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Curt Smith : Pull Up a Chair: The Vin Scully Story before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pull Up a Chair: The Vin Scully Story:

50 of 52 people found the following review helpful. RICK "SHAQ" GOLDSTEIN SAYS: "VINNIE IS THE GREATEST OF ALL-TIME... HE DESERVES A BETTER STORY THAN THIS." By Rick Shaq Goldstein Vince Scully the legendary Hall Of Fame announcer for the Brooklyn and now Los Angeles Dodgers... is nearing his sixtieth complete year of broadcasting. I happen to have been blessed to listen to Vinnie as a young boy in New York... and then miraculously... our family moved to Los Angeles the same exact year as the Dodgers... so I have never missed a single year of Vinnie's poetic... magical... announcing of our families beloved Dodgers from the time I was old enough to know the difference between a ball and a strike... till today... when as a Grandfather I listen to Vinnie with my grandchild. This is a book that is long over do... but unfortunately... I'm sad to say it is disappointing for a number of reasons. Since Vinnie did not participate in the development of this book the author depends entirely on historical quotes... and on countless occasions many sentences and paragraphs include numerous quotes from multiple individuals... and many times the same section has more than one quote from the same individual... IN NO LOGICAL SEQUENCE... and the reader becomes dumbfounded as to which quotes came from which individuals. At times such as these the flow of the story comes to a standstill as the reader literally scratches his head and tries to figure out who said what. There are also numerous typos and/or sentences that just don't make sense. Such as page forty-eight when the author writes: "IT WOULDN'T HAVE GONE THROUGH THE (BROOKLYN) FENCE." "MUSED

CAMPANELLA. MIGHT HAVE GONE THROUGH IT, THOUGH." Huh?? Or on page ninety-nine "THE KID YOU'D LIKE TO SEE RINGING YOUR DOORBELL WHEN YOU DAUGHTER STARTS DATING." There are also important historical mistakes such as the stating that in 1966 Koufax won his third straight Cy Young award. That is incorrect. Koufax didn't win three straight awards... though he did win the Cy Young in 1963, 1965 and 1966. The reader is also let down when the most famous baseball fight in modern history involving the San Francisco Giants and Los Angeles Dodgers when Giant Juan Marichal hit Dodger catcher Johnnie Roseboro over the head with a bat is discussed, and none of the prior game detail that culminated in this horrendous event is covered. When the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles Vinnie and the transistor radio is what fueled the Dodgers growth in popularity as much as the team itself. Every member of the family from Grandma and Grandpa... to Mom and Dad... and the kids... all knew Vince Scully simply... and lovingly... by one word "VINNIE". He was a one name superstar way before Madonna... Britney... Magic and Michael. Vinnie was voted *THE MOST MEMORABLE PERSONALITY IN THE HISTORY OF THE LOS ANGELES DODGER FRANCHISE!* This book chronologically covers all the bases in Scully's career... but it is not an easy read due to the sloppiness mentioned earlier. What may or may not be an interesting coincidence... is that this book and the last shoddy baseball book I read... were both mysteriously delivered a couple of weeks "earlier" than the original release dates that had been posted on for months. Perhaps the publishers cut down on quality control to simply get the books out quicker than originally scheduled for some unknown marketing reasons. If so... I hope they learned their lesson. 21 of 21 people found the following review helpful. Don't Waste Your Money By J. Bird I grew up listening to Vin Scully and this book is total disappointment. I cannot believe that this got published. It is the most choppy, incoherent book I have ever tried to read. Smith interjects words and sayings out of context that leave you stumped and bewildered. After the first 3 chapters I was going to throw it away but tried again to read. Alas, half way through I couldn't take it anymore and I threw it out the window. Terrible writing style. Hopefully Vin Scully will collaborate with another author to tell his magnificent story. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Wasn't what I wanted By Mike E. This is a very loooooonnnnggg book and is really meant for someone that has time to read. I thought I'd like it, as I met Mr. Scully when I lived in CA, but this book almost starts from the time he was born. I found this book to be very boring.

Since 1950, the instantly recognizable voice of Vin Scully has invited listeners to "pull up a chair" for his peerless play-by-play sports reporting. Recruited and mentored by the legendary Red Barber, Scully has narrated NBC Television's Game of the Week, twelve All-Star Games, eighteen no-hitters, and twenty-five World Series, describing players from Duke Snider to Orel Hershiser to Manny Ramirez, with hundreds in between. Scully has made every sportscasting Hall of Fame, received a Lifetime Emmy Achievement award, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and been named the Sportscaster of the Twentieth Century by the American Sportscasters Association. This long overdue first biography of Vin Scully is written by Curt Smith, called "the voice of authority on baseball broadcasting." (USA Today)

Riveting and exquisitely reported. --Washington Post About the Author Curt Smith is the author of twelve sports books, including the classic *Voices of The Game*, *The Voice: Mel Allen's Untold Story*, and *Voices of Summer: Ranking Baseball's 101 All-Time Best Announcers*. He is a GateHouse Media columnist, XM Satellite Radio and National Public Radio affiliate host, and former speechwriter to President George H. W. Bush. He has written for, among others, *Newsweek*, the *New York Times*, *Sports Illustrated*, and the *Washington Post*. A senior lecturer of English at the University of Rochester, he lives in upstate New York. From AudioFile Vin Scully's career as the voice of the Dodgers--from Brooklyn to Los Angeles--covers more than half-a-century. The award-winning, often-emulated announcer, in his gentle way, has been a consistent companion for generations of baseball fans. Smith's book is a career-encompassing look at Scully and other broadcasters over the years. His writing style can be a bit jarring at times, but by the end you come to realize a bit more about the venerable broadcaster. Don Leslie is as gentle in his narration as Scully is in his profession. He doesn't try to imitate Scully and only subtly mimics a few voices. Mostly, he, too, is a companion, guiding the listener through the story. M.B. AudioFile 2010, Portland, Maine