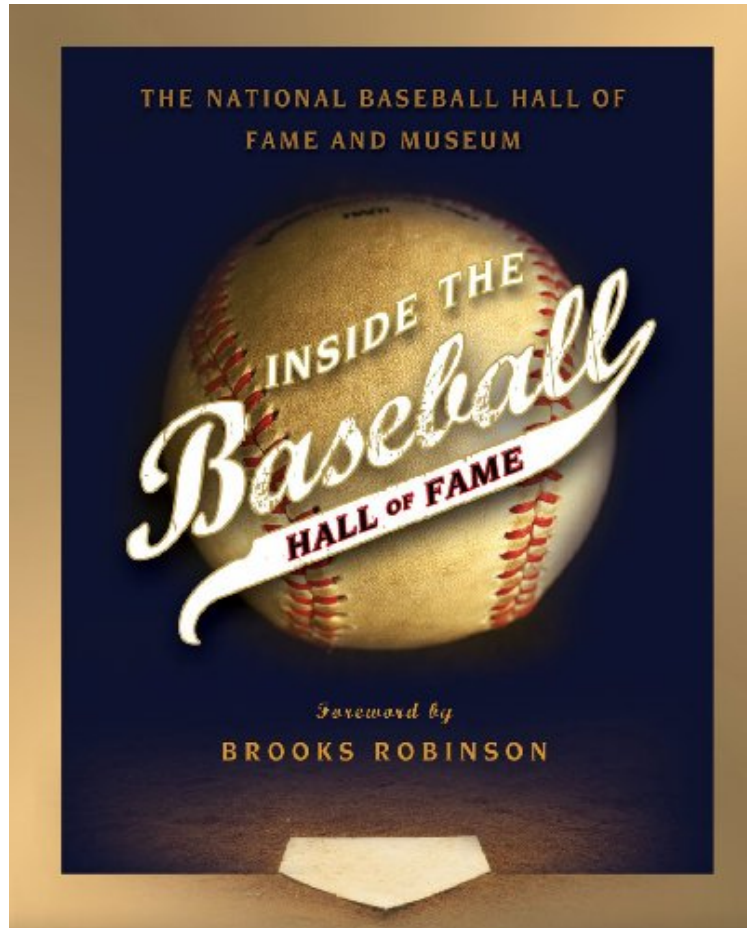




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About the Author The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York, was founded in 1939 and is an independent, nonprofit institution dedicated to fostering an appreciation of the historical development of baseball and its impact on our culture by collecting, preserving, exhibiting, and interpreting its collections for a global audience. Brooks Robinson is the legendary third baseman who is enshrined in Cooperstown.