

Bill Veeck

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The true harbinger of spring is not crocuses or swallows returning to Capistrano, but the sound of the bat on the ball.

~Bill Veeck

There are only two seasons - winter and Baseball.

~Bill Veeck

Baseball is almost the only orderly thing in a very unordered world. If you get three strikes, even the best lawyer in the world can't get you off.

~Bill Veeck

I try not to break the rules, but merely to test their elasticity.

~Bill Veeck

If there is any justice in this world, to be a White Sox fan frees a man from any other form of penance.

~Bill Veeck

Tradition is the albatross around the neck of progress.

~Bill Veeck

The most beautiful thing in the world is a ballpark filled with people.

~Bill Veeck

I have discovered in 20 years of moving around a ballpark, that the knowledge of the game is usually in inverse proportion to the price of the seats.

~Bill Veeck

I was in the game for love. After all, where else can an old-timer with one leg, who can't hear or see, live like a king while doing the only thing I wanted to do?

~Bill Veeck

I'm for the dreamers. The only really important things in history have been started by the dreamers. They never know what can't be done.

~Bill Veeck

How can you be a sage if you're pretty? You can't get your wizard papers without wrinkles.

~Bill Veeck

I don't mind the high price of stardom. I just don't like the high price of mediocrity.

~Bill Veeck

Look, we play the Star Spangled Banner before every game. You want us to pay income taxes, too?

~Bill Veeck

Baseball is the only thing beside the paper clip that hasn't changed

~Bill Veeck

I don't want the natural athlete -- I want a guy who'll go after the hard ones.

~Bill Veeck

Baseball is the only game left for people. To play basketball, you have to be 7 feet 6 inches. To play football, you have to be the same width.

~Bill Veeck

What can I do, I asked myself, that is so spectacular that no one will be able to say he had seen it before? The answer was perfectly obvious. I would send a midget up to bat.

~Bill Veeck

I do not think that winning is the most important thing. I think winning is the only thing.

~Bill Veeck

It never ceases to amaze me how many of baseball's wounds are self-inflicted.

~Bill Veeck

Every baseball crowd, like every theatre audience, has its own distinctive attitude and atmosphere.

~Bill Veeck

Hating the Yankees isn't part of my act. It is one of those exquisite times when life and art are in perfect conjunction.

~Bill Veeck

This is a game to be savored, not gulped. There's time to discuss everything between pitches or between innings.

~Bill Veeck

I try not to kid myself. You know, I don't mind romancing someone else, but to fool yourself is pretty devastating and dangerous.

~Bill Veeck

The season starts too early and finishes too late and there are too many games in between.

~Bill Veeck

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~Bill Veeck

Baseball is a boy's game that makes grown men cry.

~Bill Veeck

When the Supreme Court says baseball isn't run like a business, everybody jumps up and down with joy. When I say the same thing,

everybody throws pointy objects at me.

~Bill Veeck

People identify with the swashbuckling individuals, not polite little men who field their position well. Sir Galahad had a big following - but I'll bet Lancelot had more.

~Bill Veeck

If you can't outsmart people, outwork them.

~Bill Veeck

I believe in God, but I'm not too clear on the other details.

~Bill Veeck

Suffering is overrated. It doesn't teach you anything.

~Bill Veeck

Next to the confrontation between two highly honed batteries of lawyers, jungle warfare is a stately minuet.

~Bill Veeck

Though it is a team game by definition, it is actually a series of loosely connected individual efforts.

~Bill Veeck

Three strikes, you're out. I don't care if you hire Edward Bennett Williams to defend you; three strikes, you're still out. Baseball is an island of stability in an unstable world.

~Bill Veeck

An island of surety in a changing world.

~Bill Veeck

When there is no room for individualism in ballparks, then there will be

no room for individualism in life.

~Bill Veeck

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If U.S. Grant had been leading a team of baseball players, they'd have second guessed him all the way to the doorknob of the Appomattox Courthouse.

~Bill Veeck

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