



The Only Rule is it Has to Work (Hardback)

By Ben Lindbergh

Henry Holt Company Inc, United States, 2016. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 239 x 160 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. What would happen if two statistics-minded outsiders were allowed to run a professional baseball team? It's the ultimate in fantasy baseball: You get to pick the roster, set the lineup, and decide on strategies -- with real players, in a real ballpark, playing in real time. That's what Ben Lindbergh and Sam Miller got to do when the Sonoma Stompers, an independent minor-league team in California, offered them the chance to run the team's baseball operations according to the most advanced statistics. *The Only Rule Is It Has to Work* is unlike any other baseball tale you've ever read. We tag along as Lindbergh and Miller apply their number-crunching insights to all aspects of assembling and running a team. We meet colorful figures like general manager Theo Fightmaster and boundary-breakers like the first openly gay player and the first Japanese manager in American professional baseball. Even Jose Canseco makes a cameo appearance. Will sabermetrics bring the Stompers a championship, or will they fall on their face? Will the team have a competitive advantage or is the...



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