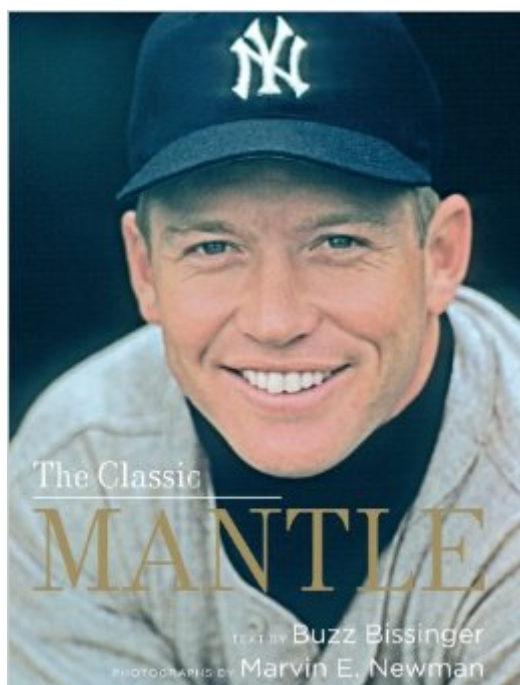


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The Classic Mantle



Synopsis

In *The Classic Mantle*, acclaimed sportswriter Buzz Bissinger tells the story of Mickey Mantle's unforgettable career. Mantle has long been considered one of baseball's most memorable figures; playing his entire 18-year baseball career for the New York Yankees (1951-68), winning 3 American League MVP titles, playing in 20 All-Star games, and winning 7 World Series. Today, more than 40 years after his retirement, he still holds 6 World Series records, including most home runs (18). Bissinger goes beyond the statistics to bring Mantle to life, and stunning photographs by Marvin E. Newman make this book a fitting tribute to Mantle's career and his lasting impact on the sport of baseball. Praise for *The Classic Mantle*: "Even if you're a Yankee hater, you can't help but love this book"; and Mickey Mantle. "The Buffalo News"

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The worst baseball decision I ever made, I made early. It was the summer of 1972, I was six, and I thought it a fine idea to take some of my older brothers' best baseball cards and tape or glue them into my self-styled "scrapbook." My brother would agree. I didn't quite understand the premise of scrapbooks, but I knew mine was going to include some great baseball cards. Included among the victims was a 1966 Mickey Mantle. 1966 was late in the career of Mantle - he retired after the 1968 season - but with the baseball card hyperinflation of the 1990's all things Mantle took on significant value. Think Marilyn Monroe memorabilia, and you'll get some feel for how his cards are viewed in the collecting community. One of my better baseball decisions in recent years thankfully also

included Mantle. I picked up a copy of *The Classic Mantle* by Buzz Bissinger & Marvin E. Newman. Bissinger contributes the text and Newman's adds a collection of his nearly-perfect vintage photographs of Mantle from his playing days and just after. The photographs are stunning and describing that at length would do little to convey the notion. Newman, now 87, contributed to many publications during his career, including *Sports Illustrated*, *Life*, *Newsweek*, *Look* and *Smithsonian*. He attended Brooklyn College at the age of 16 to study photography and took his lessons well. Bissinger words are just as compelling. He writes concisely - *The Classic Mantle* is a 144-page affair with 50 of Newman's photos - and somehow manages to be sentimentally detached. There are no efforts to smooth over Mantle's dual vices of alcoholism and infidelity, but there is a needed conveyance of Mantle's often pervading self-disdain that clearly contributed to them.

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