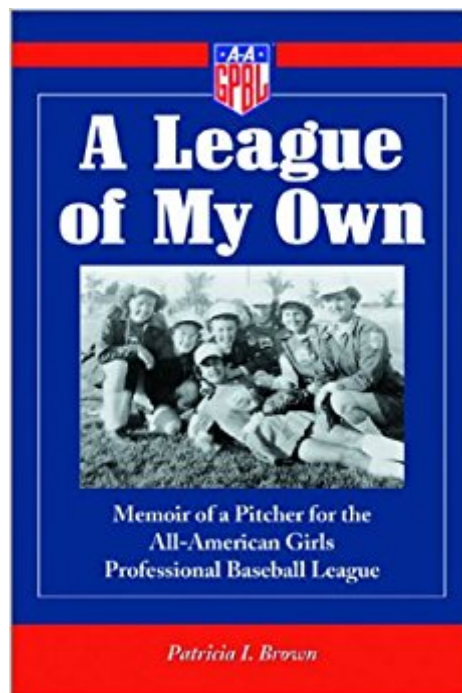




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# A League Of My Own: Memoir Of A Pitcher For The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League



## Synopsis

Growing up, Pat Brown had two dreams: to play baseball and to attend college. She was told she couldn't play baseball because she was a girl and couldn't attend college because she had no money, but in spite of the obstacles, she achieved both of these dreams, playing for the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League in 1950 and 1951 and going on to attend college. She is among the few women professional baseball players to be included into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. "As the only former AAGPBL player to have written about the League," Brown says, "I feel like I have finally pitched my no hit game." This is a memoir of playing baseball on the sandlot, discovering and playing in the AAGPBL, and playing basketball in college. Brown shares her thoughts on the League's history, including what Philip K. Wrigley sought to do by creating the AAGPBL, what happened after Wrigley left to give more attention to the Chicago Cubs, and why the League ended. She also considers the future for women's professional baseball. Interviews with such former AAGPBL players as Helen Hannah Campbell, Patricia "Pat" Courtney, Madeline "Maddy" English, Lenora "Smokey" Mandella, Jacqueline "Jackie" Matson, Jane Moffet, Mary "Sis" Moore, and Janet "Pee Wee" Wiley are included.

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The late Patricia I. Brown was a retired lawyer and associate law librarian at Suffolk University Law Library. She is included in the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Pat Brown's *A League of My Own* is a great addition to anybody's baseball library. While there have been several great books written on the league's history, Brown's has the distinction of being written by an actual former player. For AAGPBL enthusiasts, *A League of My Own* offers great insight into the events, attitudes, and experiences of the 1949-1950 player development teams which is mentioned in most accounts, but so far hasn't been detailed this well. Also interesting to read of this woman's personal story and how professional baseball was just one chapter in a long sports career. Great Book!

My sincere thanks to this author. I was facinated by the movie, *A League of Their Own*. I welcomed the detail and reality of the era of womens baseball that this author shared. It was warm, humorous and long overdue. She was a remarkable woman, with the courage to follow her dreams.

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