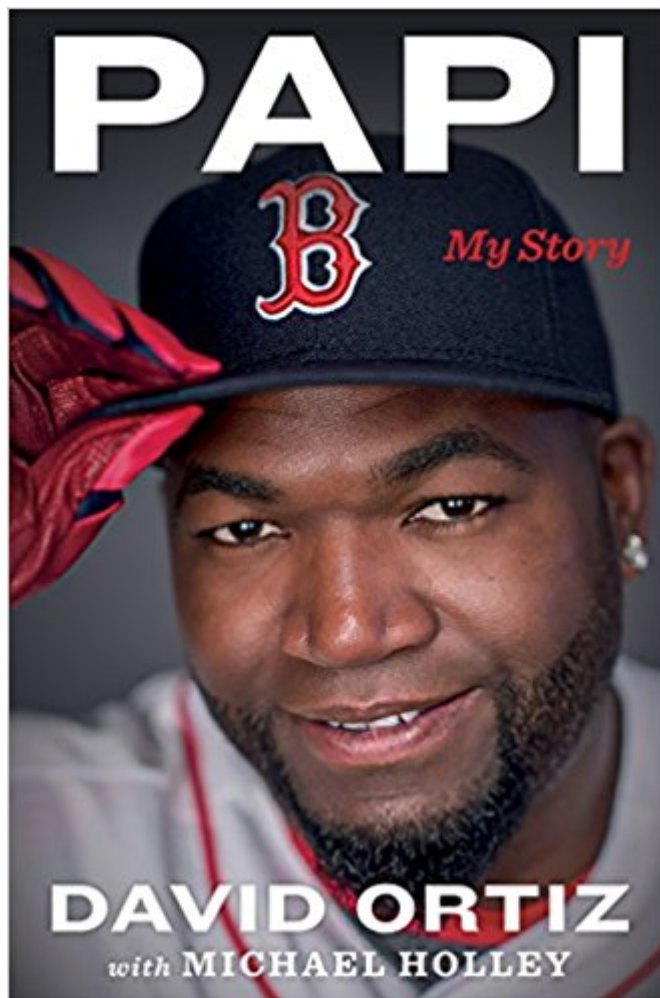


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Papi: My Story



Synopsis

An entertaining, unfiltered memoir by one of the game's greatest, most clutch sluggers and beloved personalities David "Big Papi" Ortiz is a baseball icon and one of the most popular figures ever to play the game. As a key part of the Boston Red Sox for 14 years, David has helped the team win 3 World Series, bringing back a storied franchise from "never wins" to "always wins." He helped them upend the doubts, the naysayers, the nonbelievers and captured the imagination of millions of fans along the way, as he launched balls into the stands again, and again, and again. He made Boston and the Red Sox his home, his place of work, and his legacy. As he put it: This is our f*cking city. Now, looking back at the end of his legendary career, Ortiz opens up fully for the first time about his last two decades in the game. Unhindered by political correctness, Ortiz talks colorfully about his journey, from his poor upbringing in the Dominican Republic to when the expansion Florida Marlins passed up a chance to sign him due to what was essentially tennis elbow. He recalls his days in Peoria, Arizona, his first time in the United States; tense exchanges with Twins manager Tom Kelly in Minnesota; and his arrival in Boston. Readers go behind the scenes for the many milestones of his Red Sox career "from the huge disappointment of the Red Sox losing to the Yankees in 2003, ending the curse in 2004 with the infamous "band of idiots," including his extraordinary clutch hitting to overcome a 3-0 series deficit against the Yankees, to earning a second title in 2007 and a third in 2013. Along the way, he was tainted by the infamous banned substances list in 2009; he used his passion and place to fortify a city devastated by the Boston Marathon bombings; and he dominated pitchers right up through his retirement season at age 40. Papi, as he became so affectionately called, gave his fans big hits when they needed them most. He was an even bigger presence. He was a champion who rallied a team, a city, and a sport in a way that no one will ever forget.

Big Papi, his ultimate memoir, Ortiz opens up as never before about his life in baseball and about the problems he sees in Major League Baseball, about former teammates, opponents, coaches, and executives, and about the weight of expectation whenever he stepped up to the plate. The result is a revelatory, fly-on-the wall story of a career by a player with a lot to say at the end of his time in the game, a game to which he gave so much and which gave so much to him.

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"[A] freewheeling, insider memoir . . . Now [Ortiz's] many fans have a book in which the hitter looks back at his extraordinary run and what made it go. -- Boston Globe "The rise of Ortiz from scrap-heap bench player to Hall of Famer is an unlikely and entertaining story, and engagingly told in 'Papi: My Story' . . . As the unpolished reflections of one of the few ballplayers to redefine a club, it works perfectly . . . The memoir lives up to its 'no holds barred' billing." -- Washington Post "Baseball fans of all loyalties will enjoy learning about [Ortiz's] unique experiences in and out of the game." -- Library Journal

DAVID ORTIZ, nicknamed "Big Papi," is a ten-time major league All-Star, three-time World Series champion, and the all-time MLB record holder for home runs, RBIs, and hits by a designated hitter. In 2015, Ortiz was voted as one of the four greatest players in Boston Red Sox history "along with Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, and Pedro Martinez" by Red Sox fans. He lives in Boston, Massachusetts. MICHAEL HOLLEY is the New York Times best-selling author of Patriot Reign, War Room, and Red Sox Rule. A former reporter and columnist for the Boston Globe and Chicago Tribune, Holley has also appeared on ESPN's popular show Around the Horn and on Fox Sports Net's I, MAX. He is currently a host of WEEI's popular radio show Dale & Holley.

As a devout Red Sox fan I have followed David Ortiz's career since his arrival in Boston. I enjoyed this read, learned some things I didn't know about baseball and the Red Sox Organization. Mostly I was fascinated to read David's approach to playing. He was so exceptional in so many ways and to

hear him describe how much of this came about was compelling. I was thrilled to learn what a genuinely nice guy Manny Ramirez was/is and how hard he worked as a player and how truly smart he was. I had forgotten the role Pedro played in getting David to the Red Sox and I was disappointed to learn that the Sox didn't go to him more when going after big dollar players whom David knew could or could not survive the gauntlet of being a player in Boston. Very enjoyable read.

Seems like an honest autobiography. Not everything was perfect. Ortiz had a number of issues with media and Red Sox management. But he worked through it and in the end became a Red Sox for life. Lots of behind the scenes looks at what it is like to play professional baseball. It not as glamorous as it often looks. Told if first person (through Michael Holly) it is an easy and fun read. Hitting takes a lot of study. He really worked at that part of the game.

I love David Ortiz and I am a Red Sox fan too so not surprising I would love the book. He was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth and he worked hard to get where he did! More than his baseball accomplishments, I applaud his accomplishments as a human being. He is a humble human being! Great book! I wish he was the President of the USA!

Husband LOVES this book. He bought one for his sister in law too, because she is almost as crazy for the red sox as he is.

I am from MN and always wondered what really went down with Ortiz and the Twins. That being said I didn't get all the answers I wanted and I still don't like the guy a whole ton but I have a lot more respect for him after reading his book! It is well written and keeps you wanting to know more.

My husband LOVES this book. When he was at the ROTARY INTERNATIONAL convention in Atlanta, a man saw the book and introduced himself as BIG PAPI's first cousin. He ended up coming on the tour bus and having dinner.

I loved this book and I would recommend it to any fan of the game or fan of his. It was cool too see where he came from and learn more about his childhood. I will defiantly say it's worth a read.

Very open. Very Honest. Very Good. I yearned for even more, though. Greatest player in Red Sox history. I will miss him.

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