At the time of Hank Aarons birth in 1934, Babe Ruth reigned as baseballs home run king, and the Negro Leagues were an African Americans only hope of playing professional baseball. Latent hopes for a different future thrived on Carver Park in Alabama, however, where a young Hank Aaron was soon to be seen perfecting the powerful stroke that would later make him one of the greatest hitters and most revered players in the history of the game. The owner of over 3,000 career base hits, the winner of two batting titles and one world championship, and the all time RBI leader and home run king, Hank Aaron began his historic career integrating the South Atlantic League, and spent much of his professional tenure as a member of the only major league team in the South. Despite the animosity that thus surrounded him both at home and on the road, Aaron never ceased to excel, and even achieved his most enduring feat-breaking Babe Ruths career home run record-under threats to his own life. This enlightening biography provides a stunning portrait of one of the great hitters and great men of major league baseball history. It has been said that hitting a baseball is the hardest thing in professional sports. Baseballs All-Time Greatest Hitters presents biographies on Greenwoods selection for the 12 best hitters in Major League history, written by some of todays best baseball authors. These books present straightforward stories in accessible language for the high school researcher and the general reader alike. Each volume includes a timeline, bibliography, and index. In addition, each volume includes a Making of a Legend chapter that analyses the evolution of the players fame and (in some cases) infamy.

My Personal Review:
This inspirational new biography takes a fresh look and gives an even-handed account of the life and career of baseballs All-Time Home Run King Hank Aaron from a contemporary perspective.
Hank Aaron's story is not only about the triumph of one man, but also represents the spiritual growth and enlightenment of America as the country came to terms with its continuing struggle to realize its promise of liberty and justice for all during the turbulent years of the Civil Rights Movement.

Aaron's baseball career ran concurrently with African-Americans' struggle for equal rights and by his words and deeds he became a leader for an underrepresented portion of American society and catalyst for change. More than thirty years have passed since Aaron set the All-Time home run record and this book is an opportunity for new generation of baseball fans to learn of his accomplishments on and off the field.

Vascellaro delivers Aaron's story in direct language that is easily accessible to both adult and young adult readers. In this day of inflated statistics, Aaron's consistent performance at the plate as holder of baseball's most hallowed record remains the sport's quintessential benchmark.

Aaron's story is truly the American Dream come true. Like it reads in author Vascellaro's introduction: If a poor, black child from rural Alabama, raised in a ramshackle shack without plumbing and electricity, could grow up to be the all-time home run king, then anything is possible!

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