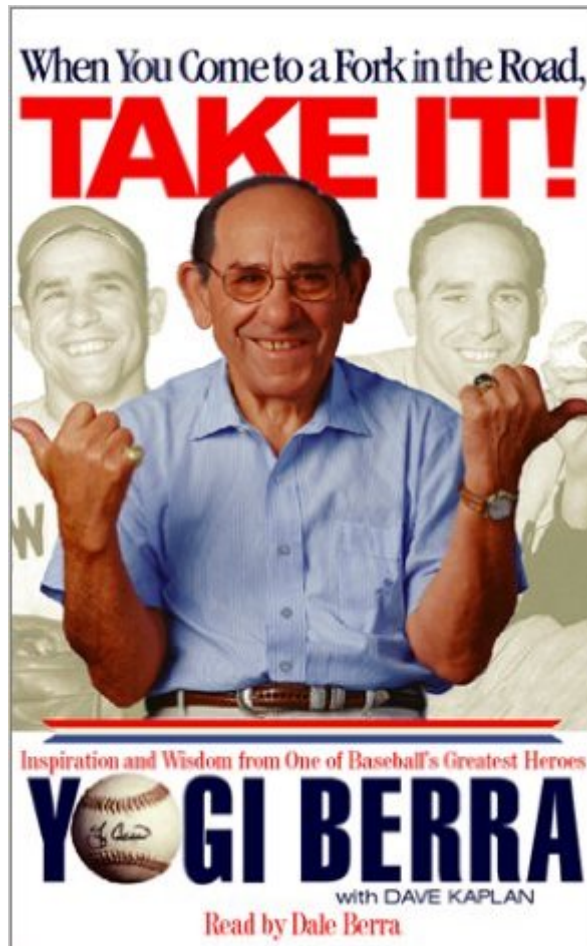


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Synopsis

Everyone knows Yogi Berra for his famous non sequiturs : "It ain't over 'til it's over." "It gets late early out here." "The future ain't what it used to be." They seem like throwaway lines, but over time they reveal deeper meanings--playful truths, like Zen koans. Yogi's not trying to be mystical, but his seemingly simple phrases reveal the depth and wisdom of his mind. In this book, Yogi takes his experiences as one of baseball's all-time heroes and turns them into funny, appealing, and moving essays on the game of life. His philosophy is plainspoken and down-to-earth, honed through more than 50 years of reflecting on the game of baseball: "Keep trying. Stay humble, Trust your instincts. Most importantly, act. When you come to a fork in the road, take it." In his inimitable style, using apt examples from his personal trove of baseball stories, Yogi tells us what really matters in life; what it takes to win, how to learn from losses, how to remain true to yourself, and how to be happy even when life is throwing you nothing but knuckleballs.

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Yogi Berra is our modern day version of Will Rogers. He talks about life and what he sees, and captures a fundamental truth and humor that tickle our fancy and our sense of what's right. This book contains many of Yogi's most famous aphorisms, followed by essays that explain what he means . . . in other words. Here are some of my favorites among his aphorisms in this book (which double as titles for the essays): "We Have a Good Time Together, Even When We're Not Together." "If People Don't Want to Come Out to the Park, Nobody's Going to Stop Them." "Ninety Percent of the Game Is Half Mental." "You Observe a Lot by Watching." "It's Deja Vu All Over

Again." "We Made Too Many Wrong Mistakes." "It Gets Late Early Out Here." "Nobody Goes There Any More, It's Too Crowded." "I Love Movies When I Like Them." "If the World Were Perfect, It Wouldn't Be." "Always Go to Other People's Funerals, Otherwise They Won't Go to Yours." "Ninety Percent of Short Putts Don't Go In." The beauty of Yogi's aphorisms is that we know exactly what he means, which we don't always appreciate about what more learned types have to say. The unusual content also jolts us into paying attention, instead of putting us into a mild doze. About the aphorisms themselves, Yogi says this, "I don't think I ever said anything intentionally humorous in my life." You could sum up his philosophy as "I really have no regrets." Yogi basically suggests that you take life as it comes, make the best of what it offers, and move on.

Yogi Berra is an American treasure, epitomizing many of the things that make America great. As a legend in life as well as a legend in baseball, the common-sense pearls of wisdom that drop from his lips are as instructive as they are humorous. I consider Yogi the common man's philosopher. This book offers forty chapters, each containing helpful advice, based upon a famous Yogi-ism, as well as inspiration to the reader. Most of us already know most of these lessons, but we need to be reminded of them periodically. Yogi is the perfect teacher. He is humble and honest, perfectly willing to use his own failures as well as his successes as object lessons for the rest of us; he also speaks from the heart in plain language. I love the unpretentious nature of this book; maybe it breaks a few rules of proper grammar, but it comes across in such a way that you half believe Yogi is sitting in the room with you and just talking. Yogi does offer up a number of parallels between baseball and business, stressing the importance of true teamwork, loyalty, and the personal involvement and commitment of all involved, but most of the lessons he imparts here are lessons about life and the proper way to live it. All the inspiration and wisdom aside, though, I have to admit that what I enjoy the most is Yogi's baseball stories. Baseball was a different game back when Yogi was playing, and I'm sure I'm not the only fan whose love of the game has faded as the game has turned into an impersonal industry. Yogi represents baseball at its best. I also enjoyed learning a little more about Yogi's personal life - heck, I didn't even know how he got the name Yogi before I read this book. Here's a kid born in St.

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