The Detroit Tigers
A Pictorial Celebration of the Greatest Players and Moments in Tigers History, 5th Edition

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"Nobody knows the Tigers the way Bill Anderson does, and he brings the team’s rich history to life in this lavishly illustrated, meticulously researched chronicle. On every page, Tigers fans will find new delights to marvel at and striking new images to bring back memories of the team’s glory years and of the players who wore the old English D with pride."
-Peter Morris, author of A Game of Inches: The Stories Behind the Innovations That Shaped Baseball and Baseball Fever: Early Baseball in Michigan

With over 500 carefully selected photographs, the fifth edition of The Detroit Tigers vividly illustrates the history of major league baseball in Detroit from 1881 through the 2014 season. Author William M. Anderson presents highlights and lowlights of each Tigers season and gives a context for appreciating the careers of the many players whose images grace the pages of the book.

In thirteen chapters, The Detroit Tigers covers the team’s history decade by decade. Anderson surveys the Tigers’ earliest days, formidable championship teams, and legendary players, and updates this edition with the team’s exploits since the 2008 season. He details the recent star-studded Tigers cast, including Miguel Cabrera, Justin Verlander, Max Scherzer, Victor Martinez, and David Price, and looks at the team’s four consecutive Central Division titles, 2012 pennant win, and seasons of record-breaking attendance, despite its disappointments in deeper post-season play. Anderson has searched to find the most interesting and rarely seen photos for this volume, visiting all major repositories of baseball photographs as well as private collections. Presented chronologically with ample description, the photos form the core of this impressive book.

The Detroit Tigers also includes a foreword by former Tigers shortstop and later, manager, Alan Trammell. Tigers fans old and new will appreciate the exhaustive history and striking images in this volume.

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