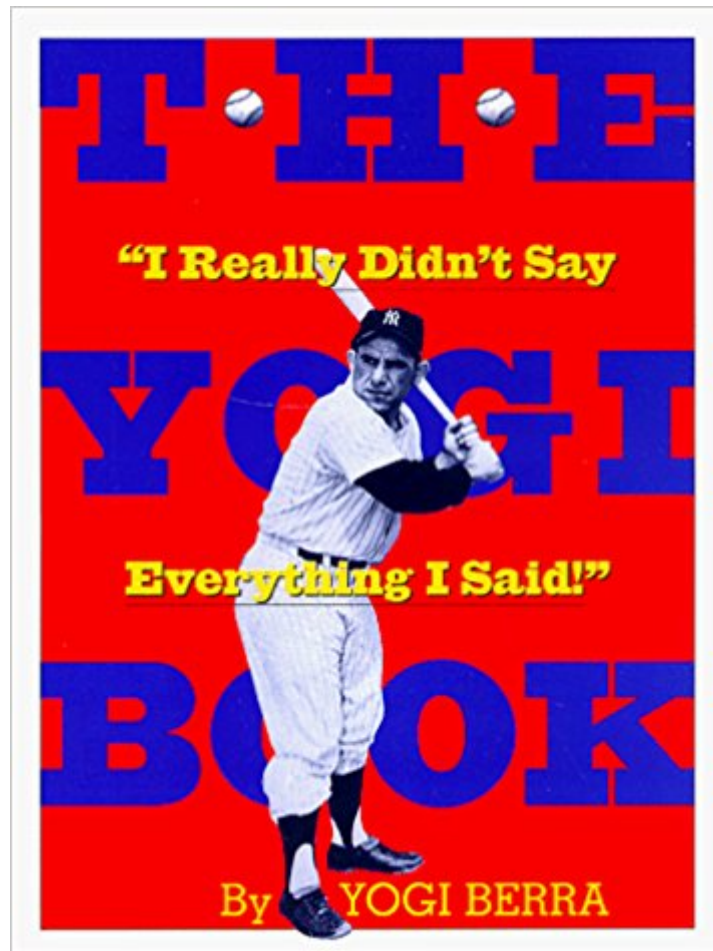




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The Yogi Book: "I Really Didn't Say Everything I Said"



Synopsis

"It's dÃ©jÃ vu all over again"âonly better. The Yogi Book, the New York Times bestseller, now has a fresh new design throughout, new photographs, a career timeline, and all-new appreciations by some of his greatest fans, including Billy Crystal. And it's timed to coincide with the 85th birthday of this American legend who's more beloved than ever. As for the quotes, well, Yogi Berra's gift for saying the smartest things in the funniest, most memorable ways has made him a legend. Or, as The New Yorker put it, "Hardly anybody would quarrel that . . . Winston Churchill has been replaced by Yogi Berra as the favorite source of quotations." The Yogi Book brings all of his famous quotes together in one placeâand even better, gives the story behind them. "It ain't over 'til it's over."âthat's Yogi's answer to a reporter when he was managing the Mets in July 1973, and they were nine games out of first place (not only quotable, but propheticâthey won the pennant). "Nobody goes there anymore, it's too crowded."âYogi's comment to Stan Musial and Joe Garagiola about Ruggieri's Restaurant in St. Louis 1959. "It gets late early out there."âYogi describing how shadows crept across Yankee Stadium's left field during late autumn afternoons.

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Customer Reviews

If the subtitle of this delicious collection of Yogi-isms has you scratching your head, it has done its job as stunningly as Berra used to do his behind the plate at Yankee Stadium. The Hall of Fame MVP catcher for the pinstriped dynasties of the late 1940s through the '50s and into the '60s, Berra was about as quick with his witticisms as he was with his bat and glove. But if his observations hit the heart of the plate, his grammar tended to pop out of left field, hence the creation of a unique

mode of malapropism dubbed the Yogi-ism. To truly understand the title, you need to know that not every mot ascribed to Yogi actually emanated from his mouth--they only sounded like they should have. Thus, he really didn't say everything he said, which makes *The Yogi Book* absolutely necessary (see page 10). To the things that Yogi did say, *The Yogi Book* does both service and justice. It gathers the witticisms in a single convenient volume, adds a scrapbook of photos, then lets their progenitor riff, filling in color commentary on what was happening beyond his mind and what was going through it when the famous phrases were dispatched into the public domain. He deservedly takes credit for such immortal pronunciamientos as "Nobody goes there anymore. It's too crowded." (page 16); "It's deja vu all over again." (page 30); "When you come to a fork in the road, take it." (page 48); "The future ain't what it used to be." (page 118); "It gets late early out there." (page 64); and "Ninety percent of this game is half mental." (page 69). All, like the sacred texts they happen to be, are appropriately parsed for your edification, as is the greatest Yogi-ism of them all: "It ain't over 'til it's over." (page 121).

Hardly anyone would quarrel...that Winston Churchill has been replaced by Yogi Berra as the...favorite source of quotations. (The New Yorker) "Yogi Berra was one of the first guys to allow himself to be kidded by his teammates. A shrewd move--they made him one of the most famous personalities in America." (Tim McCarver) "Yogi's son Larry and I played on the Montclair High School Basketball team together. At the time, Yogi represented Yoo-Hoo soft drinks. When we'd win, Yogi would bring the Yoo-Hoo to the locker room. When we'd lose, we got nothing. Prior to the games, Yogi would tell us, "If you win, you get the Yoo-Hoo, if you lose you get the Boo-Hoo!" (Leonard S. Coleman Jr.) "Yogi came back to my dressing room after our show at the Garden State Arts Center in New Jersey. He has always been one of my heroes. I felt like I was in the locker room after hitting a home run and winning the World Series. Yogi looked at me and said, "Wow, kid, I wouldn't want to do what you do...the work's too hard!" ("Talking to Yogi Berra about baseball is like talking to Homer about the gods." (Bart Giamatti) "When I was on Saturday Night Live, Yogi played himself in a mock documentary called 'Ballplayers.' Christopher Guest and I played 75-year-old black ballplayers talking about the old days. We acted our hearts out. Yogi had one line and stole the movie. I'll never work with him again!" (Billy Crystal) "A conversation with Yogi Berra is as memorable as seeing a game in Yankee Stadium in its heyday." (Frank Sinatra) "I was standing at home plate and the announcer said, 'Now catching for the Yankees, Yogi Berra.' I'd never heard of him and there he was--his shin guards and chest protector were too long--and I thought, 'Who are they trying to kid with this guy?' Well, I played against him for ten years and I appreciated his

abilities more and more and more. He made the pitchers pitch. And he was a damn good hitter!" (Ted Williams) "I make a lot of speeches. Often, to illustrate a point, I reach back for a Yogi expression because Yogi can sum up a situation like nobody else. Thanks, Yogi." (Brendan T. Byrne) "Yogi Berra is a national treasure. I've been using his remarks to close all my speeches and they always bring huge laughs. I love Yogi--always have, always will." (Larry King) --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Good collection of 'Yogiisms', one of baseball's greatest characters and players. Every ball fan needs to be fully aware of Yogi's accomplishments and uncanny use of the English language. He just makes perfect sense. Wish we still had players who could play as well as he did and speak with his special, unique, aloof eloquence.

I grew up listening to the Yankees on a small transistor radio with ear buds. After I was told to go to sleep I would pull the covers over my head and keep listening. I didn't realize then that names like Mantle, Maris, and Berra would become so legendary. Yogi passed in September of 2015 at the age of 90. I originally bought his book as a Christmas gift for a co-worker, but after reading it I decided to keep it for myself. It's not long, but it doesn't have to be to bring back good memories. "The future ain't what is used to be" makes perfect sense sometimes. I know just what he meant.

Bought it for my dad as a gift. He said it's an awesome book....very funny. I am happy that he is happy!

This was a gift for one of my guys that was retiring. He usually came to my office when he was down or stressed, opened the book anywhere and then laugh his heart out. It is a great therapy book that reminds anyone life does not have to be perfect. Juts too your own horn at your own pace like Yogi did

GOOD COLLECTION OF YOGI-ISMS--ENJOY HIS SPECIAL WAY OF GETTING A POINT ACROSS.

Nobody was ever better at improvising thought provoking, amusing short statements. With very little formal education, Lawrence Peter Berra is a genuine self taught genius or near genius.

I had heard or read most of these quotes before, but some were new to me. All are great fun, and the background for most of them adds context. Don't skip the several introductions. Yogi battles the English language to a draw, and the quotes range from very funny to hysterical! Caution: if you lend this book to friends, you'll have a hard time getting it back.

Loved this book. It's a fast read, with one Yogi-quote per page, along with a photo, and the context for the original quote. The book also includes photos, insights and memories from ball players and sportswriters, who knew Yogi well, not to mention a few celebrities and politicians with whom he crossed paths. Every Yogi fan will delight in this book. Every other reader will become a Yogi fan.

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