Who took money? Who threw games, and which games did they throw? The story of the eight White Sox players who were either aware of or party to a conspiracy to throw the 1919 World Series has been elevated into one of the most enduring legends of American sports history. It has been touched upon in classic works of sports history such as Eliot Asinof’s EIGHT MEN OUT, referred to in literary classics like W. P. Kinsella’s SHOELESS JOE, and has been central to two of the best baseball movies ever made, John Sayles’s EIGHT MEN OUT and Phil Robinson’s FIELD OF DREAMS. In BURYING THE BLACK SOX, Gene Carney reveals what else happened and answers the questions that fascinate any baseball fan wondering about baseball's original dilemma over guilt and
innocence. Who else in baseball knew that the fix was in? When did they know? And what did they do about it? Carney explores how Charles Comiskey, the owner of the White Sox, and his fellow owners tried to bury the incident and control the damage, how the conspiracy failed, and how Shoeless Joe Jackson attempted to clear his name. He uses primary research materials that weren’t available when Asinof wrote EIGHT MEN OUT, including the 1921 grand jury statements by Jackson and pitcher Eddie Cicotte, the diary of Comiskey’s secretary, and the transcripts of Jackson’s 1924 suit against the Sox for back pay. Where Asinof told the story of the eight Black Sox, Carney explains the baseball industry’s uncertain response to the scandal.

Reading Burying the Black Sox and it gives a balanced and in depth analysis about the Black Sox Scandal. Gene Carnay presents facts backed up with footnotes and he gives the reader to decide how they want look at Shoeless Joe or Buck Weaver situation, versus the current MLB stance on 8 men out.

Mr. Carneys motive for the book is to explain that the 1919 World Series was not the first time baseball was tainted by gambling, but the whole baseball establishment was betting on Games - including the President of the Cubs and John Mc Graw of the Giants.

In other words, guilty knowledge, the crime Buck Weaver and Shoeless Joe Jackson were banned for, was really common knowledge. The reasons why Shoeless and Buck were ousted from baseball because it was easier for the commissioner to come down hard on high profile players, and not any of the owners.

But Mr. Carney doesn’t stop there. He researched how White Sox owner Charles Comiskey and AL President Ban Johnson had known the 1919 Series was fixed at the beginning, if not before it started.

Some might ask why Charles Comiskeys is in the Hall and not Jackson? Newspaper reporter Hugh Fullerton, the crusader against gambling knew that Comiskey had inside information about the fix, but he didn’t report it until after Commys death because their friendship.

Likewise Mr. Carney points out all of myths/fabrications statement like Say it Aint So, Jackson had weak fielding, and baseballs famous/infamous story about Jacksons so called confession. I recommend this book to anyone who is interested in the Shoeless Joe/Buck Weaver reinstatement movements, as well as anyone who believes MLB and its owners are responsible for the steroid cover up.

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