

The Great God Baseball: Religion in Modern Baseball Fiction



Within the excellent, if underrated, body of adult baseball fiction that emerged in the latter half of the twentieth century, one finds a distinctive subgenre of baseball novels that feature the religious aspirations of their characters and the spiritual qualities of the game of baseball. *The Great God Baseball* looks at nine of these novels, including lesser known gems and established classics. It endeavors to make them more accessible to casual as well as serious readers, fans and non-fans alike, through discussion of key motifs, analysis of unique narrative structure, and frequent cross-references that locate the works in a literary context. *The Literary Line-Up* includes: 1. Douglass Wallop, *The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant* (1954) 2. James F. Donohue, *Spitballs & Holy Water* (1977) 3. Jerome Charyn, *The Seventh Babe* (1979) 4. W. P. Kinsella, *Shoeless Joe* (1982) 5. Eric Rolfe Greenberg, *The Celebrant* (1983) 6. Nancy Willard, *Things Invisible to See* (1984) 7. W. P. Kinsella, *The Iowa Baseball Confederacy* (1986) 8. David James Duncan, *The Brothers K* (1992) 9. Darryl Brock, *Havana Heat* (2000) The varied religious experiences portrayed in these superb novels stimulate us to engage our society, our national pastime, our own imagination, and our sense of spiritual awareness. From a literary encounter with the great game of baseball, we emerge, as if from a church, temple, or ball park, different, re-created people. *The Great God Baseball* seeks to be an agent for this encounter.

Agradable ruta realizada junto al Bilbao Alpino que parte desde la localidad alavesa de Guinea, en la vertiente Sur de la sierra de Arkamo y que discurre por las cimas de Olvedo, Pelistornes y Cantoblanco.

Desde Guinea el camino es muy evidente, ya que las dos primeras cimas están muy cerca y separadas por un pequeño collado. Su subida es corta y casi directa y está señalizada justo a la salida del pueblo.

Al Olvedo se llega relativamente rápido. A pesar de que las nubes a veces nos impiden apreciar las vistas, el paisaje se intuye precioso.

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Para pasar del Olvedo al Pelistornes tan sólo tenemos que cruzar el collado y llegaremos en apenas 10 minutos a nuestra segunda cima del día.

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Una vez coronadas las cimas anteriores hay que continuar la travesía en dirección a la al Cantoblanco, que se asciende tras un durillo cortafuegos.

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Desde la cima tenemos justo en frente el Montemayor, máxima altura de la vecina sierra de Arkamo.2017-01-22_13-00-09

Finalmente, iniciamos el descenso hacia la curiosa localidad de Salinas de Añana...

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...donde podremos completar la ruta con una visita a las propias Salinas.

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Una ruta de unos 15 kilómetros sin dificultades reseñables. Únicamente se hace necesaria logística de vehículos. De no tener esta facilidad entonces es mejor realizar únicamente la subida al Olvedo y Pelistornes.

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Bueno, un nuevo año que ha pasado y uno nuevo que acaba de comenzar. 2016 fue un año muy intenso, si bien los retos que nos marcamos en un principio sólo se vieron cumplidos en una tercera parte. No fue un buen año para ellos, ésta vez la alineación de planetas se generó en pocas ocasiones.

Sin embargo, no decaemos. Cogemos el testigo y no vamos a desistir en su intento, por lo que los retos que no conseguimos cumplir en 2016 serán los que tratemos de realizar en 2017, más algunos otros, a ver qué os parecen. Seguir leyendo

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