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and trivia, dating from pre-Civil War to the modern era. The authors begin with Alexander Cartwright and Abner Doubleday, and just keep on going. There's a lot here in these readable pages, from personalities like Cap Anson, Babe Ruth, Cy Young, Willie Mays, Pete Rose, etc., to some of the more successful and more colorful teams, key World Series', etc. The book covers each era, from the post-civil war teams of the later 1800's, to the dead ball era, the roaring 1920's, the Depression and War years, postwar baseball, expansion, etc. Hard core fans will recognize many of the anecdotes, but there's so many here that some are bound to be new. Actually, I wish the authors had included more pages of information, but this still makes good reading for baseball fans. Thinking fans should also read Okrent's NINE INNINGS, a dated but superb look at baseball and baseball strategy.