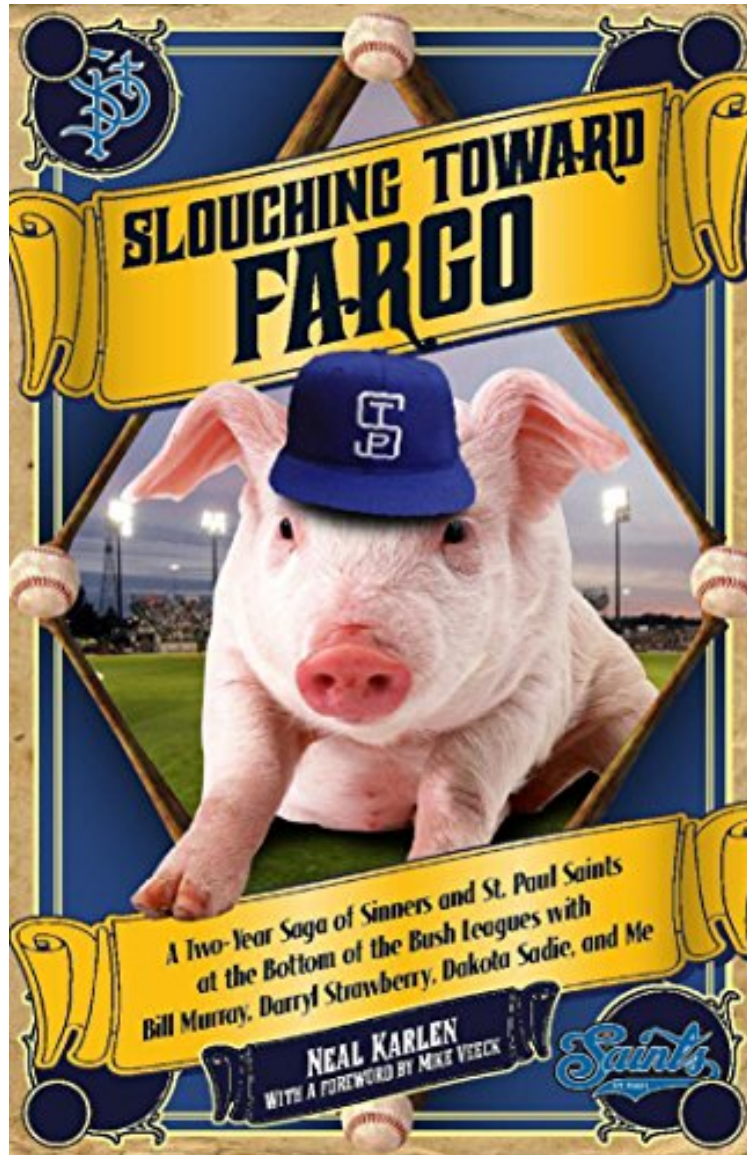


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would be worth my time, and all praised *Slouching Toward Fargo: A Two-Year Saga of Sinners and St. Paul Saints* with Bill Murray, Darryl Strawberry, and Dakota Sadie (English Edition):

Kundenrezensionen
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0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Like its subjects, the book is added but well-meaning
Von Cecilia Tan
This book has some incredibly intriguing subject matter, from the redemption of Darryl Strawberry in 1996 to a nun who gives backrubs and advice in the stands, and many other enjoyable and colorful characters besides. But the author spends so much time hand-wringing about his own angst (over whether he, as a journalist, will write a "hatchet" piece for Rolling Stone), that he rarely focuses on the actual game. Perhaps that's because he himself was so distracted by his angst that it was all he could really write about. By halfway through the book, I was wishing to hear less about Neal Karlen and more about the game itself. The scenes that take place on the field are few, despite the annoying sense that Karlen gives that a drama is being played out there... we're only seeing glimpses of it. Karlen also repeats himself often--as if he intended different chapters to stand alone as articles?--causing him to tell the same stories and trivial facts repeatedly, and yet often seemingly skip the meat of the story. His editors should have done a more careful job. It's a shame Karlen gets in the way of his own story--maybe Rolling Stone ruined him as a writer.
Nonetheless, I still recommend this book because its subjects are so unique and so worth hearing about! What a wild tale! Every baseball fan should know of some of the unique characters and history associated with the Saints.
0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. If only "Slouching" had been properly edited...
Von Ein Kunde
Though I'm a big-time customer, I rarely feel compelled to write a review, as most of the other customers have inevitably written pretty much what I would have written. The lack of proper editing in "Slouching Toward Fargo", though, infuriated me to the point that I had to say something. This tome--an at-times engrossing tale of a jaded celebrity writer (Karlen) rediscovering his love of baseball via the antics of a "wacky" minor league team--is undermined by its haphazard structure and, most notably, its incessant repetition. Stories are repeated, character descriptions are repeated, quotes are repeated, and, in one painfully memorable instance, a metaphor is repeated almost verbatim (the one where Karlen likens fungo bats to Stradavarius violins--pgs. 68 321). Was it Karlen or his editor that was asleep at the switch? (My personal guess is that they rushed it out in time for the beginning of baseball season, and if that actually was the case, that's just shabby treatment of both the reader and the author.) Whoever the culprit or whatever the circumstances, it's too bad that lazy editing turned "Slouching..." from a possible baseball classic to a semi-interesting wannabe.
0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A very entertaining book
Von Ein Kunde
This book was tremendously fun. It's a tale of redemption and growth and second chances, which reflects the topic of the book. What stands out are the characters Karlen depicts in the book - Darryl Strawberry, coming back despite being blackballed from baseball, and proving to be a good guy. There's Jack Morris, who wanted to come back to the majors but only on his terms. There's Ila Borders, fighting to be a professional woman baseball player in a world where women are seen almost exclusively as sex objects. There's Bill Murray, the man Karlen came to St. Paul to hate but who ended up being a man he admired. Most of all the book is about author Neil Karlen, and how in the improbably story of the Saints he finds happiness again.
If this book were fiction, it would be unbelievable. As fact, it's wonderful.

Kurzbeschreibung
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Any baseball book beginning with a descriptive list of characters that includes a Benedictine nun, the hold-out college player of the year, a woman pitcher, a 300-pound pig, a seemingly washed-up Darryl Strawberry, a blind announcer, comedian Bill Murray, Rolling Stone publisher Jann Wenner, and the spirit of Bill Veeck--the game's greatest showman--hovering over it all as the holy ghost, is a book that swings for the fences. *Slouching Toward Fargo* does go deep, even off the deep end at times. The really amazing thing is that it's all true. A resourceful veteran writer, Karlen spends the summers of 1996 and 1997 following the mismatched misfits who mold themselves into the St. Paul Saints of the unaffiliated A-level Northern League, one of the strangest clubs in one of the oddest leagues in the history of organized baseball. On one level, his chronicle is a certified hoot; the presence of team owners Murray and Mike Veeck, who inherited his father's gene for baseball theatrics, ensures that Fargo flirts with the unpredictable. But this is also a circumspect tale filled with second chances--not the least of which is Karlen's own redemption as a journalist, which resonates in counterpoint throughout. His adventure begins at a personal crisis point when he accepts an assignment from Wenner, who's had a longstanding grudge against Murray, to follow the comedian and do a hatchet-job on him for Rolling Stone. Karlen needs the check,

sure, but he needs a reality check too. "It was time to put my scorecard in order," he admits; after all, this isn't his grudge. Can you hear the bass chord of conscience beginning to thrum? "As I followed the team, I would be searching for some clue to my own battered spirit." By the end of his journey, both the clues and the Saints entertainingly add up to a winning volume and a winning team. --Jeff Silverman

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