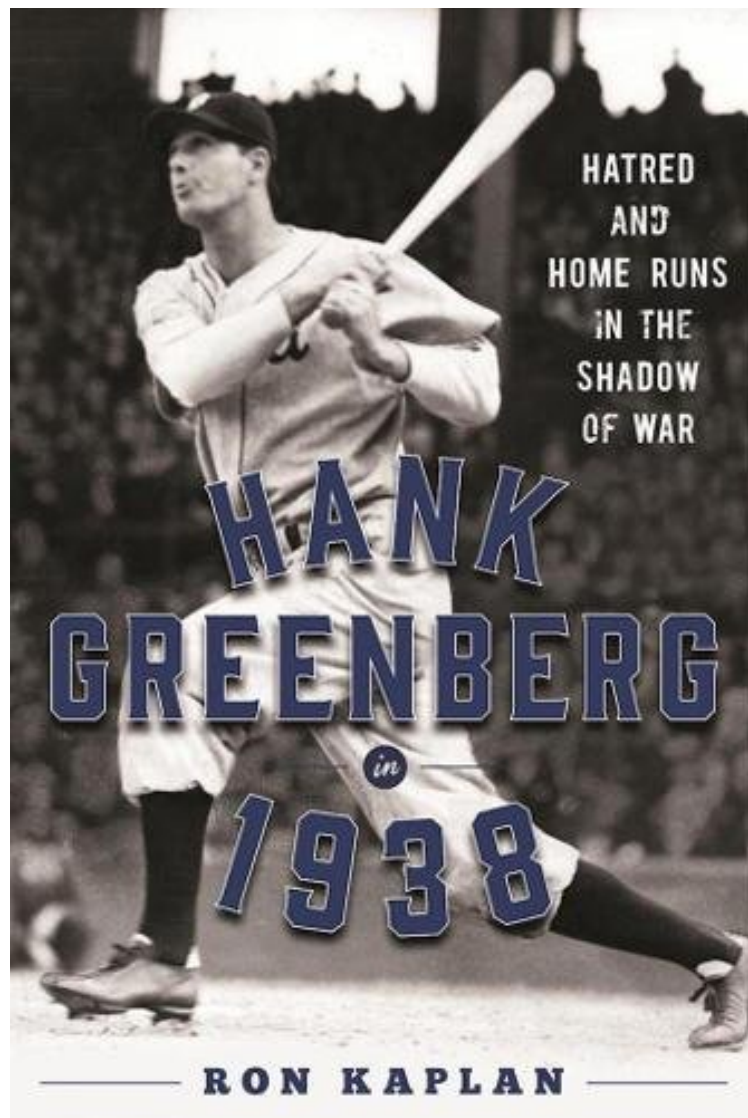


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6 of 8 people found the following review helpful. There Are Much Better Books on Hank Greenberg..By Bill

EmblomThe back cover of this book shows that distinguished authors Marty Appel, Dan Epstein, and Jonathan Eig praise this book and who am I to disagree with them? However, I found this to be a matter-of-fact book covering the year Hank Greenberg hit 58 home runs with a lot of information regarding other matters in 1938 as well. I didn't find the writing to be riveting at all with each chapter divided up into the months of the baseball season. The end of each chapter contained notes in regard to where the information in each chapter was acquired. The book contains 186 pages of text including the notes. The remainder of the book through page 235 includes an appendix, bibliography, index, and acknowledgments. The book contains eight pages of photographs with a glaring error showing a photo of the statue of Hank Greenberg at Comerica Park in Detroit. Unfortunately the caption under the photo states that the statue is located in Progressive Field. My stars! If you want to read a book on Hank Greenberg I would suggest either *Hank Greenberg: The Story of My Life* by Ira Berkow or *Hank Greenberg: The Hero of Heroes* by John Rosengren. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. RICK SHAQ GOLDSTEIN SAYS: THERE WAS NOBODY IN ALL OF BASEBALL WHO TOOK MORE ABUSE THAN HANK, EXCEPT JACKIE ROBINSON By Rick Shaq Goldstein To me the greatest thing about Hank Greenberg was the unbelievable role model he was for the Jewish people especially during the years of Hitlers reign. This was also the time in American history when Henry Ford was spewing anti-Semitic filth in the United States and Adolph Hitler actually had Fords picture on his office wall behind his desk. Hall of Famer Greenberg was also one of the great power hitters in baseball history and continued to succeed year in and year out despite more anti-Semitic / racist trash being dished upon him than anyone in baseball history until the arrival of Jackie Robinson when he broke the color barrier years later and it was also Gentleman Hank who took the time to show great kindness to Jackie when he arrived on the scene. Jackie was quoted as saying: Class tells. It sticks out all over Mr. Greenberg. The author provides numerous timely and meaningful quotes throughout the book but unfortunately there are also a number of typos and the very short reporting on this one season (1938) doesnt really build the kind of gripping story a reader would hope for. It comes across more as month by month chapters that contain what seems almost like narrated box score and/or game summaries. Its obvious the admiration and respect the author has for the subject and the attempt to link the growing hateful unrest in the world with Greenbergs quest to break the hallowed Babe Ruths record of sixty home-runs in a season comes up short (58) just like Greenbergs chasing the Babe. Its a very short book of one-hundred-eighty-six pages (not counting the appendixes, sources, etc.) One thing Im very glad the author highlighted at the end was the fact of the many years that many patriotic ballplayers gave up willingly from their career to defend our country and how much higher their lifetime stats would almost definitely have been such as Greenberg and Ted Williams as an example. Hank was so patriotic. that after he originally enlisted and then a few years later was Honorably Discharged due to age when Pearl Harbor was bombed he immediately re-enlisted and refused to take some powder-puff assignment entertaining the troops like many such as Joe DiMaggio did. There are two quotes Id like to include in my review I CAME TO FEEL THAT IF I, AS A JEW, HIT A HOME RUN, I WAS HITTING ONE AGAINST HITLER. Hank Greenberg HANK GREENBERG WAS WHAT THEY ALL SAID WE COULD NEVER BE. HE DEFIED HITLERS STEREOTYPE. FOR THAT VERY REASON, I THINK HE MAY HAVE BEEN THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT JEW TO LIVE IN THE 1930S. Alan Dershowitz 0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Barry C Steiner Item arrived on time and was what I expected

Hammerin Hank Greenberg was coming off a stellar season where hed hit 40 home runs and 184 RBIs, becoming only the thirteenth player to ever hit 40 or more homers (and one of only four players to have 40 or more home runs and 175 or more RBIs in a season). Even with his success at the plate, neither Greenberg nor the rest of the world could have expected what was about to happen in 1938. From his first day in the big leagues, the New York-born Greenberg had dealt with persecution for being Jewish. From teammate Jo-Jo White asking where his horns were to the verbal abuse from bigoted fans and the media, the 6-foot-3 slugger always did his best to shut the noise out and concentrate on baseball. But in 1938, that would be more difficult then he could have ever imagined. While Greenberg was battling at the plate, his people overseas were dealing with a completely different battle. Adolf Hitler, who had been chancellor of Germany since 1933, had taken direct control of the countrys military in February of 38. He then began his methodic takeover of all neighboring countries, spreading Nazism and the early stages of World War II and the Holocaust. Hank Greenberg in 1938 chronicles the events of 1938, both on the baseball diamond and the streets of Europe. As Greenbergs bat had him on course for Babe Ruths home run record, Hitlers Final Solution was beginning to take shape. Jews across the US, worried about the issues overseas, looked to Greenberg as a symbol of hope. Though normally hesitant to speak about the anti-Semitism he dealt with, the slugger still knew the role he was playing for so many of his people, saying I came to feel that if I, as a Jew, hit a home run, I was hitting one against Hitler.

"Ron Kaplan has this subject cornered. With diligent research woven into a very entertaining read, he has nailed Hank Greenberg's most important and controversial season into a book for the ages." Marty Appel, author of *Pinstripe Empire* and Casey Stengel Jewish icon Hank Greenberg preferred to let his bat do the talking and it never spoke louder than in 1938, when he chased Babe Ruth's single-season home run record while Hitler and Nazi Germany ramped up

their persecution of Jews. Ron Kaplan recounts the story of Greenberg's heroic season with insight, humor and a firm grasp of its greater historical context. Dan Epstein, author of *Big Hair and Plastic Grass* and *Stars and Strikes* "Kaplan offers a detailed analysis of the season and Greenberg's quest for the record" *New York Journal of Books* Ron Kaplan does first-rate work, giving us a deeper appreciation of one of baseball's most thrilling performances. Jonathan Eig, author of *Luckiest Man* and *Opening Day* *Hank Greenberg in 1938* is an important book for its subject, its time and its place. We are there with the powerfully built slugger of the Detroit Tigers as he plays baseball in the shadow of a world at war, a time Jews like him were being rounded up in Europe as the Holocaust began in all its horror. Author Kaplan, an award winning journalist and blogger, goes into great detail showing how Greenberg deals with prejudice on the baseball field and stays focused to break Babe Ruth's season home run record. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** Harvey Frommer, seamheads.com "Ron Kaplan tells the story with the same dignity and grace that Greenberg exhibited on the field and in his life. . . . *Hank Greenberg in 1938* is a wonderful baseball book, loaded with anecdotes and statistics. Whether you love baseball, history or both, you will want to read it." *Book Reporter*