# Century at the Friendly Confines: A Poetic Journey Through Chicago Cubs History

Wrigley Field, the Friendly Confines, has been the home of the Chicago Cubs baseball team since 1916. For more than a century, the Cubs have played their games in this iconic ballpark, and during that time they have experienced both triumph and heartbreak. *Century at the Friendly Confines* is a lyrical exploration of the rich history of the Chicago Cubs. With its evocative language and detailed imagery, the book captures the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat, and celebrates the enduring spirit of the team and its fans.

## **The Early Years**

Century at the Friendly Confines begins with the early years of the Chicago Cubs, when the team was known as the White Stockings. The White Stockings were one of the most successful teams in the National League in the late 19th century, winning five pennants in a six-year period. However, the team's success was overshadowed by the Black Sox Scandal of 1919, when eight White Sox players were accused of throwing the World Series. The scandal resulted in the expulsion of the eight players from baseball, and it also damaged the reputation of the entire team.



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## The Curse of the Billy Goat

In 1945, a man named William Sianis was told to leave Wrigley Field during a game because he was carrying his pet goat, Murphy. Sianis cursed the Cubs, saying that the team would never win another World Series. The Cubs have not won a World Series since 1908, and some fans believe that the curse of the Billy Goat is responsible for their long championship drought.

#### The Modern Era

In the modern era, the Cubs have experienced both success and failure. The team won the National League Championship Series in 1984 and 2016, but they lost the World Series both times. The Cubs finally broke their World Series curse in 2016, when they defeated the Cleveland Indians in seven games. It was the team's first World Series victory since 1908.

### **The Players**

Century at the Friendly Confines features profiles of some of the greatest players in Cubs history, including Ernie Banks, Ryne Sandberg, Greg Maddux, and Billy Williams. These players have helped to make the Cubs one of the most popular teams in baseball.

#### The Fans

The Cubs are one of the most popular teams in baseball, and they have a large and passionate fan base. *Century at the Friendly Confines* celebrates the enduring spirit of the Cubs fans, who have supported the team through thick and thin. The book also includes a section on the many traditions and rituals that Cubs fans have developed over the years.

Century at the Friendly Confines is a must-read for any fan of the Chicago Cubs. The book is a lyrical and evocative exploration of the team's rich history, and it celebrates the enduring spirit of the team and its fans.

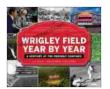


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