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Dan Schlossberg, a former AP sportswriter, is the author of thirty-six baseball books, including *Called Out But Safe*, a collaboration with former umpire Al Clark; *The 300 Club: Have We Seen the Last of Baseball's 300-Game Winners*; and *The Baseball Catalog*, a compendium that was an alternate for the Book of the Month Club as a 1980 hardcover. The baseball editor of Latino Sports, he writes for *USA TODAY Sports Weekly*, *New York Natives*, *New Jersey Lifestyle*, and various Boston Red Sox publications, among others. An unabashed Braves fan since 1957 when the Milwaukee Braves beat the Yankees in the World Series, Dan has followed the team closely as both a fan and a sportswriter for more than fifty years.

Bobby Cox is a former third baseman for the New York Yankees as well as former manager for the Toronto Blue Jays and Atlanta Braves. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2013.

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