

High Fives, Pennant Drives, and Fernandomania: A Fan's History of the Los Angeles Dodgers' Glory Years, 1977-1981

ABOUT THE BOOK:

"High Fives" chronicles the Dodgers' 1977-1981 seasons. Told from lifelong fan Paul Haddad's perspective, the story of the Blue Crew during this time period is enhanced by transcripts of radio and TV calls that are woven into his personal recollections, capturing legendary Dodgers sportscaster Vin Scully's greatest moments.

From Jerry Reuss's no-hitter and Rick Monday's epic homer against Montreal to the magical rookie year of Fernando Valenzuela and the 1981 World Series, all of the famous Dodger plays and players are commemorated in great detail.

In addition to the chronological narrative, each chapter contains lists, trivia, sidebars, and interesting statistics that make the exciting culture and fan frenzy that surrounded the "Big Blue Wrecking Crew" of the late '70s and early '80s come to life.

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REVIEWS:

"With Vin Scully's broadcasts as a touchstone, Paul Haddad revives the glory years of the Dodgers. His recollections are as rich and wonderful as Scully himself."

-- Chris Erskine, *Los Angeles Times*

"Warm and fuzzy time! Paul's account is the shirt from the back of the closet that still fits and never goes out of style... Enjoyed it thoroughly."

-- Jerry Reuss, *Dodger pitcher, 1979-1986*

"We never forget our first loves: whether it was a fresh-grilled Dodger Dog, a double bag of salted-in-the-shell peanuts or Tommy John's bionic arm. All my adult life I've wondered if someone could bring back to life those wonderful days of a childhood lost to Vin Scully on the transistor radio and the team that dared you to believe, even when they crushed your heart. Now somebody has."

-- Les Carpenter, *Yahoo! Sports*

"An evocative, playful, exuberant tribute to the sunniest days of the Los Angeles Dodgers."

-- Josh Wilker, *author, Cardboard Gods*

"Haddad explores one of America's most important teams the way only a true fan can."

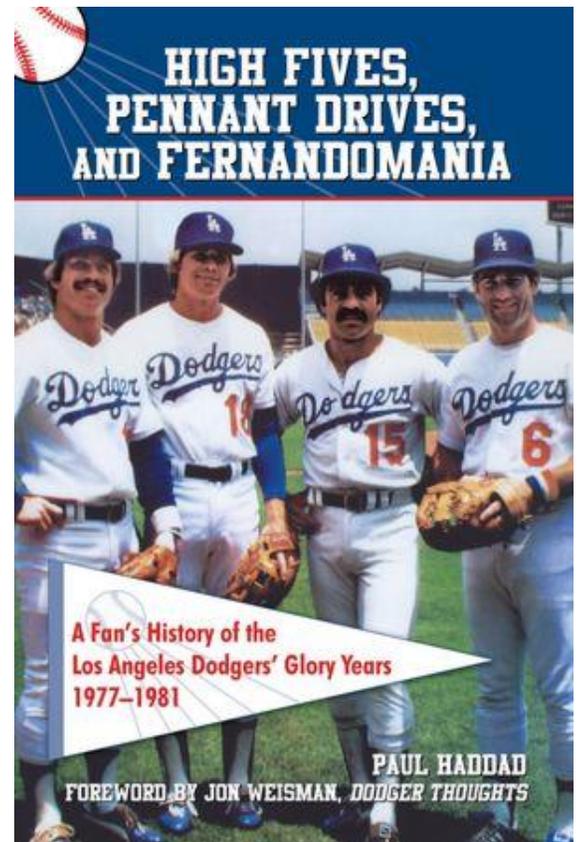
-- AirTalk, *KPCC 89.3 FM*

"Great book!"

-- Steve Grad, *KNX 1070 AM, CBS Radio*

"If you bleed Dodger Blue and want to relive a championship time, this is an ideal read – breezy, funny and unsparing in its praise of the Blue Crew."

-- Jim McConnell, *Pasadena Star-News*



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The book's Foreword was written by **Jon Weisman**, the proprietor of Dodger Thoughts, one of the most popular and longest-running Dodger blogs. He is also the author of *100 Things Dodger Fans Should Know and Do Before They Die*.

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