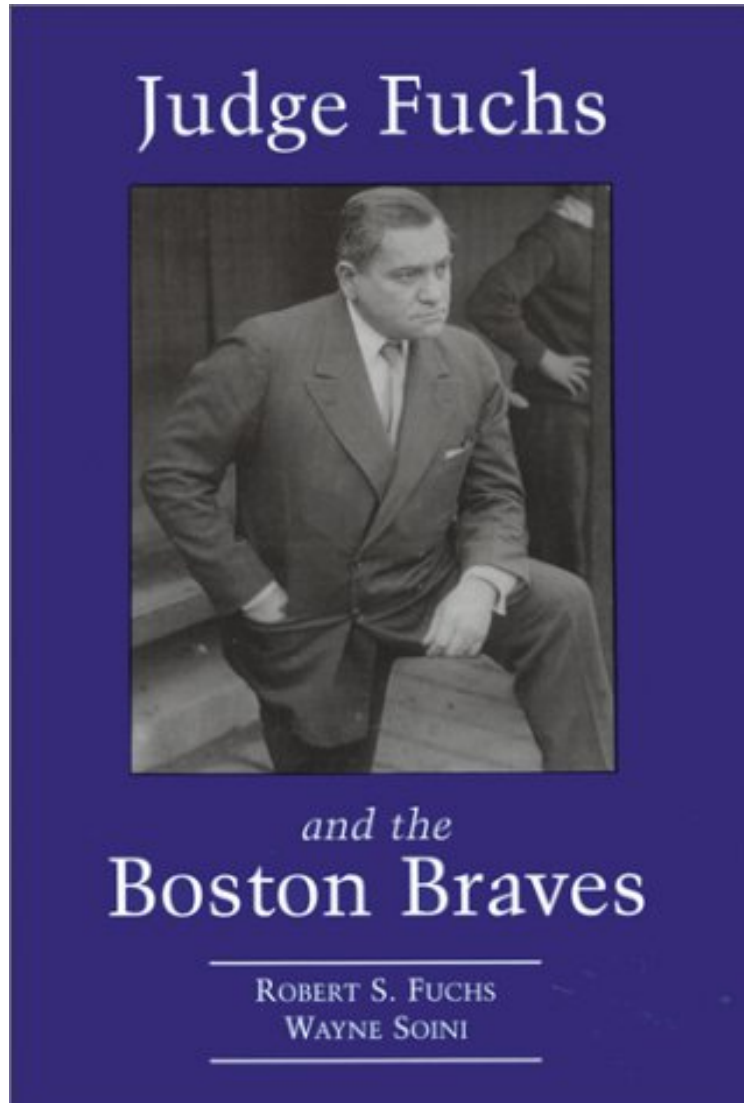


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By A Customer"
Judge Emil Fuchs purchased the underachieving Boston Braves late in 1922, primarily to bring his ailing friend, Christy Mathewson, back into baseball as the club president. Although Fuchs was a fan at heart, he did manage the Braves for one season and gave Boston a competitive team climaxed by the Brave's dramatic pennant race with the New York Giants in 1933. The Great Depression weakened Fuchs' financial position and he was forced to sell the Braves in 1935. Fuchs' son, Robert S. Fuchs, with the aid of his father's unpublished memoirs and his own Braves scrapbooks, writes an engaging portrait of his father, and the Boston Braves. Judge Fuchs was a former semipro catcher and respected New York attorney. Although the Braves never won a pennant during his 13 years as owner, Fuchs contributed greatly to the game, bringing Sunday baseball (which caused quite a flap in Boston), Ladies Day, radio broadcasts and the "Knot Hole Game" to the Braves Field. Among his first decisions was to increase players' salaries. The team payroll increased in his first year as owner from \$80,000 to \$200,000. Fuchs announced, "The older players are to receive a raise of \$1,000 to \$2,000, the first year men from the minor leagues a boost of 25 to 50 percent." He began a profit-sharing plan in which the players shared in profits "without any responsibility in losses. Author Robert Fuchs, now an attorney, also had his "day" in baseball. When he was made the president of the Braves' farm team in Harrisburgh in 1934, after serving two years as club business manager, he was asked what changed with the new position. He replied, "I get to drive the team bus." " Judge Fuchs and the Boston Braves, 1923-1935. Robert S. Fuchs and Wayne Soini, MacFarland Co., 1998, original trade paperback, 157 pages, black-and-white photos, appendices, index, \$23.50.

In late 1922, Judge Emil Fuchs purchased the woebegone Boston Braves--primarily to bring his ailing friend, Christy Mathewson, back into the game he loved so much. A true fan, Judge Fuchs poured his fortune into the team, intent on giving Boston's long-suffering National League fans a winner. He introduced Ladies' Days, contracted to have Braves games broadcast on radio, and successfully campaigned to allow Sunday baseball in Boston. Moreover, he gave the fans a competitive team, climaxed by the Braves' dramatic pennant race with the New York Giants in 1933. The Depression, however, weakened his financial position to the point where in 1935 Fuchs was forced to give up the team. Using Judge Fuchs' unfinished autobiography, the memories of his son who worked in the organization, and extensive additional research, this story of an owner and an era is complete.

From Library Journal
Judge Emil Fuchs owned the old National League franchise the Boston Braves (now the Atlanta Braves) from 1923 to 1935. Although his ballclub usually played dimly, Fuchs was a true innovator. He introduced to Boston Sunday baseball, "Ladies Days," the youth "Knot Hole Gang" promotion, and the annual baseball writers' dinner and briefly brought the Babe back to town. This book, coauthored by Fuchs's son, is based in part on the recollections that Judge Fuchs left behind. The reader gets a bird's-eye view of a time when teams were not owned by faceless conglomerates and fan appreciation was more emphasized. Boston area libraries should consider. ?Paul M. Kaplan, Lake Villa District Lib., IL
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"the reader gets a bird's-eye view of a time when teams were not owned by faceless conglomerates"--Library Journal; "the first comprehensive story of this dedicated but frustrated owner"--Legends Sports Memorabilia; "an enjoyable book"--World-Wide Collectors Digest; "Fuchs...writes an engaging portrait of his father"--Sports Collectors Digest.
From the Author
No book was more fun to write than this one. Bob Fuchs and I relived the most nostalgic days of baseball together. Who could not be happy reviving a golden age populated by the colorful likes of Christy Mathewson, Babe Ruth, Casey Stengel, Rogers Hornsby, Wally Berger and little Rabbit Maranville? As comes through loud and clear, Bob's father was his hero. After arriving as a child from Germany not speaking English, Judge Fuchs played baseball on a Settlement House team, worked his way through law school, served as an Assistant Attorney General and as a Municipal Court Judge but his most cherished memories were always of excellence in the sport of baseball. As the lawyer for John McGraw's New York Giants, the Judge was a fan who never missed a game. When McGraw, over dinner with George M. Cohan, tried to interest the showman in the Braves, Cohan suggested that McGraw have his lawyer buy the team. Twelve years followed during which Judge Fuchs was not only the owner of the Boston Braves but the team's occasional manager as well. He dedicated himself to its perpetuation even at cost of his own fortune. It is possible to say that no man sacrificed more for baseball than Judge Fuchs did from 1923 to 1935, the year he lost the team.