



The Fein Story Behind the Pictures

A Revealing Look at the Famous Images of Pulitzer Prize Photographer Nat Fein

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Nat Fein was an inventive press photographer at the New York Herald Tribune from 1933 to 1966. Albert Einstein, Ty Cobb, Queen Elizabeth and Harry S. Truman were among the many icons photographed by the insightful eye of Nat Fein. He won more press photo awards than any of his contemporaries. Although considered to be one of the greatest human interest photographers in journalism, he carried the distinction of having taken "the most celebrated photograph in sports history" (NY Times 1992). Fein's dramatic Babe Ruth image was the first sports picture to win a Pulitzer Prize. With his Speed Graphic camera and his unconventional knack for communicating through pictures, Fein captured the soul of a bygone era in New York. A compilation of short stories, historical accounts and 118 photos with descriptions will offer insight into the remarkable and compelling images of Nat Fein.

"This book is well done. More than most of his generation, Nat Fein had an eye for the offbeat, the odd and the insightful. His pictures offer a remarkable and telling glimpse of the time and place."

—Hal Buell,
 longtime chief photo editor of the Associated Press

David Nieves is a native New Yorker and former New York City Police Detective. His love of photography stems from a long and endearing relationship with Pulitzer Prize photographer Nat Fein, who had become a second father to him. He made his transition from sleuth to writer after publishing his first magazine article about the work of Fein. Upon Fein's death in 2000, Nieves was left to manage Fein's interests along with what is described by many as some of the greatest journalistic photography of the twentieth century. After listening to countless narrations of Nat Fein's newspaper exploits over the years and researching thousands of his images, Nieves decided to share these remarkable stories. He also exhibits his own photography at galleries in the New York metropolitan area.

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