# The Yankees of 1936-39: The Greatest Dynasty in Baseball History

The New York Yankees of the late 1930s were one of the most dominant teams in baseball history. Led by Hall of Famers Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, and Bill Dickey, the Yankees won four consecutive World Series from 1936 to 1939. They also set a number of records, including the most consecutive wins (27) and the most runs scored in a season (1,067).

The Yankees' success was built on a number of factors. First, they had a deep and talented roster. In addition to Gehrig, DiMaggio, and Dickey, the Yankees also had other stars such as Red Ruffing, Lefty Gomez, and Tony Lazzeri. Second, the Yankees had a great manager in Joe McCarthy. McCarthy was a master strategist who knew how to get the most out of his players. Third, the Yankees played in a weak American League. The AL was dominated by the Yankees in the late 1930s, and the Yankees rarely had to face tough competition.



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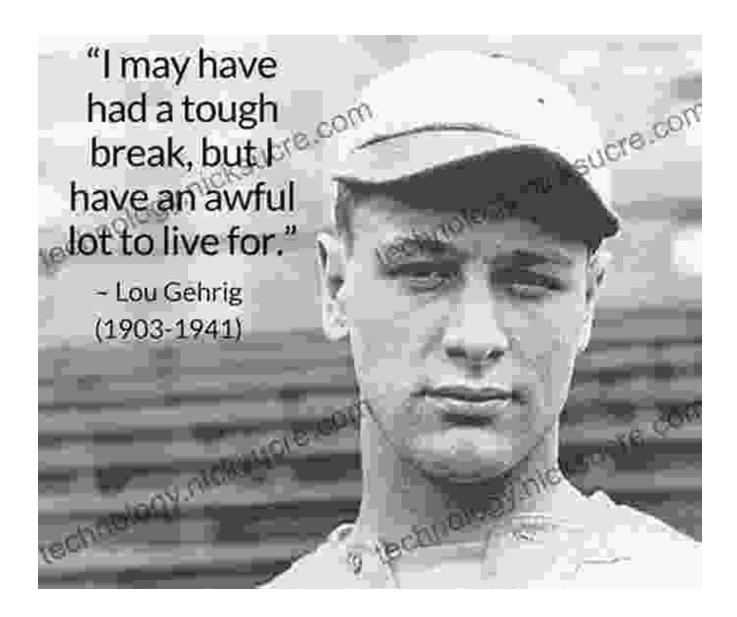
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The Yankees' dynasty came to an end in 1940, when they lost the World Series to the Cincinnati Reds. However, the Yankees remain one of the most successful teams in baseball history. They have won 27 World Series championships, more than any other team. The Yankees are also one of the most popular teams in baseball, and their games are always well-attended.

#### Lou Gehrig

Lou Gehrig was one of the greatest baseball players of all time. He was a powerful hitter and a reliable fielder. Gehrig played 17 seasons with the Yankees, and he helped them win six World Series championships. Gehrig was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in 1939, and he died from the disease in 1941. He was just 37 years old. Gehrig's number (4) was retired by the Yankees in 1939, and he was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1939.



#### Joe DiMaggio

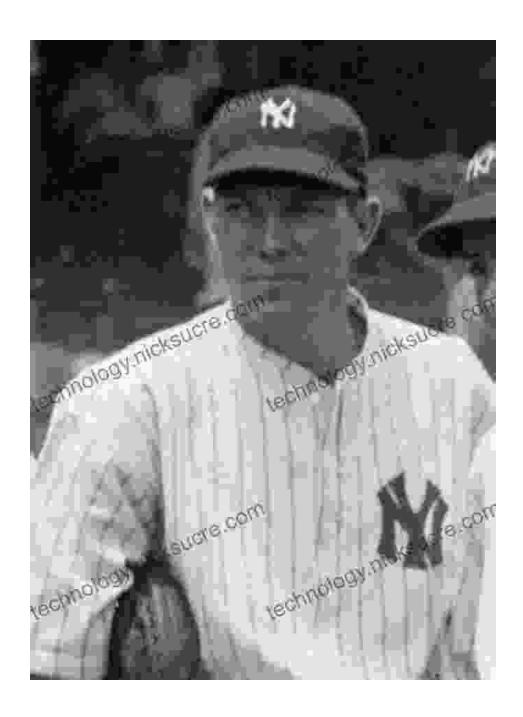
Joe DiMaggio was one of the most popular and successful baseball players of all time. He was a graceful fielder and a powerful hitter. DiMaggio played 13 seasons with the Yankees, and he helped them win nine World Series championships. DiMaggio is best known for his 56-game hitting streak in 1941. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1955.



Joe DiMaggio, one of the most popular and successful baseball players of all time

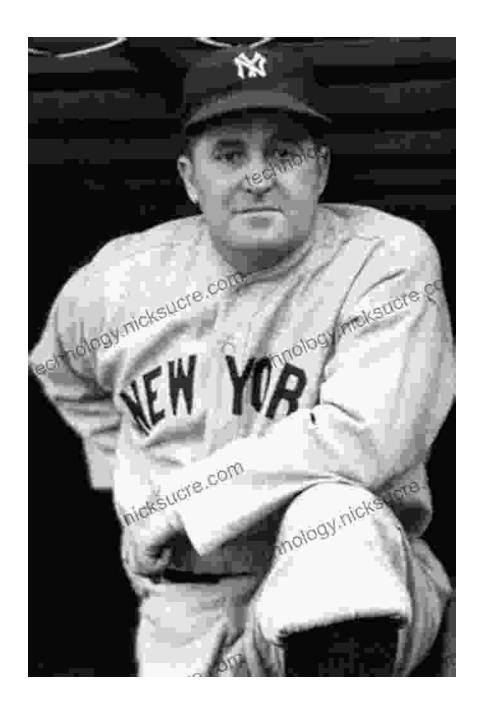
#### **Bill Dickey**

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#### Joe McCarthy

Joe McCarthy was one of the most successful managers in baseball history. He managed the Yankees for 10 seasons, and he led them to seven World Series championships. McCarthy was a great strategist and a good motivator. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1957.

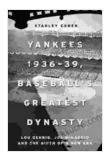


Joe McCarthy, one of the most successful managers in baseball history

#### The Legacy of the 1936-39 Yankees

The 1936-39 Yankees are considered to be one of the greatest dynasties in baseball history. They won four consecutive World Series championships and set a number of records. The Yankees were led by a number of Hall of

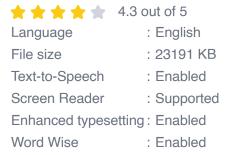
Famers, including Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, and Bill Dickey. The Yankees' success was also due to their great manager, Joe McCarthy. The 1936-39 Yankees are a reminder of the great moments in baseball history.



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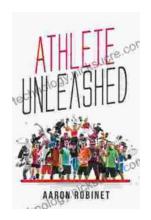
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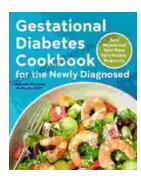


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