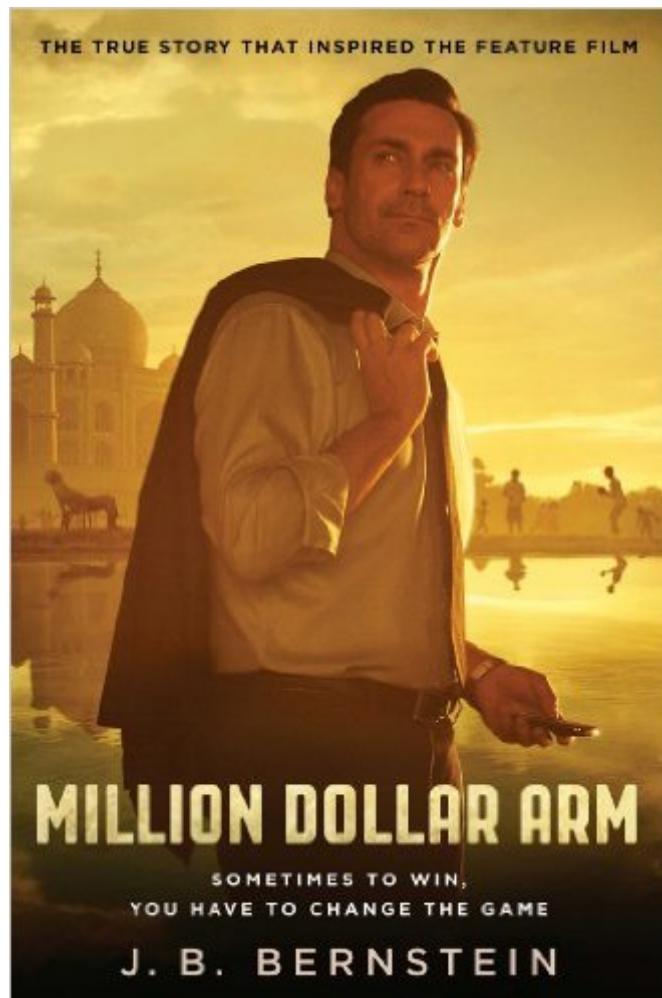


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Million Dollar Arm: Sometimes To Win, You Have To Change The Game



Synopsis

From the farmlands of India to the fields of major league baseball, this fascinating memoir tells the story of a man who forever changed the lives of two talented young men through a pitching contest in India. The official tie-in book to Disney's major motion picture, starring Jon Hamm. India is a country with more than one billion people, a fanatical national cricket obsession, and exactly zero talent scouts. There, superstar sports agent J. B. Bernstein knew that he could find the Yao Ming of baseball – someone with a strong arm and enough raw talent to pitch in the major leagues. Almost no one in India is familiar with the game, but Bernstein had heard enough coaches swear that if you gave them a guy who throws a hundred miles an hour, they could teach him how to pitch. So in 2007, Bernstein flew to Mumbai with a radar gun and a plan to find his diamond in the rough. His idea was, a reality television competition with a huge cash prize and a chance to become the first native of India to sign a contract with an American major-league team. The result is a humorous and inspiring story about three guys transformed: Bernstein, the consummate bachelor and shrewd businessman, and Dinesh and Rinku, the two young men from small farming villages whom he brought home to California. is a timeless reflection on baseball and the American dream, as well as a tale of victory over incredible odds. But, above all, it's about the limitless possibilities inside every one of us.

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Customer Reviews

This book was fantastic! My 10 year old son wanted to read it as soon as I finished. We can't wait to see the movie!!! Two thumbs up! Great read!

This was an excellent book. It was well written and very descriptive. It a good example of how hard work can result in a life changing outcome. Both of these young men were able to overcome huge obstacles to get to where they are. As a result, their families were able to benefit from this. It is a very quick read. Now I want to see the movie.

Good book, but Bernstein at times comes off as a bit arrogant and conceited. Incredible story and really interesting, Bernstein just rubbed me the wrong way.

It was good but seemed disjointed at times. It didn't flow as well as I would have liked.

Great story.

This book is fantastic. I read it in only a few hours. I was so amazed as how these two young men from India learned English and also learned how to play baseball. I admire J.B. Bernstein for taking on the responsibility of living with these young men and guiding them as they learn how to play baseball in the US. These young men were so lucky to have an agent such as J.B. Bernstein. This man was willing to put his life on hold to make sure these two young men succeeded. Must read book. I am looking forward to the Disney movie which comes out in June. If you don't have a chance to read the book go see the movie.

Summer is a great time to find an audiobook that the whole family can enjoy. Whether you are taking a road trip or just enjoy listening to it at home or hearing 20 minute-bits as you are driving from here to there, I think that this one would be a good one for 9ish and up through adult. I enjoyed it a lot. I don't feel like I need to say what the book is about, since Disney publicized the heck out of it for the movie. I haven't seen the movie yet, but it seems that the book and the movie were sort of done concurrently. For those who have seen the movie or will see it after, Bernstein talks about how the movie came to be made, a bit about the casting process, and some of the differences between the real story and the movie version. This is not just a story about baseball. I'm not really a baseball fan, but I still enjoyed it. My son isn't either, and he's interested in seeing the movie. It's a story about dreams and motivation and innovation. **CONTENT:** Because I'm recommending this for family listening, I wanted to point out that J.B. does talk about the early empty life he led of picking up women and bringing them home. He talks about him getting out of bed when he couldn't sleep and

then them leaving. I don't remember any swearing, so it wasn't prolific, though I can't guarantee that there's not a mild swear word or two in the book.

I love true stories, especially (I admit it) feel-good stories. Sports books aren't my favorite genre, so if they aren't yours either, don't let that stop you. This was a quick read, too, easy to finish in a single evening. Bernstein was an American sports agent who launched a reality show in cricket-crazed India to discover someone with enough potential to become a major league baseball player, because he's become disillusioned by the young talent in the US. He's lucky enough to find three and is able to bring two of them back. Million Dollar Arm tells that story. It's currently being made into a movie. Minor quibble: The POVs of Dinesh and Rinku were missing; their perspective would have added a lot to the story, especially on events near the end. I realize they didn't author the book, but if they had written even a few paragraphs in the epilogue it would have felt more complete. If you liked this, see: Invictus on DVD. *ARC won in a Goodreads.com giveaway*

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