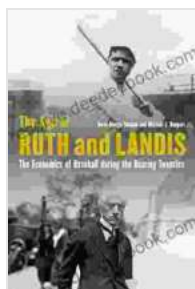


The Economics of Baseball During the Roaring Twenties

The Roaring Twenties was a time of great economic prosperity and change in the United States. This period saw the rise of new industries, the growth of cities, and a general increase in consumer spending. Baseball, as America's pastime, was not immune to these economic forces. In fact, the Roaring Twenties was a time of significant growth and change for the sport.

Babe Ruth and the Home Run Revolution

One of the most important factors in the economic growth of baseball during the Roaring Twenties was the emergence of Babe Ruth. Ruth was a larger-than-life figure who revolutionized the game with his prodigious home run hitting. In 1920, Ruth hit 54 home runs, breaking the single-season record by 15. He followed that up with 59 home runs in 1921 and 60 home runs in 1927. Ruth's home runs drew huge crowds to ballparks and helped to make baseball one of the most popular sports in the country.



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Another factor in the economic growth of baseball during the Roaring Twenties was the rise of the New York Yankees. The Yankees were a powerhouse team that dominated the American League throughout the decade. They won seven World Series championships during the Roaring Twenties, including four in a row from 1921 to 1924. The Yankees' success helped to make baseball a popular sport in New York City, which was the largest media market in the country. The Yankees also had a number of

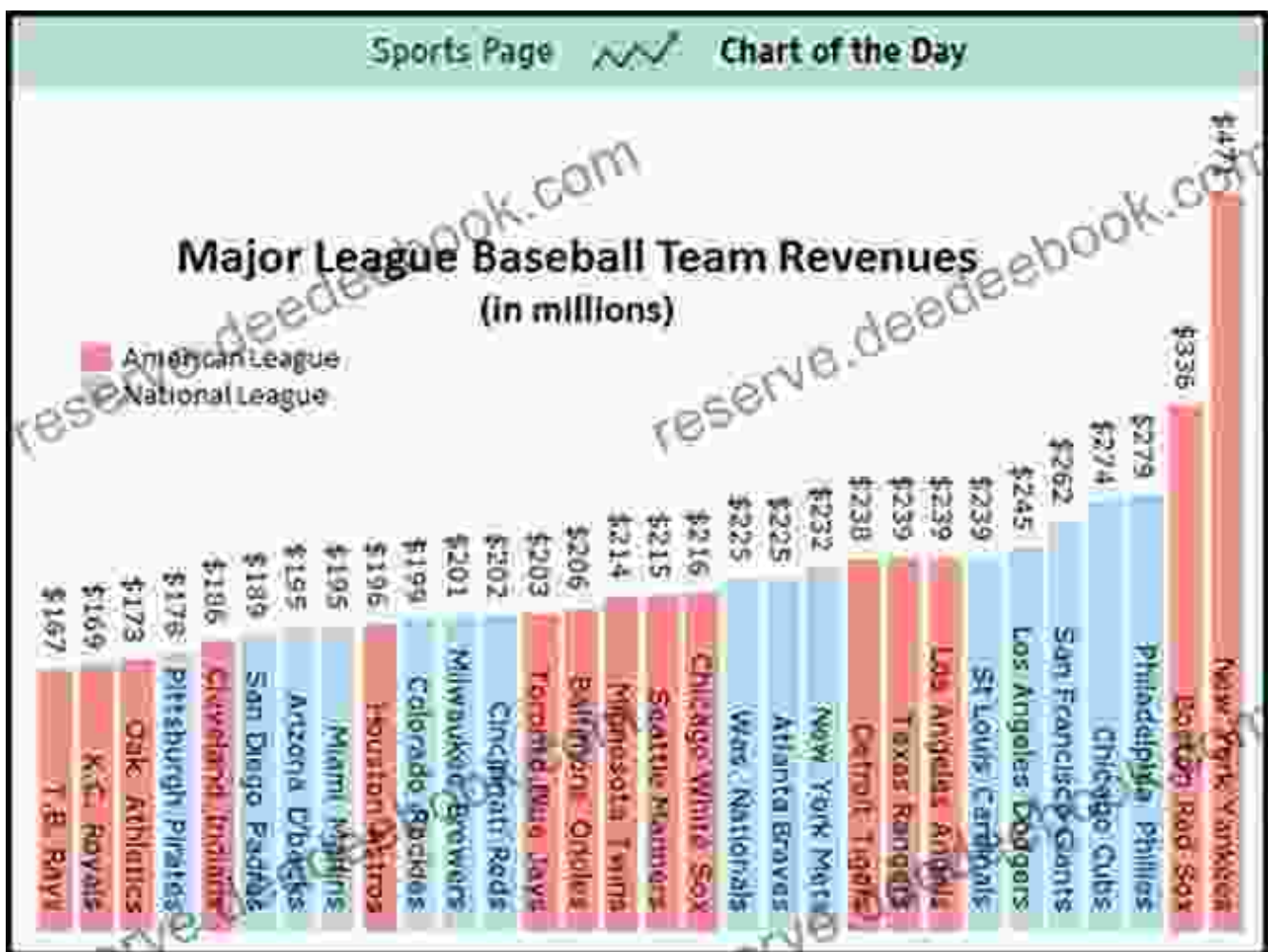
star players, including Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, and Joe DiMaggio, who helped to draw fans to the ballpark.



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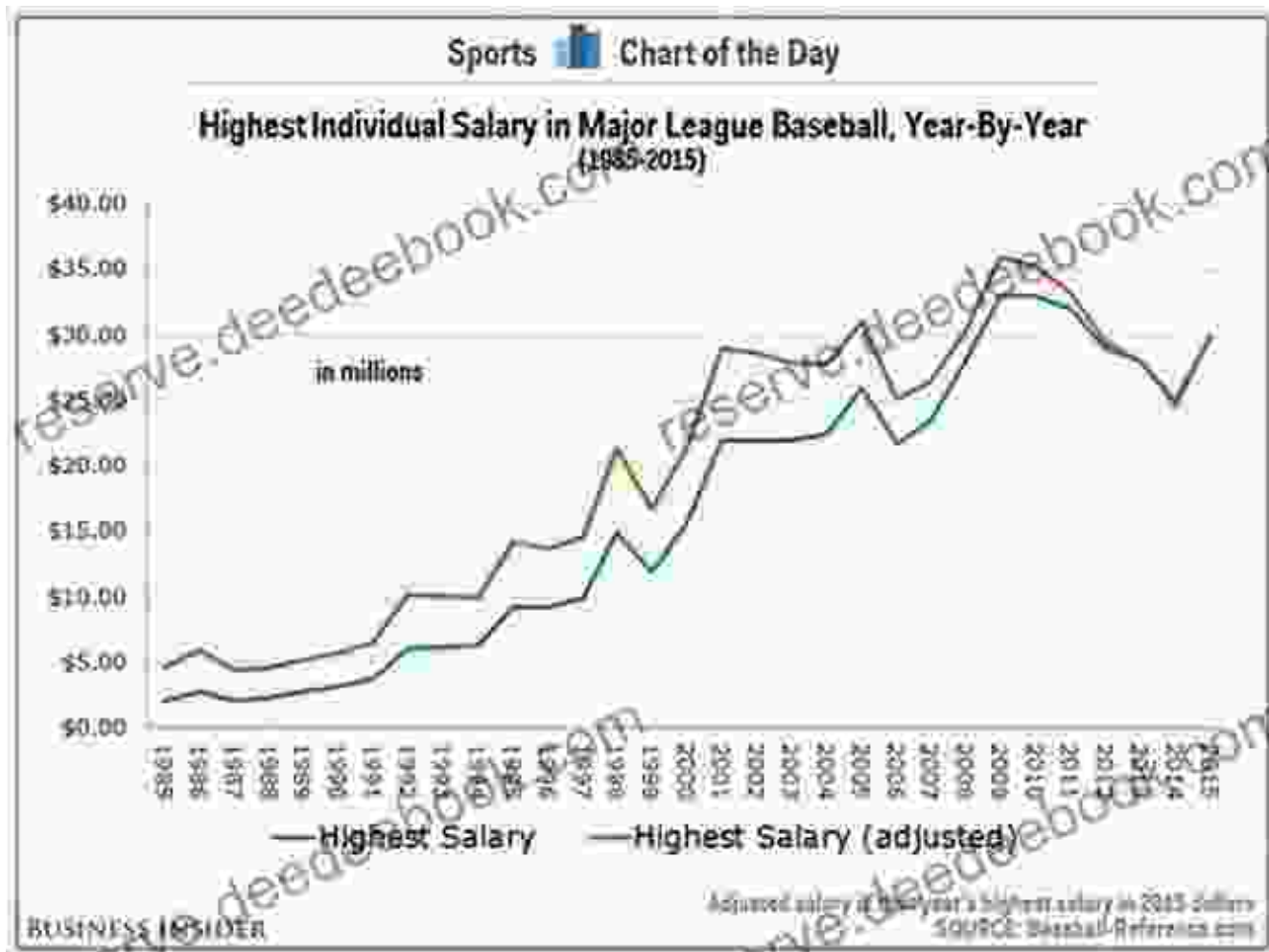
The economic growth of baseball during the Roaring Twenties was also evident in the increased attendance and revenue. Attendance at major league baseball games rose from 9.5 million in 1920 to 19.5 million in 1929. This increase in attendance was due in part to the popularity of Babe Ruth and the New York Yankees, but it was also due to the general economic prosperity of the decade. People had more money to spend on leisure activities, and baseball was one of the most popular forms of entertainment.



Player Salaries

The economic growth of baseball during the Roaring Twenties also led to an increase in player salaries. In 1920, the average major league baseball

player earned \$2,500 per year. By 1929, the average salary had risen to \$6,000 per year. This increase in salaries was due in part to the increased attendance and revenue, but it was also due to the efforts of the Major League Baseball Players Association, which was formed in 1922. The MLBPA helped to negotiate better contracts for players, and it also helped to improve working conditions.

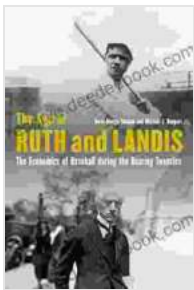


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The Roaring Twenties was a time of great economic growth and change for baseball. The emergence of Babe Ruth, the rise of the New York Yankees,

and the increased attendance and revenue all contributed to the economic prosperity of the sport. The Roaring Twenties also saw an increase in player salaries, as the Major League Baseball Players Association helped to negotiate better contracts for players.

The economic growth of baseball during the Roaring Twenties laid the foundation for the sport's continued success in the decades that followed. Baseball is still one of the most popular sports in the United States, and it continues to generate billions of dollars in revenue each year.



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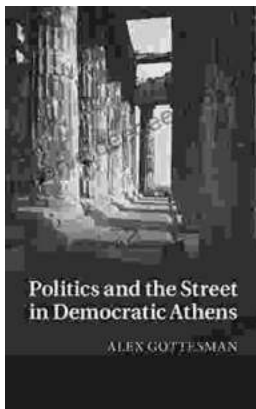
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