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A Sports Alphabet



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*For my brother Brian and my sister Laura,
with whom I've shared many amazing moments.*

BRAD



For Norm.

MELANIE

For most of the 1960s, the New York Mets were the worst team in baseball. In their first season, 1962, they lost 120 games (winning only 40), and they finished in last place five more years in a row. But in 1968, things began to improve. The team hired a new manager, Gil Hodges, and found some excellent pitchers, including future Hall of Famers Tom Seaver and Nolan Ryan. Still, the Mets finished in second-to-last place.

But 1969 was a magical season. The Mets improved as the summer moved along, although they were still ten games behind the first-place Chicago Cubs in August. But then the Amazin' Mets (they were also known as the Miracle Mets) began to win like never before—38 of their last 49 games! They finished first in their division, swept the Atlanta Braves three games to none in the National League playoffs and then beat the heavily favored Baltimore Orioles in the World Series. In their first winning season, the once lowly Mets had won it all!

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