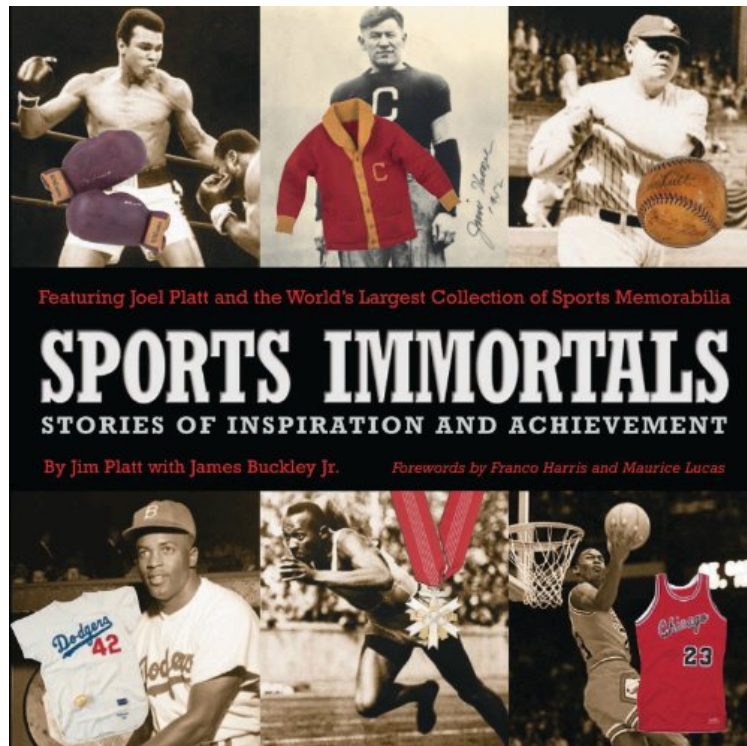


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From BooklistFor anyone who has ever saved a baseball program or treasured an autograph, this album is a marvel. Joel Platt started collecting sports memorabilia more than 50 years ago and has amassed more than one million pieces, 30,000 of which are on display at his Sports Immortals Museum in Boca Raton, Florida. Assembled by Platt's son, Jim, and sports historian Buckley, this volume showcases many of the jewels in the museum's crown. Beautifully designed, the book combines attractive four-color photos of the items (Wilt Chamberlain's high-school jersey, Cy Young's baseball shoes, Christy Mathewson's glove, and on and on) with brief snapshots of the athletes' careers and sidebars by Joel Platt describing how the various pieces were acquired. The snapshots are forgettable, but the sidebars are fascinating: imagine Platt introducing himself to Mathewson's widow and gaining access to a trunk of her husband's belongings that hadn't been opened since the Hall of Famer's death 36 years earlier. A browsing bonanza for all sports fans. Bill OttCopyright American Library Association. All rights reservedAbout the AuthorJoel Platt is the chairman and founder of Sports Immortals. His Sports Immortals Collection has been featured in Sports Illustrated, Sport Magazine, and numerous periodicals and national television features. The Smithsonian Institute has recognized Sports Immortals as "...absolutely the most outstanding collection on all sports..." Jim Platt is the vice president of Sports Immortals. He has extensive experience in strategic marketing, strategic management, advertising, promotions, Internet development, and museum operations. James Buckley, Jr., is the author of more than 30 books on sports and sports history for both adults and children. His recent books include Perfect: The Story of Baseball's Perfect Games; Baseball: A Celebration; The Visual Dictionary of Baseball; and Eyewitness Football.