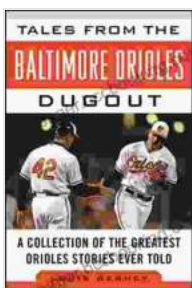


# Collection of the Greatest Orioles Stories Ever Told: Tales from the Team

The Baltimore Orioles are one of the most storied franchises in Major League Baseball history. From their humble beginnings in the late 19th century to their rise as one of the most dominant teams in the 1960s and 1970s, the Orioles have captivated fans for generations.



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Whether you're a lifelong Orioles fan or just a casual baseball fan, you'll enjoy this collection of stories about one of the most beloved teams in baseball history.

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## **The Early Days**

The Baltimore Orioles were founded in 1901 as a member of the American League. The team's early years were spent in relative obscurity, as they finished in the bottom half of the standings for most of the decade.

However, the Orioles began to turn things around in the early 1910s, as they won their first pennant in 1914. The team followed up that success with another pennant in 1915, and they reached the World Series for the first time in 1916.

The Orioles lost the 1916 World Series to the Boston Red Sox, but they returned to the Fall Classic in 1917. This time, they defeated the New York Giants to win their first World Series title.

## **The First World Series Title**

The Orioles' first World Series title was a major moment in the history of the franchise. It was the team's first championship in any major sport, and it helped to establish the Orioles as one of the top teams in baseball.

The Orioles' victory was led by a number of key players, including Eddie Plank, Babe Ruth, and Frank Robinson. Plank was the team's ace pitcher, and he won two games in the World Series. Ruth was the team's slugger, and he hit .333 with three home runs in the Series. Robinson was the team's third baseman, and he was a key contributor both offensively and defensively.

The Orioles' victory in the 1917 World Series was a special moment for the city of Baltimore. It was the first time that a Baltimore team had won a major professional sports championship, and it helped to put the city on the map.

### **The Earl Weaver Era**

The Orioles entered a new era of success in the 1960s and 1970s under the leadership of manager Earl Weaver. Weaver was a fiery and demanding manager, but he was also a brilliant tactician and motivator.

Under Weaver, the Orioles won four pennants and two World Series titles. The team's success was due in large part to Weaver's ability to get the most out of his players. He was a master at motivating his players, and he always put them in a position to succeed.

Some of the most famous Orioles players from the Weaver era include Brooks Robinson, Cal Ripken Jr., and Jim Palmer. Robinson was a third baseman who was known for his defensive prowess. Ripken Jr. was a

shortstop who was one of the best all-around players in baseball history. Palmer was a pitcher who won three Cy Young Awards.

The Orioles' success under Weaver came to an end in 1982, when he was fired by the team's owner, Edward Bennett Williams. Weaver's firing was a controversial move, and it led to a decline in the Orioles' fortunes.

### **The Cal Ripken Jr. Era**

Cal Ripken Jr. is arguably the greatest player in Orioles history. He played for the team for 21 seasons, and he was a member of the Orioles' 1983 World Series championship team.

Ripken was a five-tool player who could do it all on the field. He was a great hitter, fielder, and runner. He was also a leader on and off the field, and he was beloved by Orioles fans.

Ripken's most famous accomplishment is his consecutive games played streak. He played in 2,632 consecutive games, which is the most consecutive games played by any player in Major League Baseball history.

Ripken's consecutive games played streak is a testament to his durability and toughness. He played through pain and injuries, and he never missed a game that he could play.

Ripken retired from baseball in 2001, and he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2007.

### **The Heartbreak of 1997**

The Baltimore Orioles came within one game of winning the World Series in 1997. The team was led by a number of key players, including Cal Ripken Jr., Rafael Palmeiro, and Mike Mussina.

The Orioles won the first two games of the ALCS against the Cleveland Indians, but the Indians came back to win the next three games and take a 3-2 lead in the series.

The Orioles won Game 6 of the ALCS to force a Game 7, but the Indians won Game 7 in 11 innings. The Orioles' loss was a heartbreaking moment for the team and its fans.

### **The Return to Contention**

The Orioles have not won a World Series since 1983, but they have been a competitive team in recent years. The team won the AL East in 2014 and 2016, and they reached the ALCS in 2014.

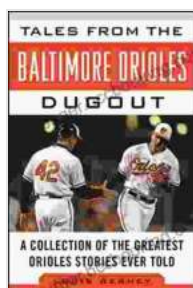
The Orioles' success in recent years has been due in large part to the team's young stars. Manny Machado, Jonathan Schoop, and Kevin Gausman are all key players for the Orioles, and they are all capable of having big seasons.

The Orioles are a team on the rise, and they have a chance to be a contender for years to come.

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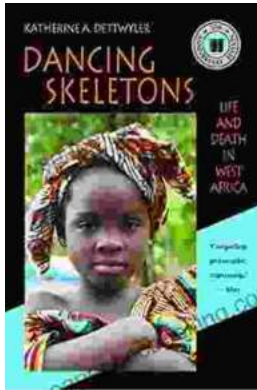


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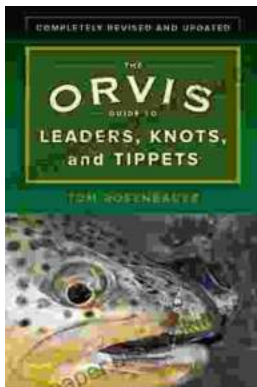
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