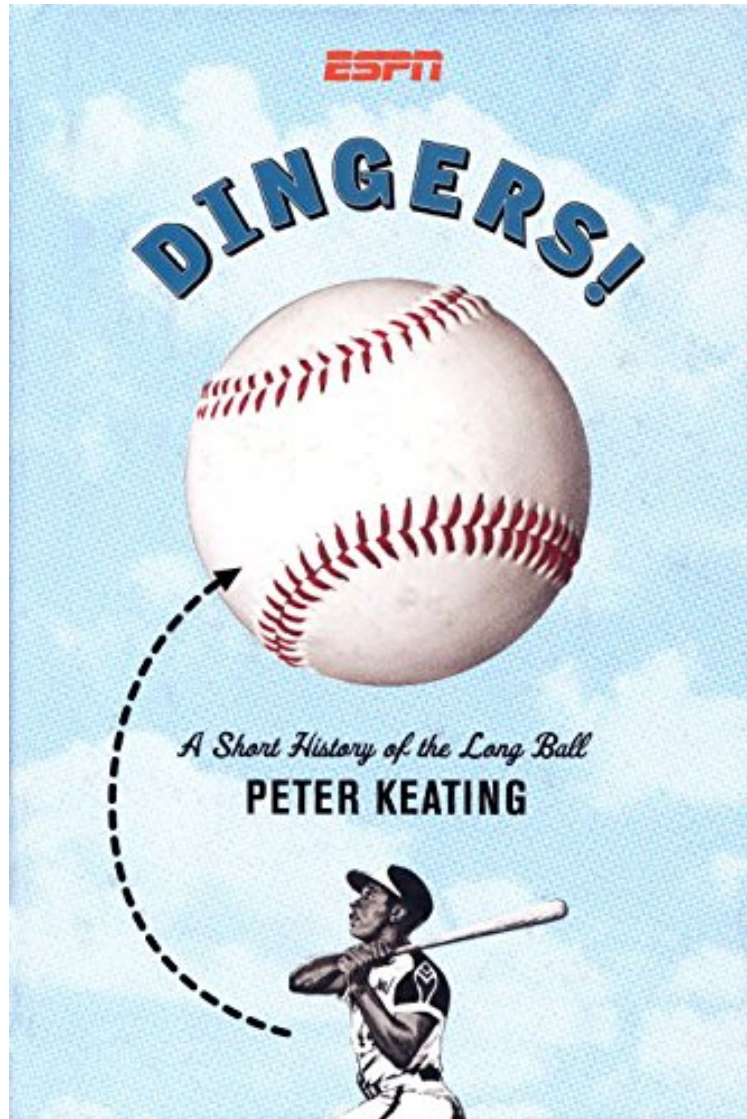


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traces the history of home runs in baseball, from the "Dead ball" era of baseball's early years through the "Hyper Inflation" era of the late 90s, and to the current era which seems to indicate a "coming back to earth" (no pun intended) phase for home run hitting. Along the way, the book has all kinds of interesting facts and figures about home runs, everything from most HR's by position, the oldest player to hit a homerun (Julio Franco, are you listening?), most career grand slams, most HR's by a teenager (Ed Kranepool, where are you now?), and so on. There's also lots of sidebars about famous (and no so famous) HR hitters, famous games involving HR's (and no, most did not happen at Coors Field!). The history Keating writes about here does not make any conclusions and is clearly not meant as a serious study on the topic, but more of a fun and quick look at the phenomena of home runs and how much the fans enjoy them. "Chicks dig the long ball," that 1999 TV commercial stated but I think it's safe to say guys like them too. Watching the flight of a home run ball as it leaves a park is always great fun, and so is this book.

No single act in sports has had as great an impact on our culture, our language, and our imagination as the home run. So how come we've had to wait so long for the definitive biography! *Dingers!* tells the history of the round-tripper, from Babe Ruth to the chasing and breaking of the Babe's records to today's pumped-up tater totals. Its narrative will trace the relationship among home runs, players, and fans, showing how "going yard" has grown in importance to the point where jacking the ball over the wall often overshadows the actual results of games. Easy to read for history, browse for nuggets, or use for reference, *Dingers!* appeals to casual fans and seamheads alike. Think of it as your one-stop guide to going downtown.

About the Author With *Dingers!*, ESPN the Magazine senior writer Peter Keating applies his investigative skills and his sense of humor to baseball's signature act: the home run. For the last five years, Keating has authored "The Biz," a column that tackles financial issues from the fan's perspective. His profile of super-agent Leigh Steinberg was named a notable story of 2002 in Best American Sports Writing. Before coming to ESPN, Keating was a senior writer at *George*, where he covered national politics, and at *Money*, where he wrote "The Advocate" column and won the IRE Award for best magazine article of 1997 for his investigation into drug-switching in the pharmaceutical industry. His work has appeared in publications ranging from *Mother Jones* to *New York* to *Fortune*. He lives in Montclair, N.J. with his wife, Karen, and daughter, Eleanor.