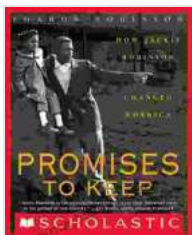


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Jackie Robinson was more than just a baseball player. He was a pioneer, an activist, and a symbol of hope for a divided nation. His story is one of courage, determination, and the power of one person to make a difference.



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Robinson was born in Cairo, Georgia, in 1919. His family was poor, and he grew up in a segregated society. Despite the challenges he faced, Robinson was a gifted athlete. He excelled in track and field, and he was even offered a scholarship to the University of California, Los Angeles.

However, Robinson's dream of playing college football was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. He enlisted in the Army and served in Europe. After the war, Robinson returned to the United States and played semi-pro baseball. In 1945, he was signed by the Brooklyn Dodgers, becoming the first African American to play in the major leagues.

Robinson's debut with the Dodgers was met with both excitement and resistance. Some fans welcomed him with open arms, while others hurled insults and threats. Robinson endured the racism with grace and dignity, and he quickly proved himself to be a talented player. He helped the Dodgers win the National League pennant in 1947, and he was named Rookie of the Year.

Robinson's success on the field helped to break down the barriers of segregation in baseball. However, he also faced discrimination off the field. He was often refused service at restaurants and hotels, and he was even threatened with death. Despite the challenges he faced, Robinson never gave up fighting for what he believed in.

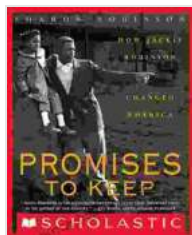
In addition to his baseball career, Robinson was also an active civil rights activist. He spoke out against segregation and discrimination, and he worked to promote racial equality. He was a close friend of Martin Luther King, Jr., and he marched with King in the March on Washington in 1963.

Jackie Robinson died in 1972 at the age of 53. However, his legacy continues to live on. He is remembered as one of the most important figures in American history, and his story continues to inspire people around the world.

Promises to Keep is a groundbreaking biography of Jackie Robinson that tells the full story of his life and legacy. The book is based on extensive research, and it includes interviews with Robinson's family, friends, and teammates. Promises to Keep is a must-read for anyone who wants to learn more about this American icon.

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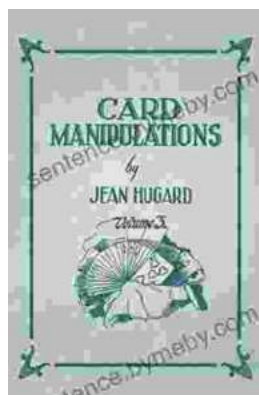
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