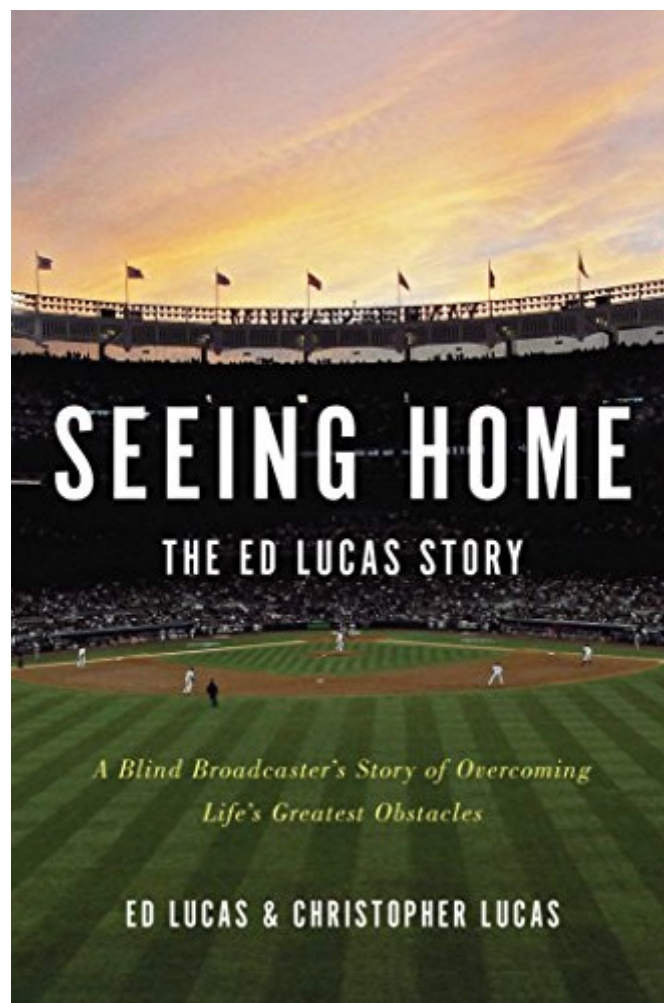




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Seeing Home: The Ed Lucas Story: A Blind Broadcaster's Story Of Overcoming Life's Greatest Obstacles



Synopsis

Soon to be a major motion picture, *Seeing Home: The Ed Lucas Story* is the incredible true tale of a beloved Emmy-winning blind broadcaster who refused to let his disability prevent him from overcoming many challenging obstacles and achieving his dreams. In 1951, when he was only twelve years old, Ed Lucas was hit between the eyes by a baseball during a sandlot game in Jersey City. He lost his sight forever. To cheer him up, his mother wrote letters to baseball superstars of the day, explaining her son's condition. Soon Ed was invited into their clubhouses and dugouts, as the players and coaches personally made him feel at home. Despite the warm reception he got from his heroes, Ed was told repeatedly by others that he would never be able to accomplish anything worthwhile because of his limitations. But Hall-of-Famer Phil Rizzuto became Ed's mentor and encouraged him to pursue his passion for broadcasting. Ed then overcame hundreds of barriers, big and small, to become a pioneer—the first blind person covering baseball on a regular basis, a career he has successfully continued for six decades. Ed may have lost his sight, but he never lost his faith, which got him through many pitfalls and dark days. When Ed's two sons were very young, his wife walked out and left him to raise them all by himself, which he did. Six years later, Ed's ex-wife returned and sued him for full custody, saying that a blind man shouldn't have her kids. The judge agreed, tearing Ed's sons away from their father's loving home. Ed fought the heartbreaking decision with appeals all the way up to the highest level of the court system. Eventually, he prevailed, marking the very first time in US history that a disabled person was awarded custody over a non-disabled spouse. Even in his later years, Ed is still enjoying a remarkably blessed life. In 2006, he married his second wife, Allison, at home plate in old Yankee Stadium, the only time that such a thing ever happened on that iconic spot. Yankee owner George Steinbrenner himself catered the whole affair, which was shown live on national television. *Seeing Home: The Ed Lucas Story* is truly a magical read and a universally uplifting and inspirational tale for everyone, whether or not you happen to be a sports fan. Over his long and amazing life, Ed has collected hundreds of anecdotes from his personal relationships and encounters with everyone, from kings and presidents to movie stars and sports Hall-of-Famers, many of which he shares in this memoir, using his trademark humorous and engaging style, cowritten with his youngest son, Christopher.

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Customer Reviews

Truly an inspirational read. I'm from Jersey City, NJ too, just like the authors are. Got to love the connections to the city. Ed Lucas has overcome "Blind" prejudices and obstacles to get where he is now. It's a great way to get to know him. It's more than baseball stories. It's for everyone who has been through what he's been through or through any other circumstances. There are funny stories in there as well. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED read! Not just because of the Jersey City connection, but because Ed Lucas is a wonderful human being. His son Chris Lucas co-wrote the book with his dad. It's a wonderful look inside the world of a man's fascination of baseball. My favorite part of the book is in Chapter 7 "Cold Cuts and Hot Feet: My Life in the Clubhouse" where co-author and son Chris, when he was little, got teased in school because his father was blind and couldn't do things that regular dads could do. From the chapter: Chris shuts them all up at once by saying: "Oh yeah? Well, I bet that your dad doesn't have special powers like my dad does. He can read to us in the dark!" Twin Vision turned me into a superhero, Ed says. That part made me laugh. Now I'm just looking forward to the movie version. I would love this book to go to the BIG SCREEN!

I enjoyed and highly recommend reading "Seeing Home, The Ed Lucas Story". The book is heart warming, funny, motivational and filled with love, joy and .ones ability to overcome life's difficulties. Ed Lucas is an inspiration to everyone and a remarkable individual. I would highly suggest reading

this book. ,.

Seeing Home is an eye-opening and illuminating true story of a blind man, who believes he can and does accomplish everything he sets out to do with humor and determination. The book destroys the blind stereotypes that most of us have grown up with. Ed can tell time from his wristwatch, does not wear sunglasses and does not feel peoples faces. I recently had the privilege of spending some time with Ed and his wonderful wife Allison. They are warm, friendly, down to earth people. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to read about how someone can conquer adversity and accomplish their dreams.

I met the author and his son in person at an event and heard the story about the book, went home that night and ordered book to read it and let my mother read it. It is amazing how this story came about and could not believe it. Had a brief conversation with the son and it was astonishing on what his father went through being blind and the first blind radio commentator. It is financially affordable and recommend to buy one if you are int baseball.John

If you are a baseball fan, a person of faith, a cheerleader for the underdog or just someone who enjoys a good, heartwarming story, Seeing Home is a must read. It has been a long time since I've had a book that I could not stop reading but this book hooked me in immediately and wouldn't let me go. Mr. Lucas' faith-filled journey is inspiring for anyone facing adversity. His sense of humor and positive attitude is a lesson for each of us to be cognizant of and thankful for all the blessings we receive even during the most difficult times. The best part, besides the story itself, is I can share this book with my sons as it contains completely appropriate language and situations for younger kids. I highly recommend Seeing Home: The Ed Lucas Story.

A few disclaimers. (1) I do not really care about sports. (2) I don't typically read non-fiction. That said, I highly recommend Seeing Home The Ed Lucas story. It is an amazing book. Well written to the point where I didn't want to put it down and finished it in two days. It made me laugh and brought me close to tears many times. It is an inspirational story for the ages. It is a story about faith and following your dreams in the face of enormous obstacles. A truly great read.

Absolutely love this book. This book is a story of triumph and determination from someone in the baseball community but is not a player. The story of Ed Lucas is a heartfelt journey through his life

and then career as a baseball sports writer. He did not let a disability stop him in any aspect of his life or career. He is a true hero. As a baseball fan, the story is even more special.

An amazing story that's easy to read. It's the life story of a man who loves baseball and the struggles he faced and the help he received after he lost his eyesight playing baseball. It is a story that will warm your heart, and let you know that there are still lots of good people in this country. I highly recommend it. Once you read it, you won't forget it.

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