

DEFINING MOMENTS JACKIE ROBINSON AND THE INTEGRATION OF BASEBALL



Laurie Collier Hillstrom

*Omni*graphics

155 W. Congress, Suite 200
Detroit, MI 48226

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Preface	vii
How to Use This Bookxi
Research Topics for <i>Jackie Robinson and the Integration of Baseball</i>xiii

NARRATIVE OVERVIEW

Prologue	3
Chapter One: The Color Line in Baseball	7
Chapter Two: The Noble Experiment	23
Chapter Three: Robinson Joins the Show	37
Chapter Four: Stardom and Death Threats	55
Chapter Five: Robinson and the Civil Rights Movement	73
Chapter Six: The Legacy of Jackie Robinson	89

BIOGRAPHIES

Roy Campanella (1921-1993)	111
<i>First Black Catcher in Major League Baseball</i>	
A. B. “Happy” Chandler (1898-1991)	116
<i>Politician and Second Commissioner of Major League Baseball</i>	
Larry Doby (1923-2003)	121
<i>Professional Baseball Player Who Integrated the American League</i>	
Pee Wee Reese (1918-1999)	126
<i>Brooklyn Dodgers Captain Who Befriended Jackie Robinson</i>	

Branch Rickey (1881-1965)	130
<i>Brooklyn Dodgers Executive Who Led Baseball Integration</i>	
Jackie Robinson (1919-1972)	134
<i>Player Who Broke Major League Baseball's Color Barrier</i>	
Rachel Robinson (1922-)	139
<i>Wife of Jackie Robinson and President of the Jackie Robinson Foundation</i>	
Wendell Smith (1914-1972)	144
<i>Sportswriter Who Promoted Baseball Integration</i>	
Tom Yawkey (1903-1976)	149
<i>Owner of the Boston Red Sox, the Last Major League Team to Integrate</i>	

PRIMARY SOURCES

Sportswriter Wendell Smith Promotes Baseball Integration	155
<i>The Sporting News Supports Segregation in Baseball</i>	159
A Ballplayer Shares Memories of the Negro Leagues	162
Branch Rickey Explains His Integration Plan	164
A Dodgers Scout Remembers the Famous Rickey-Robinson Meeting	173
A Sportswriter Recalls Robinson's Major League Debut	176
Jackie Robinson Looks Back on His Rookie Season	180
Pitcher Don Newcombe Protects His Dodgers Teammates	183
Robinson Pushes Eisenhower to Take Action on Civil Rights	186
A Major League Baseball Executive Describes Robinson's Impact	188
Teammate Carl Erskine Reflects on Robinson's Legacy	191
Important People, Places, and Terms	193
Chronology	199
Sources for Further Study	207
Bibliography	209
Photo and Illustration Credits	213
Index	215