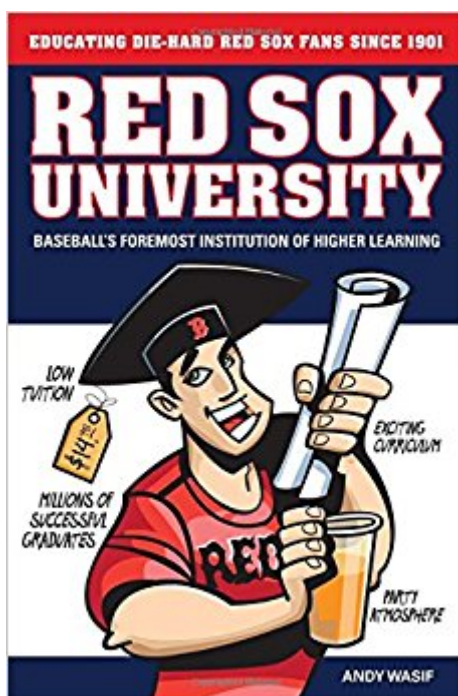


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# Red Sox University: Baseball's Foremost Institution Of Higher Learning



## Synopsis

A tongue-in-cheek guide to becoming the ultimate Red Sox fan, Red Sox University is designed to educate new fans as well as enlighten those who have been following the team their entire lives. Students will receive a well-rounded education in all aspects of Red Sox fandom including, the 12 different types of Red Sox fans and how to identify each one at the ballpark, which Bill of Rights amendment give fans the right to keep beers in their arms, how to speak like a stat geek and sound knowledgeable, the core beliefs associated with the religion of Soxism, and how to maintain happy relationships (even with Yankees fans). There are also definitions, quizzes, Fenway facts, and key terms that will keep fans on their toes throughout their coursework. While the Red Sox have come a long way over the years from the lowest lows to the highest highs, there is still so much more to learn and Red Sox University is the ultimate guide to the exhilarating, maddening, and wacky world that will take fans to the next level of Sox fandom.

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Educating Die-Hard Red Sox Fans Since 1901 Welcome to Red Sox University, the best (and only) school dedicated to teaching the best and brightest Red Sox fans in the world. Whether you're a Pink Hat who jumped on board the bandwagon in 2004 or a Dirt Dog who still recoils at the phrase "Game 6," RSU has a program of study that's right for you. Featuring an exciting core curriculum, a party atmosphere, and low tuition, RSU offers a variety of courses suitable for both undergraduates seeking a BS in Red Sox fanaticism and advanced students working toward a Masters degree in Fenway economics. Students at Red Sox University will receive a well-rounded education in all

aspects of Red Sox fandom including philosophy, economics, architecture, biology, and literature. Upon graduation, fans will be able to maintain happy Red Sox relationships (as well as relationships with Yankees fans), choose the box seat that's right for them, discern the biological differences between new fans and die-hahds, understand the connections between Socrates and "Soxism," plan a successful road trip, and recite the Red Sox Fan's Bill of Rights.

Andy Wasif is a lifelong Red Sox fan, a sports journalist, and stand-up comedian. He is the author of *How to Talk to a Yankee Fan* and *Not the Life for Me*.

This guy is a hoot. If you read, and you are a Red Sox fan, do yourself a favor and get Andy Wasif's books.

Finally Seinfeld (other than through its Travelling Secretary George Costanza) comes to baseball, in this baseball book about absolutely Nothing! Here is the kind of book that easily turns itself into a chain letter, never needing to find a home on any bookshelf, one that can happily pass itself from fan to fan, without ever needing to be re-read or referred to again. And what a breath of fresh air that is, with so many "fan" and "fact" books abounding that indeed should form a Red Sox reference library all of their own. Look, if you're the type of person who'll be intrigued to learn that "Tessie" was originally sung to the tune of "Oh Micky You're So Fine, You're So Fine You Blow My Mind, Hey Micky" (as I surprisingly was p168), then this will be an easy outlay of some hard earned dollars - equally as a present for that Red Sox fan who truly, does not want to risk scarce shelving space in the hope of a next Bill James Abstract appearing. However, be forewarned. Red Sox minutia this book isn't. A large dose of fluffanuted sarcasm it is. Oh and don't forget that this is a Red Sox "University" text. Each chapter accompanies a set of tasks. The most cogent being in the Economics section: "Compare the payroll of the 2008 Red Sox with the 2008 Tampa Bay Rays. Explain how in the world the Sox could lose to them in the 2008 ALCS". Ah... This book does have a little bit going for it then.

So, I'm not a sports person, never have been. I bought this as a gift for a friend. But, I started reading it first. And here's what I figured out - funny is funny and this is! I'm sure I missed some inside-sports-jokes but for the most part, I enjoyed this book because it's well written and funny.

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