

# DEADBALL

## Baseball With Dice

Happy Holidays!

I'm W.M. Akers, and if you're reading this, it's because someone in your life has exquisite taste. You've been given a copy of *Deadball: Baseball With Dice*, and I promise it will change your life—or at least your afternoon—forever.

Are you suspicious of this whole “baseball dice game” thing? I don't blame you! The dice are weird. The manual is full of old black-and-white photos. There isn't even a board! If all that makes you scratch your head, don't fret. The person who gave this to you knows how to play, and you are in very good hands.

So grab a drink, fill out your lineup and get ready to spend an hour hanging out with a person, and a sport, that you love. At first, the game may seem mystifying, but I promise that anyone who understands batting averages can play this game, and anyone who likes baseball will like Deadball, too.

Around the third or fourth inning, something will click. You'll write “4-6-3” on your scoresheet, and instead of numbers, you'll see a lightning-fast double play, turned fast enough to end the inning and send the crowd leaping to its feet. For a moment, you'll be at the ballpark with someone who cares about you, and as far as I'm concerned, that counts as a holiday miracle.

Thanks so much for playing, and I hope you have a wonderful holiday and a delightful new year.

—W.M. Akers