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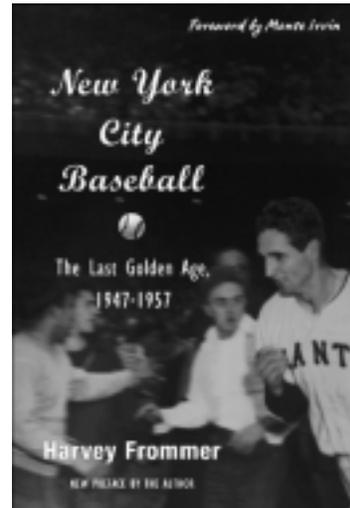
## **New York City Baseball The Last Golden Age, 1947–1957**

by Harvey Frommer with a new preface by the author and a new foreword by Monte Irvin

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Baseball. Publisher. New York : Macmillan. Collection. inlibrary; printdisabled; internetarchivebooks; china.Â Boxid. IA1163611. City. New York. Donor. bostonpubliclibrary. Baseball in October in New York City seemed like it would never come to an end. That is why this October of 2013 it seems strange that the New York Yankees and the New York Mets are finished with baseball, not able to make the play-offs. And the old cry of the old Brooklyn Dodger fan "Wait 'til next year" seems appropriate. Also appropriate for me is the re-issue of my New York City Baseball 1947-1957. Published In 1980, my seventh book at the time, remains one of my favorites. It was written on a clunky IBM typewriter and the interviews were conducted with a big box cassette tape recorder.

Toggle Language Toggle Search Toggle Nav. The Glory Days. New York Baseball, 1947-1957. June 27 - December 31, 2007. 1220 Fifth Ave at 103rd St., Open Thursday through Monday 10am-6pm. The decade between 1947 and 1957 was the golden age of baseball in New York City. With three major league teams—the Yankees, the Brooklyn Dodgers, and the New York Giants—at least one of whom played in the World Series every year except 1948; two National League teams in an intense rivalry each season; and seven landmark subway series, New York was the undisputed baseball capital of the nation. But more than that, New Yorkers lived and experienced baseball in their town in a way never to be repeated again. New York City Baseball recaptures the extraordinary decade of 1947–1957, when the three New York teams were the uncrowned kings of the city. In those ten years, Casey Stengel’s Bronx Bombers went to the World Series seven times; Joe DiMaggio stepped gracefully aside to make room for a young slugger named Mickey Mantle; Bobby Thomson hit the shot heard round the world; and the Brooklyn Dodgers achieved the impossible by beating the Yankees in the 1955 World Series. Over the decade, the teams averaged an astounding 90 wins against 63 losses a season, making it, according to *The New York New York City Baseball* book. Read 3 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. What a time! In the heady days after World War II, a nation was reborn. What an enjoyable book about the joyous and tumultuous baseball times in the New York City area during the decade following the end of World War II. The annual success of the Yankees, the National League dominance of the Dodgers, and the lesser relevance of the Giants. Three amazing center fielders named Mantle, Mays, and Snider dominated the sports pages (right after the retirement of DiMaggio). The challenges faced by Jackie Robinson and the immediate evolution of baseball through integration. New York City Baseball recaptures the extraordinary decade of 1947–57, when the three New York teams were the uncrowned kings of the city. In those ten years, Casey Stengel’s Bronx Bombers went to the World Series seven times; Joe DiMaggio stepped gracefully aside to make room for a young slugger named Mickey Mantle; Bobby Thomson hit the shot heard round the world; and the Brooklyn Dodgers achieved the impossible by beating the Yankees in the 1955 World Series. For baseball fans in New York, the 10-year period from 1947 to 1957 were great times—all three of the teams that called the city home—the Giants, Dodgers and Yankees—had some of their best seasons and their best players. From 1947 through 1957, New York City was the most exciting city in the World. The United States had come home from war and it was a boom time for the country. But the Yankees played when the leaves turned golden every other year during that time. And in seven years, the Yanks won the ultimate baseball crown. They played in the New York borough of the Bronx, at 161st Street and River Avenue in the magnificent cathedral to baseball that Jacob Ruppert had built in 1922. When the last game of the 1957 season was played in the Polo Grounds, it was the last game ever to be played by the New York Giants. Owner Horace Stoneham had made a deal to move his team to San Francisco and no more baseball would be played below Coogans Bluff in Upper Manhattan.

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