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USA TODAY Baseball Scorebook



Synopsis

Take this out to the ball game! From USA TODAY comes a fun, one-stop shop for baseball lovers. Featuring 100 red-and-blue scorecards (more than enough for all the home games) and a section for autographs, it's essential gear for a day at the ballpark. And there's more, too, including a lavishly illustrated history of baseball, a long list of record holders, and instructions on how to keep score—including abbreviations. Filling out scorecards, and saving them as precious souvenirs, has been a long-held tradition. This volume is the perfect way for parents to teach their children about America's national sport and create memories that will last a lifetime.

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Customer Reviews

The scorecard itself is fine, with enough room to show the progress of the players as they circle the bases and to indicate balls and strikes. However, the scorecards are contained in a binding that is very difficult to fold, which makes this scorebook unwieldy to use while you are at the ballpark.

Spread out, which is the way the book is designed, the scorecard is too bulky to use easily on your lap. Also, the sections on the history of baseball and for autograph hunters are useless in a scorebook and simply add to the bulk. If you intend to use the scorebook to score games at home, with the scoresheets on a table or couch, this scorebook would be a good choice. If you plan on scoring at the ballpark, look elsewhere for a better packaged product.

This is a good scorebook. It has room for a lot of players and substitutions and there is sufficient space for most extra inning games. I don't think the book is necessarily the best I have ever used, but it is more than suitable for my needs. I know many others have mentioned it, but the biggest

drawback to this book is the inability to fold it flat in your lap. I just don't understand why they could not have made this with a simple spiral binding so the book would lay flat. Other than that, it's a very good book and I very well may buy it again if I don't come across one I like better before this one gets filled up.

I have used this scorebook 5 times so far, and am finding it to be a very good scorebook. My nephew and I always score the games we go to, and this year decided to buy a scorebook, rather than the Game Day scorecards sold at stadiums. I doubt we will use the entire book this season, as it has MANY pages! The book is very easy to score in... it has large scoring spaces, and the lineup spaces are also large and have 3 spaces for lineup changes. It will accomodate almost any scoring system... I use a system I learned in the sixties (not the one described in the book) and it works great for that too! The only negative (and it's minor) is that the hard cover doesn't bend back well (to flip from visitors to home team). On the other side of that is the cover gives a solid surface to score on, instead of the Games Days bending all over the place. All in all, I'm very happy with this choice!

This scorebook is much better than any I have ever used. I bought one for myself, my aunt and my nephew. My aunt has been scoring Pirate games since the late 60's and she said this is one of the best she has ever used. I have been doing the same since the mid 90's and it is amazing. It has all the space you need, especially extra innings (other books may not have this and it helps a lot especially if a team bats around in an inning), a game tally for both pitcher and batter progress and much more. My nephew is only 8 and he enjoyed keeping score for the first time. Also the first part of the book, a crash course of the history of baseball, record stats and how to keep score was very exciting to him. He now takes it to every game we go to and we keep score together.

I bought this scorebook for my husband and me, and we both think it's fantastic! There's space for 11 batters (each with 2 replacements) and 6 pitchers, and the score cards include 11 innings. It's also very legible and user-friendly. And, while this isn't necessary, the front of the scorebook contains a really nice brief history of baseball and a bunch of pitching and batting records, just in case you're interested! Now, it's true the binding isn't as flexible as some other scorebooks, but it's definitely not impossible to deal with, and I wouldn't have even thought twice about it except that some other reviews mentioned it. Overall, you're not going to find a better scorebook out there because this one is so accommodating for roster changes and extra innings. I would recommend it to anyone who's looking for a good major league baseball scorebook.

I think that this scorebook is great -- pages are large, all the columns and features you could want from every scoresheet. Plus, 100 pages of sheets is a ton! I think that the "fluff" pages with the history of baseball at the beginning are unnecessary, however. Also, as other people have mentioned, the fact that his binding has a spiral binding INSIDE a cardboard binding make it hard to open all the way -- a bad design choice for people who actually use this book to score games from their seats at the ballpark. I don't see why they couldn't have simply made it spiral-bound with a heavier duty front and back page to maintain stability. Great scoresheets, bad design on the binding.

I do agree that this book is a tad large and has too many extra pages (history, autograph pages). However, I would not want it to be any smaller because I like having space to score everything very clearly. It can be awkward in the stadium however, I take this book to Wrigley Field all the time and I score at home. I have used this scorebook for 2 seasons now. Has room for 11 batters and 2 substitutions for each one, has 11 innings, room for 6 pitchers and includes summary information. It has a shaded diamond in the middle of each box, RBI box and little boxes to indicate strikes and balls. I do pitch totals and just put them at bottom of inning, lots of room because of the extra batter space. I have yet to find a scorebook that compares to this one and would love feedback if someone knows of a better scorebook or easier one to travel with.

I love scoring games with this book! The story, statistics, and helpful hints included at the start of the book are complemented nicely with full color photos. Only problem is that it is too big and cumbersome to bring along to actual games (with the book binding over the outside, it is too rigid to bend in half easily)- best for scoring from your own couch!

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