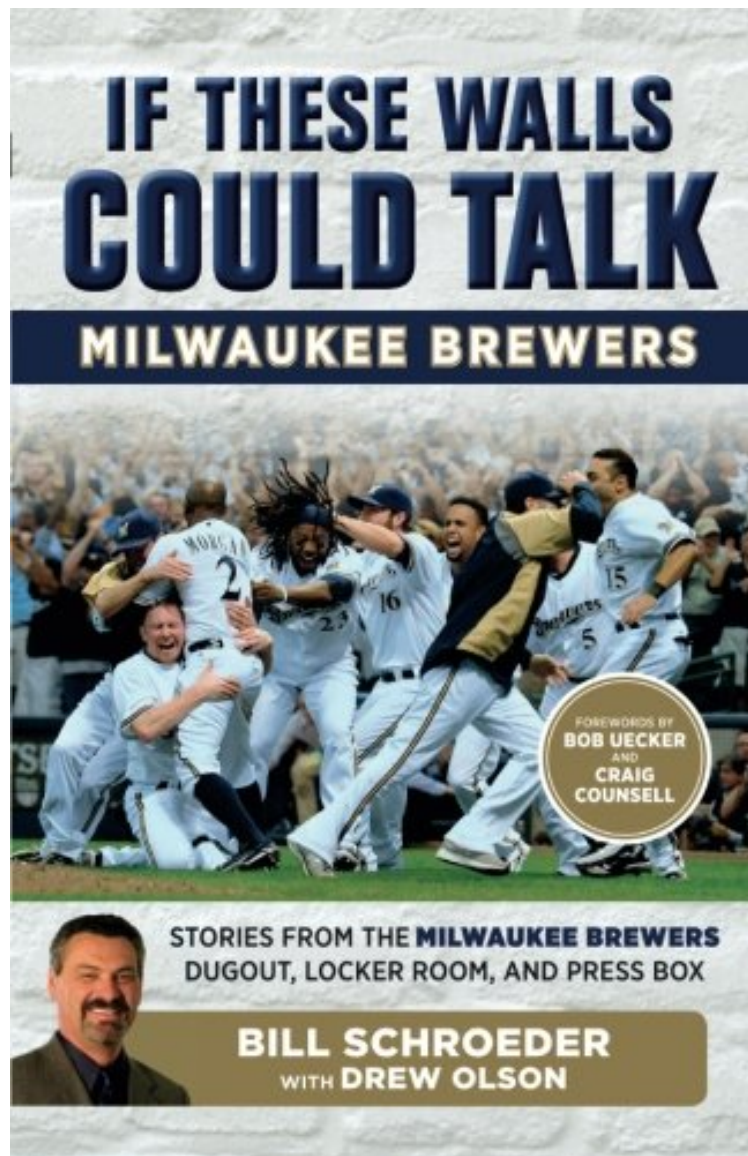


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By MPWII
In If These Walls Could Talk Bill Schroeder and Drew Olson provide a comprehensive look at the Milwaukee Brewers, paying tribute to the great players like Robin Yount and Paul Molitor, reliving memorable moments on the diamond, sharing a smattering of tales, most only mildly amusing, giving credit to behind the scenes staffers like the director of clubhouse operations and the director of team travel, and reflecting on the challenges of broadcasting a game. Its a good book to just spot read because the narrative is bogged down with a bit too many details. Nevertheless, If These Walls Could Talk succeeds in educating the reader on the mechanics of the game, and the stress of it as well, both for the players on the field and for the behind the scenes staffers who makes things happen. Never again will I complain that baseball players are overpaid. A life in baseball is far from glamorous. Even though the book covers all the bases (no pun intended) about the organization and the game, the manager-player relationship is left out. The team had a succession of managers in the 1980s that are barely mentioned by the authors.
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By Chris DI
I was expecting mostly a book talking about the current and former players and interesting stories about them. While there are some bios of the legends like Yount and Uecker, probably the majority of the book goes behind the scenes and goes into areas the average fan doesn't see, such as what does the traveling secretary or TV producer does. I definitely learned some things, but it would of been nice if they covered other areas that would be of interest, such as how the concessions team or stadium/scoreboard operations does to get ready for a game. The book also seems to end abruptly as well. I'm not sure how it should end, but it just seemed to be out of nowhere. Still an overall good read for any Brewer or dedicated baseball fan that wants to learn more on what happens behind the scenes.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. One Heck of a great collection of baseball stories
By Dave Berg
If you are a Brewers fan especially, or a baseball fan in general, this is a MUST read. The book is full of tidbits, inside information and the information we all wish we were privy to if we were able to visit the locker rooms during the baseball season. The humor and the insight are wonderful and it is a great read all around. Highly recommend picking up a copy and reading and even perhaps rereading just before the start of the baseball season or any time the reader requires a baseball "fix!"

Chronicling the Brewers from the Suds Series of 1982 to the 2011 National League Central title and from Bambi's Bombers of the late '70s to Harvey's Wallbangers of the early '80s, Bill Schroeder, a longtime Brewers color commentator and former Brewers catcher, provides insight into the Brewers inner sanctum as only he can. Read about what goes on in the equipment and training rooms, how batting practice can be chaotic, what it's like to travel with the team, and off-the-wall anecdotes like the time Steve Sparks injured his shoulder trying to rip a phone book in half after listening to a motivational speaker.

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