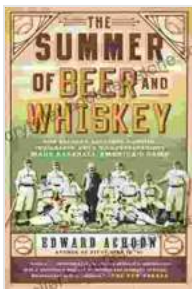


How Brewers, Barkeeps, Rowdies, Immigrants, and a Wild Pennant Fight Made Baseball

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, baseball was a different game. It was a time of rowdy crowds, hard-drinking players, and bare-knuckle brawls. But it was also a time of great innovation and change. The game we know today was shaped by the people who played it during this era, including brewers, barkeeps, rowdies, immigrants, and even a wild pennant fight.



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Brewers

Brewers played a major role in the development of baseball. In the early days of the game, many teams were sponsored by breweries. These teams would often play exhibition games against each other, and the proceeds would go to support the brewery. Some of the most famous early baseball

teams, such as the Cincinnati Red Stockings and the St. Louis Browns, were sponsored by breweries.

Brewers also helped to popularize baseball by selling beer at their games. In the late 1800s, beer was the most popular drink in America, and it was a natural fit for baseball. Brewers would often set up stands at games, and they would sell beer to the fans. This helped to make baseball more accessible to the working class, and it also helped to create a more festive atmosphere at games.

Barkeeps

Barkeeps also played a major role in the development of baseball. In the early days of the game, many bars would have a baseball field in the back. These fields would often be used for informal games between patrons. Barkeeps would often umpire these games, and they would also help to organize teams and tournaments.

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Rowdies

Rowdies were a common sight at baseball games in the late 1800s and early 1900s. These were often working-class men who would come to games to drink beer and cause trouble. Rowdies would often heckle the players, and they would sometimes even start fights. In some cases,

rowdies would even attack the players. This behavior was not tolerated by the authorities, and it eventually led to the establishment of rules to keep rowdies in check.

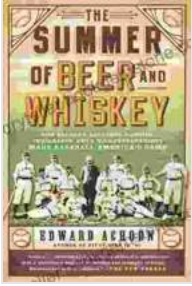
Immigrants

Immigrants played a major role in the development of baseball. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, millions of immigrants came to America from all over the world. Many of these immigrants brought their own baseball traditions with them. For example, German immigrants brought the game of "ninepins," which is similar to baseball. Irish immigrants brought the game of "hurling," which is also similar to baseball. These different influences helped to shape the game of baseball as we know it today.

A Wild Pennant Fight

In 1908, there was a wild pennant fight between the Chicago Cubs and the New York Giants. The two teams were tied for the National League pennant, and the winner would go on to the World Series. The game was played at the Polo Grounds in New York City, and it was a wild affair. The fans were rowdy, the players were brawling, and the umpire was even attacked. In the end, the Giants won the game and went on to win the World Series. This game is often considered to be one of the most important games in baseball history, and it helped to cement the game's popularity in America.

The game of baseball was shaped by many different people and influences in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Brewers, barkeepers, rowdies, immigrants, and even a wild pennant fight all played a role in the development of the game we know today. Baseball is a truly American game, and it is a reflection of the people who played it and the times in which it was played.



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