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Who should a young baseball player turn to when he or she wants to know the best way to handle an infield ground ball with players on first and second? How about New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter or Boston Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia?

In this inside look at the fundamentals of baseball, author and veteran sports writer Steven Krasner asks professional players to explain the mechanics of how they successfully field, pitch, catch, hit, and more. The book is divided into sections by subject. Within each chapter, major league ballplayers analyze different aspects of the game, such as The Art of Pitching with Cy Young Award winner C.C. Sabathia, or The Art of Clutch Hitting, with National League Rookie of the Year and All-Star Jason Bay. Each feature includes an in-depth interview with the athlete, a glossary of baseball terms, a historical anecdote, and an example of a real-life game situation and the solution for handling it. Best of all, the players share their childhood baseball memories.

More than just a how-to guide for playing baseball, Play Ball Like the Pros is an intimate look at how professionals do what they do, and how the struggles and influences of their early years informed their later successes.

Major League Ball Players featured: Rocco Baldelli, Boston Red Sox Jason Bay, Boston Red Sox Carl Crawford, Tampa Bay Rays Jacoby Ellsbury, Boston Red Sox Zack Greinke, Kansas City Royals Ryan Howard, Philadelphia Phillies Chris Iannetta, Colorado Rockies Akinori Iwamura, Tampa Bay Rays Derek Jeter, New York Yankees Ian Kinsler, Texas Rangers Jon Lester, Boston Red Sox Evan Longoria, Tampa Bay Rays Russell Martin, Los Angeles Dodgers Joe Mauer, Minnesota Twins Dustin Pedroia. Boston Red Sox Jimmy Rollins, Philadelphia Phillies C.C. Sabathia, New York Yankees Geovany Soto, Chicago Cubs Mark Teixeira, New York Yankees Kevin Youkilis, Boston Red Sox

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