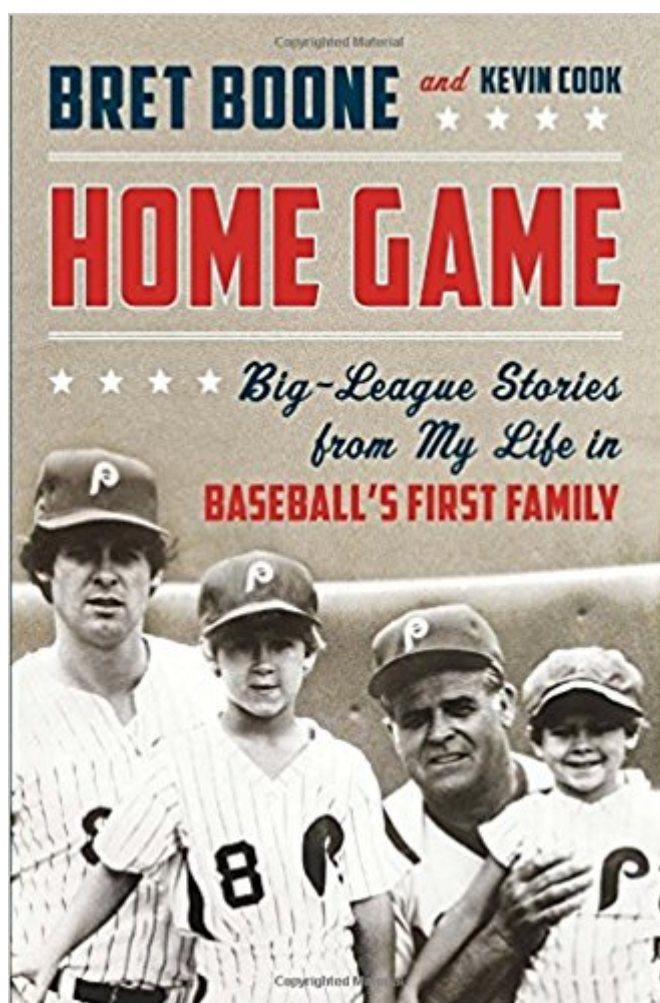


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# Home Game: Big-League Stories From My Life In Baseball's First Family



## Synopsis

From the first third-generation player in Major League history, a sometimes moving, always candid inside look at his family's seventy years in baseball. A five-foot-ten fireball questioned by scouts because of his small stature, supposed lack of power, and cocky attitude, Bret Boone didn't care about family legacy as he fought his way to the Major Leagues in 1992; he wanted to make his own way. He did just that, building a career that featured three All-Star appearances, four Gold Gloves, a bout with alcoholism, and the mixed blessing of being traded three times. But now that he's coaching minor leaguers half his age and his fifteen-year-old son has the potential to be the first fourth-generation Major Leaguer, Bret has a new perspective on his remarkable family, with its ten All-Star appearances, 634 home runs, 3,139 RBIs, and countless kitchen-table debates about the game's greatest players. For the first time, he's ready to share his adventures as part of the sport's First Family. Infused with Bret's candor and deep love of the game, *Home Game* traces baseball's evolution on the field and behind the scenes from his grandfather Ray's era in the 1950s to his father Bob's in the '70s and '80s to the one he shared with his brother Aaron in the '90s and 2000s—sometimes called the PED era—when players made millions, dined on lobster in the clubhouse, and, in some cases, indulged in performance-enhancing drugs. Along the way, his book also touches on Boone family lore, from Ray playing with his hero Ted Williams and Bob winning a World Series with the 1980 Phillies to Bret's flop in a nationally televised home-run derby and Aaron's historic home run in the 2003 playoffs. Blending nostalgia, close analysis of the game, insight into baseball's unwritten codes, and controversial thoughts on its future as a sport and a business, Bret Boone offers a one-of-a-kind look at the national pastime from the colorful, quotable scion of a family whose business is baseball.

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“[An] entertaining read. Baseball and sports lovers will want to find out about Boone’s take on steroids, the unwritten rules of baseball, and his immense knowledge of the game.”  
• Library Journal  
“A lively and at times poignant recounting by one of most charismatic Mariners ever.”  
• Seattle Times  
“There is a noble and surprising tender side to [Boone’s] story. When he talks about his father, grandfather, and brother, it’s impossible to miss his evident pride and love.”  
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BRET BOONE hit 252 homers, drove in more than 1,000 runs, played in 3 All-Star games, and won four Gold Gloves and two Silver Slugger Awards in fourteen seasons with the Seattle Mariners, Cincinnati Reds, Atlanta Braves, and San Diego Padres. A Sports Illustrated writer called him “perhaps the coolest guy in the majors” and one of the smartest. He lives in Southern California. KEVIN COOK, a former senior editor at Sports Illustrated, is the award-winning author of Tommy’s Honor, Titanic Thompson, Kitty Genovese, and The Dad Report. He lives in Brooklyn.

Bret Boone gives an interesting insight to the three generation Boone Family. He does not pull any punches. From waking up his grandfather(Ray Boone) to play whiffle ball as a child, through his childhood, collegiate, minor, major and post major league career Boone tells an interesting story. Am enjoyable read.

This is a good book that I started to read one evening and realized that it was 1:30am as I finished the entire book in one sitting. If you have followed any of the Boones, then this is an interesting read. I found it very intriguing to get a big picture understanding of life in baseball and Bret in particular. I’m pleased to hear that he has made it through alcoholism and a divorce and seems to have his life headed in a positive direction.

It was just OK, I guess I had expected a little more brutal honesty about more aspects of the game, considering it was Bret Boone writing it.

Great book! Bret Boone was a favorite of mine when he was Seattle. Loved his family history and stories that he shared. Learned a whole lot about the baseball world from a players perspective.

This book is very candid and a fun read. Bret shares his family's baseball journeys and his personal insight on baseball. There are great personal stories that involve many well known players.

Decent book. Has some pretty good insights. The title is a little misleading. Not as much on the Boone family as I would have thought. Likes to thump his chest about being the "best" Boone. Subsequent interviews prove a roaring ego. Worth the read though.

I have stared this and it is FANTASTIC book. If you love baseball or if you someone that does they will love this book about the Boone family that all played baseball.

Great book and hard to put down. Read the whole book in 2 days.

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