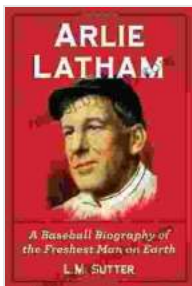


# The Freshest Man on Earth: A Baseball Biography

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Rose was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1941. He was a natural athlete, and he excelled at baseball from a young age. He signed with the Reds right out of high school, and he made his major league debut in 1963.

Rose quickly became one of the best hitters in baseball. He was a switch-hitter, and he could hit for average and power. He also had a great eye at the plate, and he drew a lot of walks. Rose was a key member of the Reds' "Big Red Machine" teams that won four World Series in the 1970s.

But Rose's career was also marred by controversy. He was known for his gambling, and he was often accused of betting on baseball games. In

1989, he was banned from baseball for life after an investigation by the commissioner's office.

Rose's ban from baseball has been a source of great debate. Some people believe that he should be reinstated, while others believe that he should remain banned. Rose has always maintained his innocence, but the evidence against him is overwhelming.

The story of Pete Rose is a complex one. He is a great baseball player, but he is also a flawed human being. His story is a reminder that even the greatest athletes are not immune to temptation.

## **The Early Years**

Pete Rose was born on April 14, 1941, in Cincinnati, Ohio. His father, Pete Sr., was a butcher, and his mother, LaVerne, was a homemaker. Rose had two older sisters, Jackie and Judy.

Rose grew up in a working-class neighborhood. He was a gifted athlete, and he excelled at baseball, football, and basketball. He attended Western Hills High School, where he was a star baseball player.

In 1960, Rose signed a bonus contract with the Cincinnati Reds. He was just 18 years old at the time.

## **The Major Leagues**

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Rose was a key member of the Reds' "Big Red Machine" teams that won four World Series in the 1970s. He was named the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1973.

Rose retired from baseball in 1986. He finished his career with 4,256 hits, the most in Major League history.

## **The Gambling Scandal**

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In 1989, Rose was banned from baseball for life after an investigation by the commissioner's office. The investigation found that Rose had bet on Reds games while he was playing for the team.

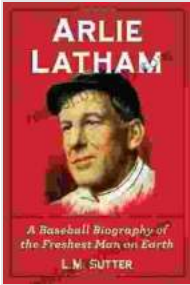
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## **The Legacy**

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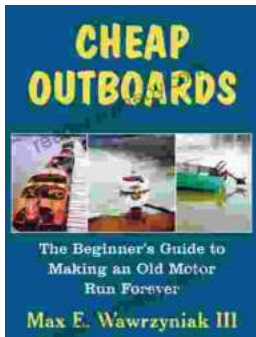
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