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Hailed on its debut last year as "a promising prospect whose progress bears watching" (Kirkus Reviews), The Best American Sports Writing sheds its rookie past for a stellar second season. 25 pieces include David Halberstam on Michael Jordan; a tribute to Roger Maris, the Yankee hated for breaking baseball's greatest record; and Dave Barry on the NBA.

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James says

masterful longform writing on fallen heroes, a loser who conned others by pretending to be an athlete, a pre-steroids look at the remarkable achievement of Roger Maris, a look at the bodybuilder contemporary of Schwarzenegger who perhaps knew and used more of steroids than anyone, a basketball tale from Dave Barry, the anonymous handball champ, the not-at-all anonymous Bobby and Brett Hull, and what happens when a major league baseball player forgets how to throw -- all of these topics and more in one collection. A seminal book for me since I was 9.

Stephanie says

Particular favourite pieces included:

-Shadow of a Nation by Gary Smith from Sports Illustrated (Native American high school basketball star profile: "'We want our young people to go off and show the world how great a Crow can be,' says Fritzler [coach], 'but as soon as someone does, as soon as anyone starts trying or studying too hard, a lot of us say, 'Look at him. He's trying to be a white man.'")

-They Shoot Heroes, Don't They by David von Drehle from Tropic
Roger Maris profile

-The Man in the Mask by John Marchese for GQ
About a guy, Kevin Winn, who meets/picks up women (and sometimes gets engaged to them and then steals from them) by telling them that he is a major-league catcher or some other athlete.

Pete Iseppi says

This is a pretty solid collection. Any book with a story by Sports Illustrated writer Gary Smith is going to be decent, even if all of the other entries are terrible. By the way, none of the other entries are terrible. I like "The Best American" series of books for my nightstand. I can read most of the articles before I fall asleep!

Lani says

A laundry room find that I picked up after reading last year's 'Best American Sports Writing' when Amazon had a Kindle sale.

Nothing super spectacular, but I did enjoy a few of the stories. Unfortunately I put off the review for too long and don't recall the highlights.
