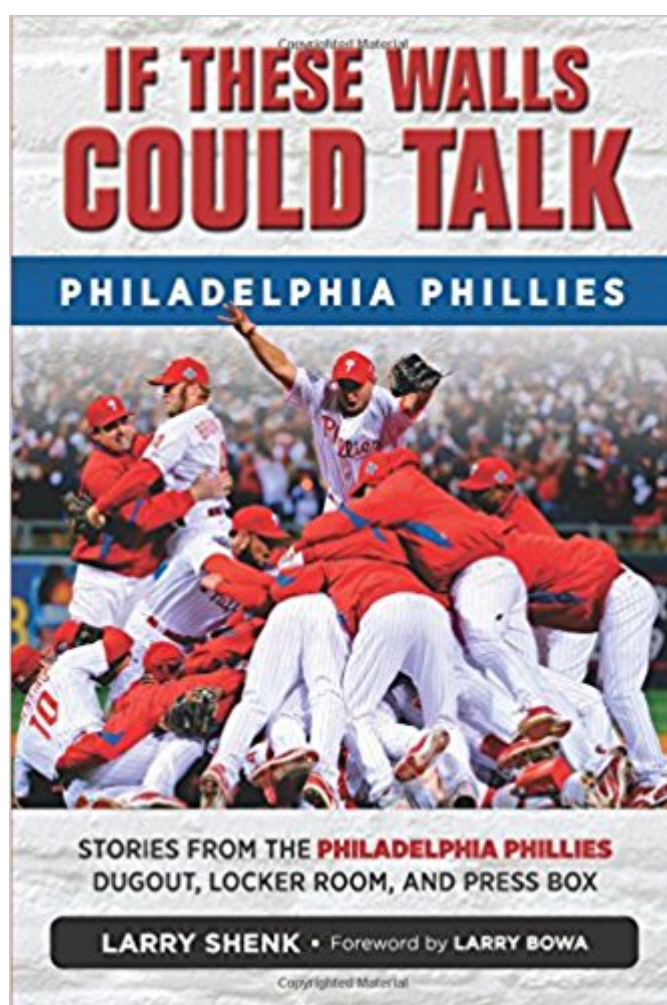


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Synopsis

Over the last half-century, the Philadelphia Phillies have experienced epic highs—World Series titles in 1980 and 2008—and frustrating lows, and Larry Shenk has been there for every minute of it. He provides a behind-the-scenes look at the personalities and events that have shaped the franchise's history. The book gives the detailed scouting reports on Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley and takes readers into the clubhouse as Steve Carlton closes in on 300 career wins. Listen in on Pete Rose's phone call with President Reagan after Rose broke the National League hits record and see Richie Ashburn's face when he heard he was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Giving fans a taste of what it's like to be a part of the Phillies' storied history from a perspective unlike any other, readers will also learn about a man whose work ethic and character has made an impact on the players and staff for 50 years.

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This entry into the Philadelphia Phillies history library is a loosely structured series of stories,

ruminations and first person observations from Larry Shenk the long time PR publicist for the club. Shenk, who along with former broadcaster Chris Wheeler, is one of the club's "lifers," those who have spent the vast majority of their careers with the Phillies and who have witnessed the ups and downs of the club over the last 40+ years. Actually longer for Shenk, who joined the club in 1964 - a year that wound up perhaps the darkest in club history. The biggest takeaway theme of the Shenk book, all the more relevant given the struggles of the current iteration of the Phillies, is the critical importance of the scouting and player development functions, an aspect the Phillies struggle with currently, but has been the foundation of their success in the pennant years of the late 70s and early 2000's. But for those of us who are life members of Phillies nation, those fans who have suffered with and celebrated this team over the years, Shenk gives us many insider stories and anecdotes that provide color and perspective on what we witnessed from the stands. *If These Walls Could Talk* is a solid addition to your Phillies library.

Great read! Lots of great stories that even more seasoned Phillies fans might not have heard of or maybe had forgotten. Truly worth the time!

Very good read and service was fast.)

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