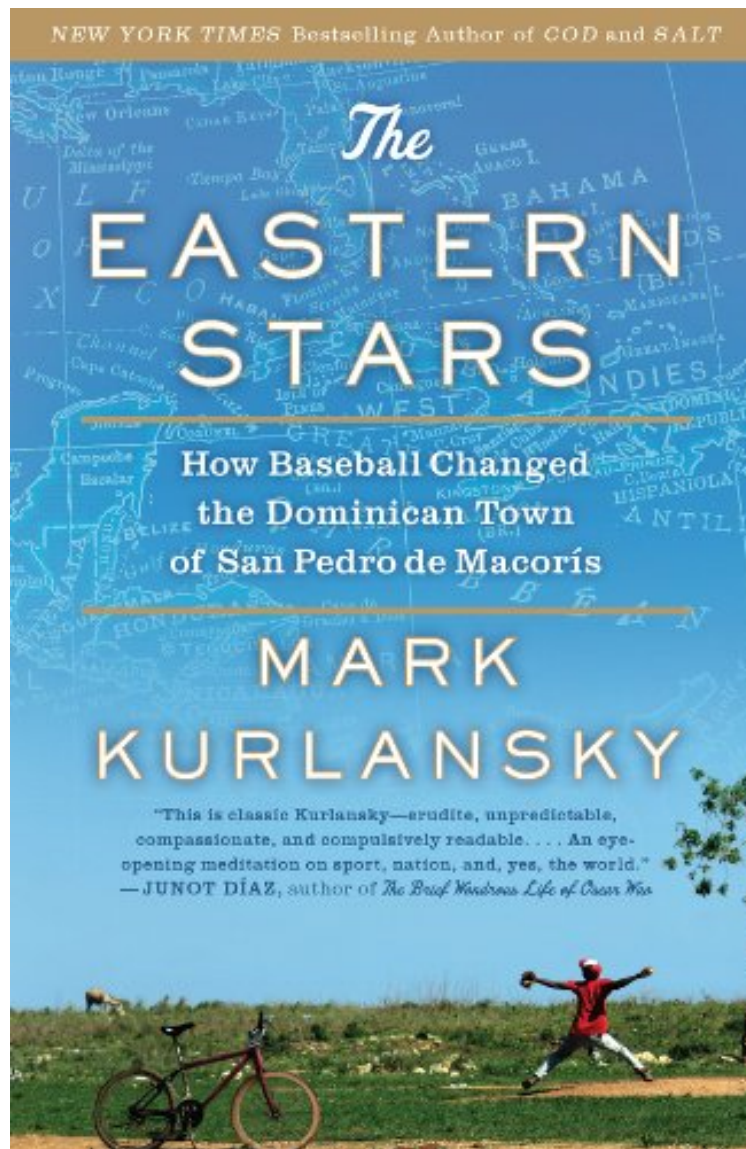


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Hotbed of Talent Von James Gallen Every modern baseball fan has heard of San Pedro de Macoris, that hotbed of Dominican baseball talent, but most know little about the town. In "The Eastern Stars", author Mark Kurlansky introduces the reader to its sugar past, its baseball present and the changes the game has made to the town. This book is part history, part baseball and part Third World study. The history part traces the history of the Dominican Republic, its colonial past, its chronic tension with Haiti and its series of dictators. Getting to the more localized history of San Pedro, it follows its rise as a sugar center and, as that declined, the rising prominence of baseball. We learn about a culture drawn from around the Caribbean that drew on the traditions of the Dominican, Cuba, Haiti and British Island dotting the Sea. We read about the impact big world issue have on something as non-political as baseball. Did you, for example, ever stop to think that the U.S. Embargo of Cuba opened the door to the major leagues to Dominicans by closing it to Cuban stars? In much of the book, Kurlansky treats us to stories of the many of the major leaguers, both great stars and those whose careers were measured in days. We read of the heroics and the antics of Juan Marichal, Joaquin Andujar, Sammy Sosa, George Bell and many others. Issue of nationality and race, white, black and Latino, are shown from the San Pedro perspective, which is much different than that of the U.S. The importance of the signing bonus and the big league salaries to the player, his family and community, is illustrated in example after example. The continued attraction of San Pedro to retired players says something about the ties of country and home. As we read of the scouts, the camps, the retired major leaguers and the eager boys who bring us the magic of summer, the reader cannot help but wonder how it is that our entertainment is dependent on this land so near and yet so different. For any fan of baseball or the history and culture of the Caribbean, this is a good read.

Kurzbeschreibung The intriguing, inspiring history of one small, impoverished area in the Dominican Republic that has produced a staggering number of Major League Baseball talent, from an award-winning, bestselling author. In the town of San Pedro in the Dominican Republic, baseball is not just a way of life. It's the way of life. By the year 2008, seventy-nine boys and men from San Pedro have gone on to play in the Major Leagues—that means one in six Dominican Republicans who have played in the Majors have come from one tiny, impoverished region. Manny Alexander, Sammy Sosa, Tony Fernandez, and legions of other San Pedro players who came up in the sugar mill teams flocked to the United States, looking for opportunity, wealth, and a better life. Because of the sugar industry, and the influxes of migrant workers from across the Caribbean to work in the cane fields and factories, San Pedro is one of the most ethnically diverse areas of the Dominican Republic. A multitude of languages are spoken there, and a variety of skin colors populate the community; but the one constant is sugar and baseball. The history of players from San Pedro is also a chronicle of racism in baseball, changing social mores in sports and in the Dominican Republic, and the personal stories of the many men who sought freedom from poverty through playing ball. The story of baseball in San Pedro is also that of the Caribbean in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries and on a broader level opens a window into our country's history. As with Kurlansky's Cod and Salt, this small story, rich with anecdote and detail, becomes much larger than ever imagined. Kurlansky reveals two countries' love affair with a sport and the remarkable journey of San Pedro and its baseball players. In his distinctive style, he follows common threads and discovers wider meanings about place, identity, and, above all, baseball. Watch a Video Kurzbeschreibung The intriguing, inspiring history of one small, impoverished area in the Dominican Republic that has produced a staggering number of Major League Baseball talent, from an award-winning, bestselling author. In the town of San Pedro in the Dominican Republic, baseball is not just a way of life. It's the way of life. By the year 2008, seventy-nine boys and men from San Pedro have gone on to play in the Major Leagues—that means one in six Dominican Republicans who have played in the Majors have come from one tiny, impoverished region. Manny Alexander, Sammy Sosa, Tony Fernandez, and legions of other San Pedro players who came up in the sugar mill teams flocked to the United States, looking for opportunity, wealth, and a better life. Because of the sugar industry, and the influxes of migrant workers from across the Caribbean to work in the cane fields and factories, San Pedro is one of the most ethnically diverse areas of the Dominican Republic. A multitude of languages are spoken there, and a variety of skin colors populate the community; but the one constant is sugar and baseball. The history of players from San Pedro is also a chronicle of racism in baseball, changing social mores in sports and in the Dominican Republic, and the personal stories of the many men who sought freedom from poverty through playing ball. The story of baseball in San Pedro is also that of the Caribbean in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries and on a broader level opens a window into our country's history. As with Kurlansky's Cod and Salt, this small story, rich with anecdote and detail, becomes much larger than ever imagined. Kurlansky reveals two countries' love affair with a sport and the remarkable journey of San Pedro and its baseball players. In his distinctive style, he follows common threads and discovers wider meanings about place, identity, and, above all, baseball. Watch a Video ber den Autor und weitere Mitwirkende Mark Kurlansky is the New York Times bestselling author of many books, including The Food of a Younger Land; Cod: A Biography of the Fish That Changed the World; Salt: A World History; 1968: The Year That Rocked the World; and The Big Oyster:

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