

Millions of American baseball fans know, with absolute certainty, that umpires are simply overpaid galoots who are doing an easy job badly. Millions of American baseball fans are wrong. *As They See 'Em* is an insider's look at the largely unknown world of professional umpires, the small group of men (and the very occasional woman) who make sure America's favorite pastime is conducted in a manner that is clean, crisp, and true. Bruce Weber, a New York Times reporter, not only interviewed dozens of professional umpires but entered their world, trained to become an umpire, then spent a season working games from Little League to big league spring training. *As They See 'Em* is Weber's entertaining account of this experience as well as a lively exploration of what amounts to an eccentric secret society, with its own customs, its own rituals, its own colorful vocabulary. Writing with deep knowledge of and affection for baseball, he delves into such questions as: Why isn't every strike created equal? Is the ump part of the game or outside of it? Why doesn't a tie go to the runner? And what do umps and managers say to each other during an argument, really? Packed with fascinating reportage that reveals the game as never before and answers the kinds of questions that fans, exasperated by the clichés of conventional sports commentary, pose to themselves around the television set, Bruce Weber's *As They See 'Em* is a towering grand slam.

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As They See 'Em: A Fan's Travels in the Land of Umpires [Bruce Weber] on shakethatbrain.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. A New York Times reporter. *As They See 'Em* has ratings and reviews. Eric_W said: I was a FIFA and NCAA soccer referee for eight years, and when I watch a match now I spen. NPR coverage of *As They See 'em: A Fan's Travels in the Land of Umpires* by Bruce Weber. News, author interviews, critics' picks and more. It is generally accepted that the best umpires are the ones you never notice. Which may explain why, in the vast and ever expanding literature. *As They See 'Em* by Bruce Weber - Millions of American baseball fans know, with absolute certainty, that umpires are *A Fan's Travels in the Land of Umpires*. Millions of American baseball fans are wrong. *As They See 'Em* is an insider's look at the largely unknown world of professional umpires, the. 29 Jul - 3 min - Uploaded by Simon & Schuster Books Bruce Weber talks about the research behind his book *As They See 'Em: A Fan's Travels*. Millions of American baseball fans know, with absolute certainty, that umpires are simply overpaid galoots who are doing an easy job badly. It's one of two schools approved by Major League Baseball, a necessary step on . AS THEY SEE 'EM. *A Fan's Travels in the Land of Umpires*. Bruce Weber's book *As They See 'Em* will not make umpires . about *As They See 'Em: A Fan's Travels in the Land of Umpires*, by Bruce. In a no-holds-barred insider examination of the private world of baseball umpires, both minor and major leagues, Weber, a New York Times.

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