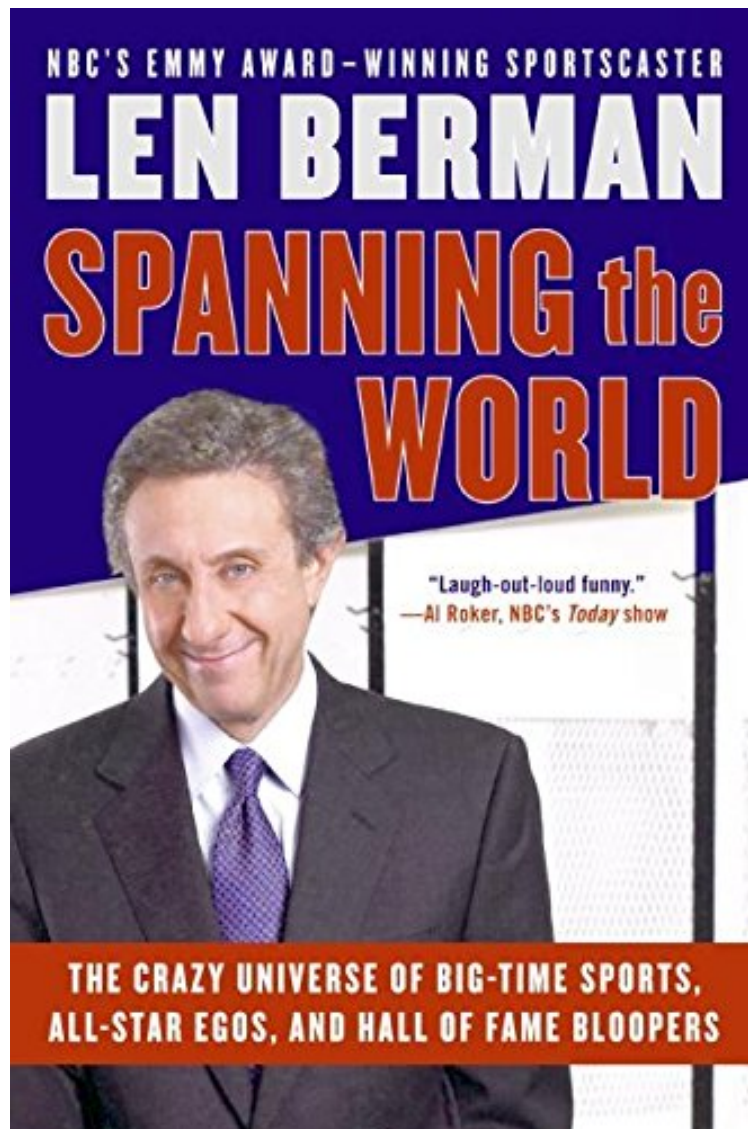


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It's okBy LindaIt's ok, but not what I expected. It's more about the arthur than the funny things that happen in sports0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An insightful book that's both funny and serious!By Darren ThorntonI'll admit to not being a huge sports fan. But the broadcasting side can be fascinating. Len Berman's not exactly a household name in my area. I can see why some might mistake him for Marv Albert. Still, this book might lead to some checking out his work. Who knows, maybe one day I'll join that group. There are quite a lot of big names mentioned. Others may not be familiar to most people. But Mr. Berman shares the human side of sports. Players, managers, and journalists get praised and criticized. There are many photos. Scattered through these pages are various not-so great moments. Many were featured on his Spanning The World segment. His day as commish of sports would involve a lot of changes.At times he gets serious. How do you talk about sports scores after a President resigns? What about games cancelled after 9/11? Don't forget the issue of race. I wanted to give this book 4 1/2 stars. There are some occasional bad words. I caught one definite goof. Mr. Berman got criticized when he suggested having America The Beautiful at sporting events. The flak occurred due to the author, Irving Berlin. Both are Jewish. However, Mr. Berlin wrote God Bless America! Who got what wrong here? Still, I highly recommend this book. Have fun.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Spanning the World is a JoyBy Jay I. PomerantzLen Berman has been the epitome of a professional sports broadcaster in Boston and New York for many years. This is exactly the kind of book you would expect from him. Great stories about many of the personalities that he has encountered over the years including Dwight Gooden, Pete Rose, Wilt Chamberlain, Joe Torre, Don Imus and many others. Berman also writes about sports role in society and its relation to the more important and sometimes tragic events of our time like 9-11. Book ends with a bang as Berman tells us what he would do if he was commissioner of sports for the day. A great read.

Go Spanning the World with Len Berman in this wildly entertaining, insightful, and often hilarious book that takes sports fans behind the scenes and inside locker rooms.One of the most popular television sports personalities—known for his "Spanning the World" segments on NBC's Today show—Len Berman delivers his unique view of the world of sports, from the bizarre to the historic, all with his characteristic wit.Over the years sports and sports reporting have changed, but Spanning the World puts it all in perspective in this irreverent take on the heroes and iconic moments.Barry Bonds massages the media: "If you put that camera in my face, I'll slit your throat."Mickey Mantle reveals his most pleasurable Yankee Stadium experience (it didn't happen on the field). Bobby Orr loses his cool and chairs start flying from the upper decks.Bill Parcells finally spills his Super Bowl-winning formula: "Power wins!"And much more ... Berman guides us through the world he knows like no one else, from intimate recollections of his heroes to postgame celebrations, exhibiting the most hilarious and shocking moments from the whole cast of characters from the last decades in sports: John McEnroe, Muhammad Ali, Larry Bird, Derek Jeter, and many more. He also addresses the more serious issues facing sports today, including steroids, overpaid stars, athletes and violence, and the place of sports in society.A must read for every sports fan, Spanning the World is an irresistible blend of humor, history, and contemporary commentary on the state of sports from the ultimate fan who has seen it all.

From BooklistBerman has been a fixture on the New York City sports scene since the 1980s, but he is best known nationally for the sports bloopers he collects in his "Spanning the World" pieces on the Tonight Show. This collection of funny or unusual anecdotes draws from both "Spanning" video and his own memory bank. Along the way, Berman offers insights into such various sports figures as Bob Knight and Arthur Ashe, but it's the oddball stuff that will most interest readers, including the story of a practical joke played by Detroit Piston Rick Mahorn, who told a referee during a game that teammate Joe Dumars had just scored his twenty-thousandth career point. Dumars was actually 5,000 short, but Mahorn's deception generated an impromptu ceremony that interrupted the game. There are hundreds of similar stand-alone anecdotes collected here, loosely organized around themes. Try a couple of chapters at a time for maximum enjoyment. Expect Berman to generate his own demand with multiple media appearances. Wes LukowskyCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reservedAbout the AuthorLen Berman is the weekday sports anchor at WNBC New York, and the host of the popular "Spanning the World" segments on NBC's Today show. He has won six local Emmy Awards and has been voted New York Sportscaster of the Year five times by his peers in the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association.