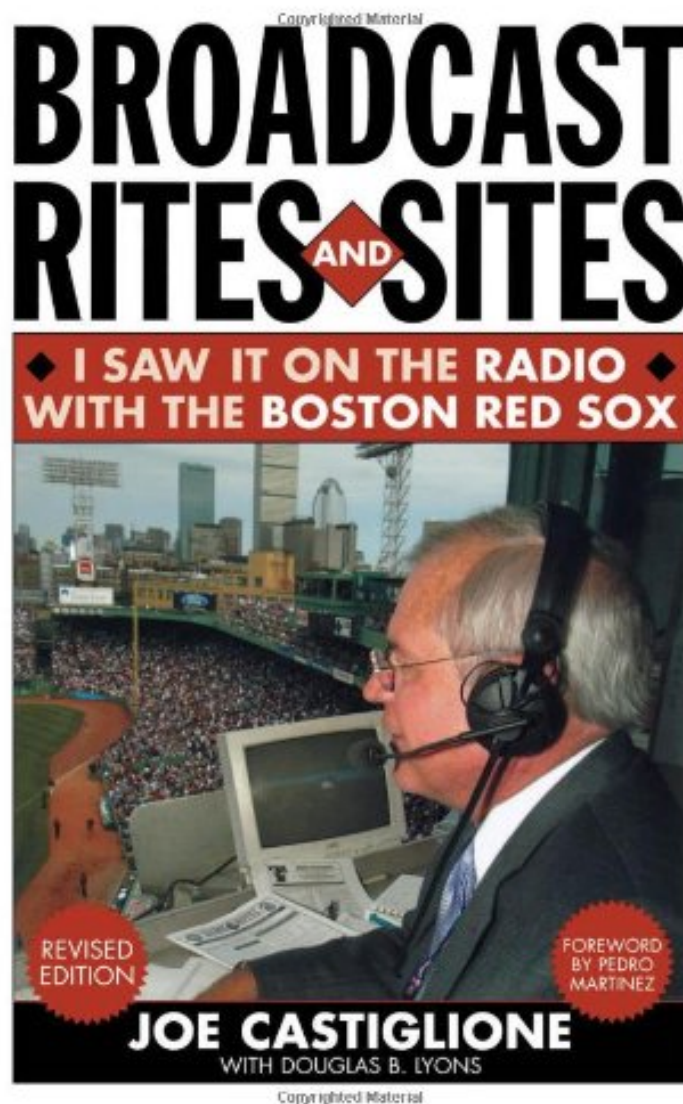


## Broadcast Rites and Sites: I Saw It on the Radio with the Boston Red Sox

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**Joe Castiglione, Douglas B. Lyons : Broadcast Rites and Sites: I Saw It on the Radio with the Boston Red Sox** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Broadcast Rites and Sites: I Saw It on the Radio with the Boston Red Sox:

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GiftJoe's book is great as it delves into the background and life events of various ball players and not just limited to the Boston Red Sox. He shares what it was like and what he did behind the mike, away from the studio and interactions with the players, media, and management as well as people in the community. This is great insider history of people I really like to learn about. I collect baseball trading cards. Joe and Doug put the person with the stats on the card. They talk about other stadiums and places they travel to in the baseball world telling about what goes on there outside of the ballgame. These are things I would never be able to do and appreciate learning this part of history that we would never know about outside of this book. This is a great read and is like Joe is talking directly with you as a friend sharing a drink and just talking ball. 3 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Stick with the radio JoeBy norcalsportsguy This book was awful. I lost this book halfway through and it didn't matter to me. Normally if I lost a book I would go through the house so I could finish it. I'm a big Sox fan and Joe Castiglione is a great broadcaster, but he's not a great author. One star for trying.

In *Broadcast Rites and Sites: I Heard It on the Radio with the Boston Red Sox*, Joe Castiglione gives his educated opinions on his favorite sightseeing, shopping, and restaurants from coast-to-coast. Yet, at the heart of the book is baseball as seen from his unique perspective and longevity in the booth from witnessing seven no-hitters to having a catch with Bob Feller; from Roger Clemens' twenty strike out game to the fateful, unforgettable Game 6 of the 1986 World Series.

From Publishers Weekly Castiglione, who has been the radio announcer for the Red Sox for two decades now, presents games in a vivid yet reserved manner that is a lost art. Sadly, his radio voice does not translate well to the page. In this memoir, Castiglione relies heavily on the short, to-the-point vignettes that he uses, with great success, between pitches during his broadcasts to strengthen his connection to his listener. But in writing, the stories, in most cases, feel truncated. They work in the "Quick Pitches" section, where Castiglione tells colorful tales and gives behind the scenes insight on his favorite players and baseball moments, but when he tries to relive entire seasons or careers, they fall short. Dedicating a chapter to various major league cities is an interesting idea, but aside from some good tips on places to eat, these travelogues are too cursory to give a sense for each place. Aside from his references to famous people and places, Castiglione is at his most interesting when discussing how he got into broadcasting and, after much bouncing around, ended up in Boston. It is easy to relate to his job hunt, and he gives readers an interesting glimpse into the first generation of Americans to seek satisfaction, not just sustenance, from their chosen field of employment. It is obvious Castiglione has a lot of stories to tell, but other than the diehard members of Red Sox Nation, most people would rather "hear them on the radio than see them on the page." Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Insightful and often hilarious. (Sports Collectors Digest) Fans are treated to a plethora of unusual details from exceptional games. An entertaining read, with a fresh perspective on our national pastime and obsession. (Northeastern University Magazine) About the Author A graduate of Colgate and Syracuse Universities, Joe Castiglione began his major league baseball broadcasting career in 1979 with the Cleveland Indians and has been the Voice of Boston Red Sox baseball since 1983. He is a native New Englander. Co-author Douglas B. Lyons is the author of two previous books: *Out of Left Field* (Random House, 1998) and *Curveballs and Screwballs* (Random House, 2001). He resides in Scarsdale, NY.