**TOUGH CALLS SYNOPSIS**

**It’s the top of the ninth at Yankee Stadium. George Brett hits a two-run homer, giving the Royals a five-to-four lead. Billy Martin screams illegal, forcing the umpire to call Brett out—on a rules technicality that became the hottest controversy of the 1983 season.**

**Everybody knows the rules of baseball. Right? So what’s all the hollering on the field when the man in blue makes a call? Take it from Zach Rebackoff who’s done ten years as an enforcer: there’s a lot of room for “discussion” between the letter and the spirit of the rules. Sometimes even the sportscaster can’t tell you why a call is made, because he’s never had the umpire’s job of interpreting the rule book.**

**Zach Rebackoff takes you right down to the diamond for an ump’s-eye view of fifty game situations in which the umpire couldn’t rely on the book for cut and dry rulings—each situation precisely illustrated in an action drawing. Using terrific stories from his own experience to fill you in on some of the finer points of play that most spectators miss. Zach Rebackoff’s TOUGH CALLS is the baseball book for sports fans who want extra innings of baseball excitement.**