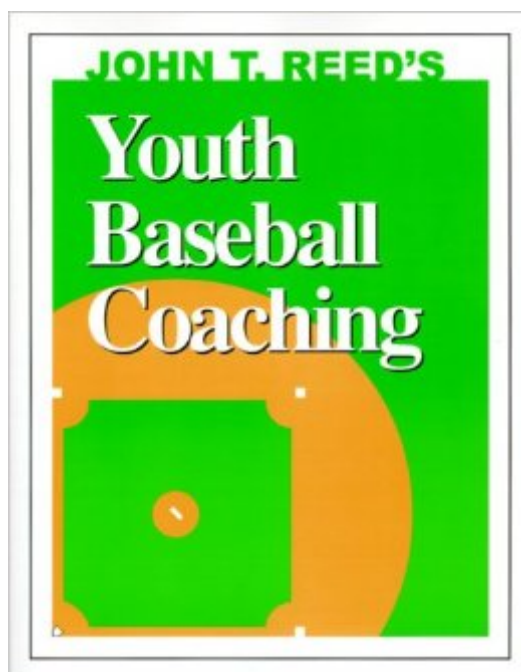


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John T. Reed's Youth Baseball Coaching



Synopsis

In this guide for youth baseball coaches, experienced coach John T. Reed demonstrates how he has achieved extraordinary results by focusing on players' innate skills in areas such as base running, waiting for a good pitch, and fielding.

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The author, John T. Reed, seems to be a very smart guy, with an impressive knowledge of baseball rules, strategy and coaching ideas. In the youth league in which I will be coaching (Major league, 6th and 7th graders) we will have only eight games and about twelve practices in the spring season, so our practice time will not be nearly enough to implement even half of his many suggestions. But many ideas seem like good ones, such as spending time teaching base running and defending against it, but not trying to teach batting mechanics, which is too time-consuming for team practices. The book is self-published by the author, so some typographical errors are found here and there. Also, the author expresses pretty clearly his opinions about some things that happened in the youth leagues in which he coached. These opinion are fun to read, but they probably would have been smoothed out or reduced if the manuscript had been screened by a good editor. The final chapter has a long section on safety equipment, which is the best treatment of the subject that I have seen. Some improvements have occurred in youth baseball since this book was published, which was in 2000, but progress has been slow. In our league all players have their own batting helmets, which is great, since the helmets fit properly. But last season only one player the league used a helmet with a face guard, who was a boy on my son's team. This book's description of facial injuries from baseball has persuaded me that in the upcoming season my son will be using a face

guard with his helmet, and probably a mouth guard as well, and I will also encourage other parents to get face guards for their sons' helmets.

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