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The companion piece to his baseball classic *The Long Season*, Jim Brosnan's Pennant Race recounts the game-by-game lives of the Cincinnati Reds during their pennant-winning 1961 season?as only Mr. Brosnan could write it. He was a pitcher with Cincinnati that season, but also (as *The Long Season* had proved) one of the sharpest and wittiest writers baseball ever produced. His insider's account concentrates on how and why the Reds won the pennant that year. But as with *The Long Season*, Mr. Brosnan displays an uncanny knack for capturing the alternating excitement and tedium of a baseball season, its colorful characters, and the droll and uproarious aspects of everyday baseball. "One of the best baseball books ever written. If we allow it to be called a diary, it is probably one of the best American diaries as well. Jim Brosnan is a gifted observer.... His book is beautifully constructed, helped no end by the essential unity and chronology of a baseball season, and strengthened by a central theme: the increasing possibility that the Reds will win the pennant.... The book bristles with pungent dialogue, some of it hilarious, some bitter."?Arnold Hano, *New York Times Book Review*. "As the Samuel Pepys of the league champions, Brosnan obviously knows his baseball, writes about it wittily, informally and with irony. He is a cynical, tough professional athlete and his book makes wonderful reading for anyone who knows the difference between Chris Pelekoudas and Charles McCabe."?William Hogan, *San Francisco Chronicle*.



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