

Nonfiction

“I Will Never Forget”: Interviews with 39 Former Negro League Players” Kelley, Brent.

Interviews with former Negro League Baseball players about their experiences in the league and their feelings about America’s focus shifting to the major leagues with Jackie Robinson’s historic career with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Farewell to Jim Crow: The Rise and Fall of Segregation in America. Rasmussen, R. Kent
This book gives a comprehensive history of Jim Crow laws and the effects on Americans. The author follows segregation all the way through the Civil Rights Era and discusses the implications of racism today.

Black Diamonds: Life in the Negro Leagues From the Men Who Lived It John Holway
Holway provides profiles of the amazing athletes in the NBL and their often looked-over contributions to America’s favorite pastime.

Sol White’s History of Colored Baseball: With Other Documents on the Early Black Game 1886-1936 White, Sol

White was a former NLB player and the first to write a definitive history of the league. This book contains photographs, flyers, newspaper articles and other artifacts related to the Negro Baseball League.

Maybe I’ll Pitch Forever: A Great Baseball Player Tells the Hilarious Story Behind the Legend Paige, Leroy

Coming from Satchel himself, this autobiography gives readers a look into life on the road, playing for multiple teams and finally being able to play in the major leagues.

The Forgotten Players: The Story of Black Baseball in America Gardner, Robert and Dennis Shortelle

Rather than a book of statistics and figures, this book highlights many NLB players’ lives and their individual experiences. How must it have felt to be on the road traveling most of the year? This book gives many details from the players themselves that answer those questions.

Josh Gibson: A Life in the Negro Leagues William Brashler

Gibson, known as the black Babe Ruth, is vividly portrayed in this biography of one of the NLB’s star players. Following Gibson from his youth in Macon, GA to his career in the Negro League, Brashler paints a fine portrait of one of America’s greatest athletes.