Between 1947, when Jackie Robinson joined the Brooklyn Dodgers, and 1957, when the Dodgers and the New York Giants played their last season in the East, New York baseball teams appeared in ten World Series. In seven of those years, either the Giants or the Dodgers vied for the championship with the lordly Yankees. These were truly the glory years of New York baseball, when the city breathlessly followed the game in the tabloids rather than on the tube. And the New York Daily News, the nation's largest newspaper, had the best photographers, the best equipment, and the best field position to record the action, bringing the art of baseball photography to its highest pitch. Accompanied by an evocative text by veteran sportswriter Vic Ziegel, the dramatic photographs (complete with their colorful original captions)—featuring such superstars as Robinson, Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra, Roy Campanella, Mickey Mantle, and Willie Mays—allow the reader to follow year by year the course of baseball's most exciting decade in the world's greatest city.

My Personal Review:
For those of you who grew up in New York City in the late 1940's and throughout the 1950's, "Summer in the City" will transport you back in time to a place when Baseball was indeed the City Game, and New York City was the home office for that great national pastime. For those of you born after that long-gone era, like myself, this book will serve as an excellent primer on the New York Yankees, the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants, their famous and not-so-famous players and the legendary ballparks they called home. The photos, which comprise the bulk of the book, are more than mere "in-action" photographs of the players. They are for the most part off-beat takes on the action beyond the game, such as a young New Yorker, attempting to gain entry to the ballpark without paying for a ticket, being chased by a member of the New York City Police Department and a Brooklyn Dodgers game at Ebbets Field being "fogged out". These are just a few of the gems you will see in this book. The pictures of the crowds at Yankee Stadium, the Polo Grounds and Ebbetts
Field will also give you a window into what baseball was like in the golden era of baseball in New York City. The fans for the most part are dressed in what today we would call business attire, although the expressions on their faces, save for the antiquated hairstyles are timeless. If you are one of those avid baseball fans who still believe that baseball was played in black and white back in the day, well this book is for you. This book serves as a great conversation piece, a wonderful coffee table book, and if you are a teacher, a great introduction to what baseball was like for the grandparents of today’s youngest generation. I highly recommend "Summer in the City"!

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