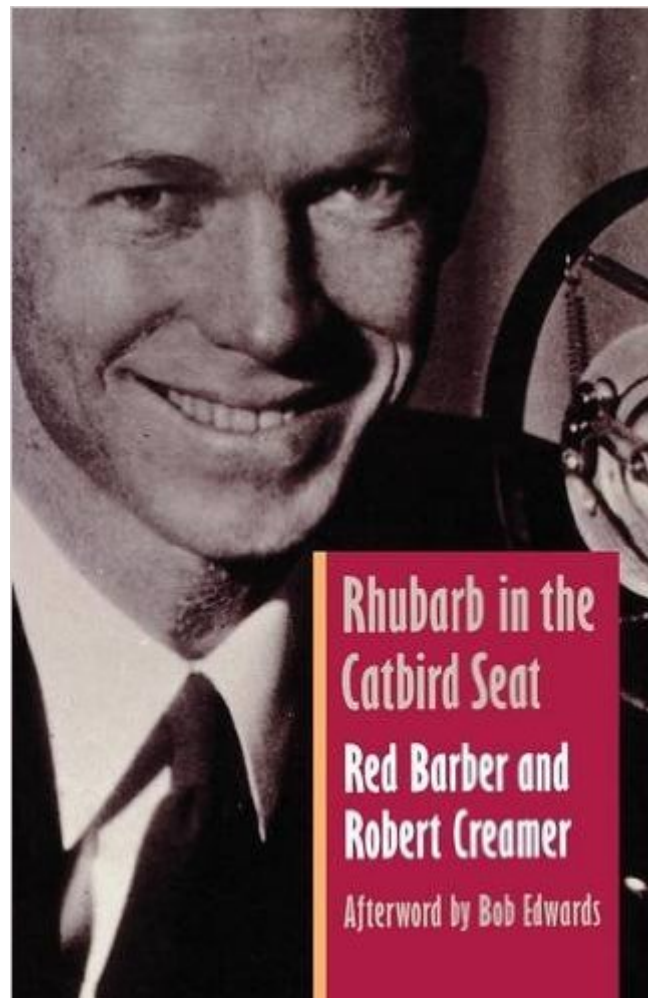


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# Rhubarb In The Catbird Seat



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For more than fifty years Red Barber was the voice of baseball. The game was broadcast sporadically until the late 1930s, when Barber burst into prominence by bringing it home to radio listeners, play by play. More than half a century later, he could still be heard, broadcasting over National Public Radio from his retirement home in Tallahassee. Announcing for the Brooklyn Dodgers and later for the New York Yankees, he became a legend long before his death in 1992. Red's story reveals the growth and changes in baseball over the years, the demands of sportscasting, and the difference between radio and television reporting. Here is Red giving major play-by-plays of his own life and career with characteristic wit and integrity.

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While you are reading this book you can feel the breeze coming through the open windows of a warm summer afternoon. The curtains are billowing and the radio is crackling with excitement. You can hear the crack of the bat, the sing of leather hitting wood. When on the road, going from city to city you are jostled by the motion of the train. Mr. Barber writes such a descriptive story, that you feel that you are right there as part of the story. This takes you back to a gentler time in life. I read this book at the start of every baseball season and never tire of it. I take it out of the library, I love the feel and the smell of the old yellowing pages, the black and white photographs. It puts me in the baseball mood. Sometimes, I feel as though Branch Rickey is going to join me for lunch.

Love this book. Red Barber went to my alma mater and I worked in the newsroom named after him,

but I never knew all of his back story. This is a delightful, honest, homespun account of the Ol' Redhead's humble beginnings and career. Recommend it highly for baseball fans or aspiring broadcasters.

As a kid I listened to Red Barber and the fumbling losing Dodgers....who finally won a World Series in 1955....and this nice reminisce by the Old Redhead who passed the baton to Vin Scully, who no longer is a kid....this is a fun book for Dodger fans and baseball lovers.

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