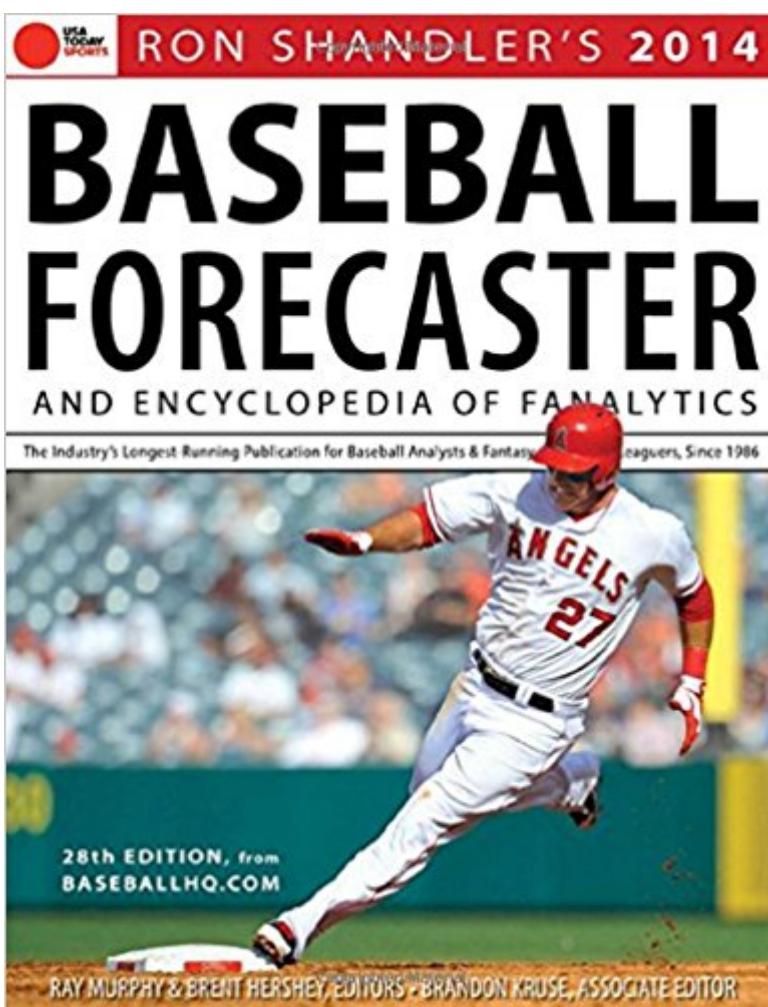


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# 2014 Baseball Forecaster: An Encyclopedia Of Fanalytics



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Ron Shandler was the first baseball analyst to develop sabermetric applications for fantasy league play. His website, [www.BaseballHQ.com](http://www.BaseballHQ.com), won the Best Fantasy Baseball Online Content Award from the Fantasy Sports Trade Association in 2000, 2003, and 2004. He was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Fantasy Sports Trade Association in 2005. He lives in Roanoke, Virginia. Ray Murphy is the managing director of [www.BaseballHQ.com](http://www.BaseballHQ.com). He lives in Boston. Brent Hershey is the managing editor of [www.BaseballHQ.com](http://www.BaseballHQ.com). He was honored in 2009 by the Fantasy Sports Writer Association for the Best Fantasy Baseball Article in a Print Publication. He lives in Philadelphia. Brandon Kruse has contributed to [BaseballHQ.com](http://www.BaseballHQ.com) since 2005, is a Twins fan pinning

his hopes on the futures of Buxton and Sano, and lives in the Minneapolis area with his wife and two kids.

This book takes a while to love. You must put in the time to know what each stat means. If you put in the time, the book is very rewarding for the Fantasy and Computer Replay fanatics. The blurbs for each player are useful as well for those that do not want to put in the time to decode the system. The only flaw I see in the book at all is that the author appears to deny the existence of Mike Trout, although some wise editor put him on the cover.

It's the statistical analysis for fantasy-baseball junkies everywhere. It's pretty easy to understand, and gives you projections based on historical probability. Pretty awesome stuff. And they explain it all so you and I (non-mathematicians) can understand. If you need to get through the off-season with a smile, or just need to plan your draft strategy - this is better, more thorough information than you're going to find on the grocery store shelves.

Great Winter reading for baseball geeks. Complete player coverage, very in depth. Get a head start on the 2014 fantasy season.

If you're tired of reading the "experts" opinions, this book can be a great new tool for you. It uses formulas (some really complicated) to back up their opinions. Batters and pitchers are separated with little notes for each player. If you can't decide between two players during your draft this book will help you choose quickly. Dominate your league with a different voice that no one else has.

I bought this as a companion, and possible counterpoint, to Baseball Prospectus. I love the detail and projections as a way of filling the long offseason waiting on baseball to return. Even if you don't agree on the analysis and projections for your favorite teams or players, I think any baseball fan would enjoy reading about the process.

This is my fourth straight year to use the Baseball Forecaster in my fantasy baseball draft prep work. Hopefully it will be the fourth straight year I win my league. I refer to this guide whenever I am considering a trade or picking up a player. Amazingly accurate information based upon strong analysis of multiple factors. Highly recommended.

If your looking for something with a summation about each player and an auction value you should just go buy a magazine. If you put the time in with this book it will be a valuable tool come draft day.

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