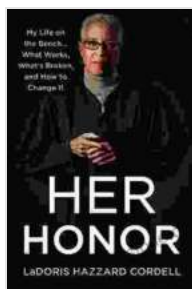


My Life On The Bench: What Works, What's Broken, and How To Change It

I've been a bench player for as long as I can remember. In little league, I was always the one sitting on the bench, waiting for my chance to get in the game. In high school, I was the same story. I was a good player, but I wasn't good enough to start. I was always the one coming off the bench to pinch hit or play defense.

It wasn't until I got to college that I finally started to get some playing time. I was a walk-on at a small Division I school, and I had to work my way up from the bottom. I spent my freshman year on the scout team, and I didn't get into a single game. But I kept working hard, and by my sophomore year, I was starting to see some playing time.



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I started a few games at third base, and I even got a few hits. It was a great feeling to finally be contributing to the team. But it wasn't always easy.

There were times when I struggled, and there were times when I made mistakes. But I never gave up. I kept working hard, and I kept improving.

By the time I was a senior, I was a starting third baseman. I was one of the best players on the team, and I helped lead my team to a conference championship. It was an amazing feeling to finally achieve my dream of being a starting player.

But after college, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do. I had a degree in business, but I didn't want to work in an office. I wanted to stay involved in baseball. So I decided to become a coach.

I started out as an assistant coach at a small college. I worked my way up to head coach, and I eventually led my team to a national championship. It was an amazing feeling to be able to give back to the game that had given me so much.

I've been coaching for over 10 years now, and I've learned a lot about what it takes to be a successful coach. I've learned that it's important to be patient, to be positive, and to be a good role model. I've also learned that it's important to know your players and to be able to motivate them.

I've had a lot of success as a coach, but I've also had my share of failures. I've learned from my mistakes, and I've become a better coach because of them. I'm always looking for ways to improve, and I'm always willing to learn new things.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to have been a bench player. It taught me the importance of hard work, perseverance, and teamwork. It also taught

me the importance of being a good role model. I'm proud of the player and coach that I've become, and I'm excited for the future.

What Works

Here are some of the things that I've learned that work well in baseball:

- **Hard work:** There is no substitute for hard work. If you want to be successful, you have to be willing to put in the time and effort.
- **Perseverance:** There will be times when you struggle. There will be times when you make mistakes. But if you never give up, you will eventually achieve your goals.
- **Teamwork:** Baseball is a team sport. It is important to be able to work together with your teammates to achieve a common goal.
- **Being a good role model:** As a player or coach, you are a role model for others. It is important to set a good example and to always act with integrity.

What's Broken

Here are some of the things that I believe are broken in baseball:

- **The emphasis on winning:** In today's game, there is too much emphasis on winning. This can lead to coaches and players cutting corners and making unethical decisions.
- **The lack of diversity:** Baseball is a very white sport. This is due in part to the fact that there are few opportunities for minority players to play the game.

- **The high cost of playing:** Baseball is an expensive sport to play. This can make it difficult for families to afford to let their children play the game.

How To Change It

Here are some of the things that I believe need to be done to change baseball:

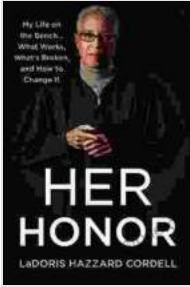
- **De-emphasize winning:** We need to stop putting so much emphasis on winning. We need to focus on developing players and teaching them the game the right way.
- **Increase diversity:** We need to do more to increase diversity in baseball. This means providing more opportunities for minority players to play the game.
- **Lower the cost of playing:** We need to make baseball more affordable for families. This means finding ways to reduce the cost of equipment and fees.

I believe that if we can make these changes, we can make baseball a better game for everyone. We can make it a game that is more inclusive, more affordable, and more fun. And we can make it a game that is played by people of all races, religions, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

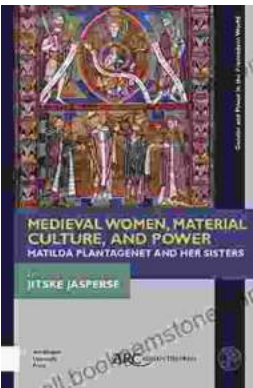
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