

# Thomas Boswell

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Giving, Narrative Voice, Two, Blood, Cheating, Nice, Children, Excellence,  
Tournaments, Doe*

More than any other American sport, baseball creates the magnetic, addictive illusion that it can almost be understood.

~Thomas Boswell

All baseball fans can be divided into two groups: those who come to batting practice and the others. Only those in the first category have much chance of amounting to anything.

~Thomas Boswell

There is no substitute for excellence. Not even success.

~Thomas Boswell

Baseball is really two sports -- the summer game and the autumn game. One is the leisurely pastime of our national mythology. The other is not so gentle.

~Thomas Boswell

Decades after a person has stopped collecting bubble gum cards, he can still discover himself collecting ballparks... their smells, their special seasons, their moods.

~Thomas Boswell

Baseball means Spring's Here. Football means Winter's Coming.

~Thomas Boswell

Any person claiming to be a baseball fan who does not also claim to have invented the quickest, simplest and most complete method of keeping score probably is a fraud.

~Thomas Boswell

I may be the only golfer never to have broken a single putter, if you don't count the one I twisted into a loop and threw into a bush.

~Thomas Boswell

Baseball is religion without the mischief.

~Thomas Boswell

Football is played best full of adrenaline and anger. Moderation seldom finds a place. Almost every act of baseball is a blending of effort and control; too much of either is fatal.

~Thomas Boswell

Cheating is baseball's oldest profession. No other game is so rich in skullduggery, so suited to it or so proud of it.

~Thomas Boswell

Quarterbacks have to ask the crowd to quiet down. Pitchers never do.

~Thomas Boswell

Baseball is to our everyday experience what poetry often is to common speech – a slightly elevated and concentrated form.

~Thomas Boswell

An almost inexorable baseball law: A Red Sox ship with a single leak will always find a way to sink. No team is worshipped with such a perverse sense of fatality.

~Thomas Boswell

When you fall in love with golf, you seldom fall easy. It's obsession at first sight.

~Thomas Boswell

A major golf tournament is 40,000 sadists watching 144 masochists.

~Thomas Boswell

Of the big four, the PGA is the most fair and the least fun. Basically, it's just the US Open set up by nice, rather than nasty, fellows.

~Thomas Boswell

A narrative voice with conviction is often hard to find. But not in baseball. The minors teach two lost American arts: how to chew tobacco and how to tell a story.

~Thomas Boswell

A good umpire, like a good FBI agent, is never noticed if he is doing his job.

~Thomas Boswell

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