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Writing with Chicago Tribune sports columnist Verdi, Harry Caray recaps his decades in the booth, paying special attention to the owners he has dealt with, particularly Gussie Busch, Charley Finley and Bill Veeck. He also explains his philosophy of success in the booth, which is to think of himself primarily as a fan explaining the game to his fellow fans and pointing out players' failures as well as strengths. In this memoir, he recalls players he has admired, beginning with his all-time favorite, Stan Musial, and including Reggie Jackson, Richie Allen, and Ryne Sandberg.

Holy Cow! Details

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Brent Soderstrum says

I am amazed by how many young people don't remember Harry Caray. He is best remembered by me as the Chicago Cubs blowhard announcer in the 1980s. In this 1989 autobiography Harry tells of the days when he was a Cardinals announcer, an A's announcer, a White Sox announcer and finally a Cubs announcer. Harry tells some great stories but he certainly had a huge ego. Most of the stories focus on what a great announcer he was and how much the fans loved him. From screaming "Holy Cow" to singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" to his connection and love for Budweiser Harry gives a slanted view on Harry. I always thought he was way overrated as a TV announcer but my grandfather was a Cub fan and when he died I got his Harry Caray book. Figured it was time to give it a read. I am sure Cub fans miss him.

Aaron Million says

This is about what I would expect from Harry Caray - very self-serving and overblown. However, if you like baseball history, it is worth it to read about some of the things that he witnessed over his career.

Paul Hanson says

Fun read on this American sports legend.

John Brocato says

If you're a baseball fan who remembers Harry Caray broadcasting games on WGN, this is a fun book.

Monte Lamb says

Fun to read the life story of Harry Caray. The book was written in 1989 and covers his entire career up to that point. There probably aren't too many secrets in this book that any real knowledgeable fan wouldn't already know, but it is fun to read and you do get some insights into what made Harry be Harry.

Michael says

The book mostly tracked the career of Harry Caray through the eyes of the self-confident drunk himself. A lot of name dropping that may spark favorable memories in fans, especially older ones. Not a great read but for true fans of Harry.

Jordan says

If you grew up a Cubs fan in the 1980's, Harry was the TV voice you heard on a near daily basis. A humorous retrospective on Harry's early career.

Ed says

Harry Caray's bildungsroman.

Ronald says

read some time in 1992

Louis Picone says

exactly what I expected - I loved watching Hary Carry when we got cable & I could watch Cubs day games on WGN. This was a great history of baseball thru his eyes. I always think of him as a Cubs fan so it was surprising how many teams he announced for -including the Cardinals, A's, White Sox

Thomas says

Even though I was never able to listen to Harry Caray in person because he was before my time he is still a cubs legend and and I respect him. His book however is what I expected mosstly average but with some good points throughout.

Chris Dean says

I knew that I was in trouble in the opening chapter when the author gets the date of his "life changing event" (a stroke) wrong.

Sanitized autobiography that really just glosses over much of Caray's life and career. In retrospect, this book was likely written to capitalize on similar books (John Madden comes to mind) that were popular at the time.
