. Packed with commonsense, easy-to-use strategies for beginners through experienced players, Schechter supplies readers with a toolkit to achieve the most important thing in fantasy ball--winning! Some have called Schechter one of the best fantasy baseball players in the world. He is a two-time winner of the CDM Sports national salary-cap challenge, having defeated 7,500 competitors in 2002 and 6,000 in 2005. He is also a six-time winner of the renowned Tout Wars experts league and a one-time winner of the USA Today-sponsored League of Alternative Baseball Reality (LABR). Readers will learn directly from the champ everything they need to know about: \*how to project player stats; \*how to convert those stats into a specific value; \*strategy for snake drafts, and mono-league and mixed auctions; \*selecting teams using a salary cap; \*playing in keeper leagues; \*and performing in-season management. Although the book is primarily about fantasy baseball, many of the concepts also apply to fantasy football and other fantasy sports.

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## Customer Reviews

I enjoyed reading through *Winning Fantasy Baseball*, and will continue to reference back to it as I prepare for my drafts, and throughout the season. It is absolutely applicable to both hardcore fantasy players, and beginners. It is dry informational type reading and at times can get pretty nerdy with various player value formulas etc. What this book allowed me to do was learn how to create my own player rankings and values based off my specific league settings and roster construction. What this allows me to do is enter the draft with a rankings list and dollar values that are tailored to my league. I no longer have to print out the same player rankings that everybody else carries into the draft. Developing my own draft guides allows me to see where certain values can be found in a draft. And VALUES is the central theme to this book, and to winning your fantasy leagues.

I bought this book the first weekend it came out. I feel guilty for not writing a review sooner, but I was busy murdering people in small stakes online drafts. While it's a huge help in having a better draft day, the real joy from the book comes from having a new perspective from which to look at a draft. He explains how to take the total amount of money to be spent in an auction by all the teams combined, and allocate a portion of it to each player. Once you have the league laid out in front of you, with a clear idea of each player's value, a draft becomes a fun exercise in getting the most out of it. I used to leave a draft with a vague sense of whether it went well or not. I now leave it with clear rankings of all the teams involved. He applies his ideas to snake drafts and in-season changes, but my view of auction drafts was so drastically changed by this book that I'd have to say that's the centerpiece of the nice table he's set for the fantasy baseball fan. Not only is the information valuable, it's a fun read over a rainy day or two.

It was a very illuminating book from a master of the game. He covers projections, values/rankings, and in-season management. The only issue I had with it is he doesn't really detail his projection system but rather seems to indicate he does it by intuition, some of the rules of thumb which he shares. Yet, apparently his projections are very accurate. If that's the case, then Larry really is just more talented than the rest of us and we have no chance against the likes of him. If, however, he used Sabermetric data like the rest of us likely would to create projections, then I'd have faith that I could be successful consistently. For now, I'm using projections from various sources, averaging them out, and creating my own valuation system based on SGPs like Larry indicates. I will certainly use his advice on in-season management and keepers (we actually have a 2 keeper draft league that will redraft at the All-Star Break) and hope all that gained knowledge results in a fantasy win this year and for years to come.

Although I'm not a fantasy player myself, my younger brother is a total fanatic... so I bought this book to hopefully understand and appreciate the general complexity of the sport better, and Schechter definitely delivers on that. My intuition is that a fantasy player of any level of ability could gain insights from this book. It seems to be very clearly written, and I assume that the more complex considerations that Schechter goes into - which are over my head - would be quite useful to upper level players. Although I had expected the book to simply talk about "This is my system for each style of game format ...", I was very impressed by the depth of Schechter's coverage of opinions other than his own, and the extensive testing that he has done to improve his results. I also liked that he presented many of his findings as his best conclusion after a lot of research, rather than as the gospel.

I've been playing fantasy baseball for 10+ years and have never found anything close to as helpful as this book. Larry lays out a systematic approach to the game that is so logical you feel silly for not having thought of it yourself. It's an easy read (if you're passionate about fantasy sports and/or baseball it's hard to put it down.) Even some of the more complicated concepts like value formulas are laid out in ways that anyone can understand. The best part about it is that there's no fluff. Every fantasy sports service out there has a million different tips and strategies, lists of do's and don't's, etc. This book doesn't flood you with garbage to wade through. It's straight and to the point, a simple, logical system to help you gain an edge over the competition. And if you ever find yourself thinking, "It can't be this easy," just remind yourself that Schechter is a nine-time national champion. This stuff works. I'll be recommending this book to everyone except my league-mates. I don't want them playing this smart.

Great book. It really opened my eyes into how to do better in the world of not only fantasy baseball, but other fantasy sports. Larry Schechter is a genius and I highly recommend this book to all of those that play fantasy sports, and also to those just wanting something good to read. I applied the principles from the book into my fantasy baseball league and saw an immediate improvement in my team's performance. No, I did not win the league, but I did manage to make the playoffs. Injuries pretty much ended my run, but cannot wait until next year!

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