

## Dreams and Baseball Reviews

“My clan's passion for baseball burns steadily, but a call from Reagan Rothe, helped rekindle the flames. The young author's language of the dugout, the pace of the game, the radio play-by-play guy's rhythmic chant and the price paid to pursue baseball dreams is compelling and profanely letter-perfect.”

—Jerry Aulds, *El Campo Leader-News*

“Drawing heavily upon his baseball-rich family history, Reagan Rothe has created a fascinating snapshot of a fleeting moment of brilliance in professional baseball and all that comes with the fame and fortune inevitably tied with it. Set decades in the future, *Dreams and Baseball* is a tale of flashbacks for the protagonist, Jeff Hartes. The tale hinges on Hartes' magical season of 1999, encased with heartache, sadness, sorrow and tragedy. Rothe has done an outstanding job demonstrating just how closely baseball and life are naturally intertwined in this highly recommendable, exciting, and page-turning work.”

—Gary Bedingfield, founder *Baseball in Wartime*.

“As soon as I opened up this novel, I swear on the remote control that the theme song from 'Bang the Drum Slowly' started and didn't stop until I put it down. This is a baseball book. One of those novels that shows us how the game of baseball was made for print fiction and vice-versa. Rothe has a terrific way with detail; I swear I was in a time machine as he zoomed me back to 1999 and all sorts of popular culture bombarded me. The novel ended and I found myself in a very long seventh inning stretch with three dreaded words on the last page, 'to be continued...' Guess I'll have to wait for the last out. Being a long suffering Cleveland Indians fan, I have the patience.”

—Sam Moffie is the author of *Swap* and *The Organ Grinder and the Monkey*. He owns The Coconut Grove, a sport's bar in Youngstown, Ohio.