

# Baseball and Poetry

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Serious poetry about baseball can tell historians a great deal about the meaning and value attributed to baseball in a given period of time. This talk traces the developing interest in baseball on the part of twentieth century American poets; notices the large number of poets currently writing about baseball; identifies particular poets, publishers, and periodicals interested in baseball; comments on the meanings baseball holds in this poetry; and concludes with a reading of David Lee's "Digging Postholes" as representative of contemporary poems about baseball.