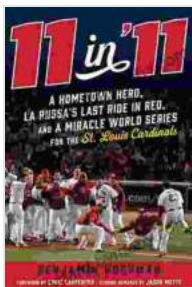


Hometown Hero La Russa Last Ride And Miracle World For The St Louis Cardinals

Tony La Russa, who grew up in South Florida, led the St. Louis Cardinals to their 11th World Series title in 2011.

La Russa, who was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2014, is one of the most successful managers in baseball history. He has won three World Series titles with the Cardinals (2006, 2011, 2013) and one with the Oakland Athletics (1989). He also led the Chicago White Sox to the American League pennant in 1983.

La Russa's success is due in part to his ability to connect with his players. He is known for his fiery personality and his passion for the game. He is also a master strategist, and he is always looking for ways to give his team an edge.



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In 2011, the Cardinals were not expected to win the World Series. They had finished the regular season with a record of 90-72, which was good for only the second wild card spot in the National League. However, La Russa led the Cardinals on a magical run through the playoffs. They defeated the Philadelphia Phillies, the Milwaukee Brewers, and the Texas Rangers to reach the World Series.

In the World Series, the Cardinals faced the Detroit Tigers, who were heavily favored to win. However, the Cardinals upset the Tigers in seven games, winning the World Series for the first time since 1982.

La Russa's success with the Cardinals is a testament to his skill as a manager and his ability to connect with his players. He is a true hometown hero, and he will always be remembered for leading the Cardinals to their 11th World Series title.

La Russa's Early Life and Career

Tony La Russa was born in Tampa, Florida, on October 4, 1944. He grew up in South Florida and attended St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Lauderdale. La Russa was a standout baseball player in high school, and he was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in the second round of the 1962 Major League Baseball draft.

La Russa played for the Royals for four seasons before being traded to the Atlanta Braves in 1968. He played for the Braves for three seasons before

being traded to the St. Louis Cardinals in 1971. La Russa played for the Cardinals for two seasons before retiring from playing in 1973.

La Russa began his managerial career in 1979 with the Chicago White Sox. He led the White Sox to the American League pennant in 1983, but they lost to the Baltimore Orioles in the World Series. La Russa was fired by the White Sox in 1986.

La Russa joined the Oakland Athletics as their manager in 1986. He led the Athletics to three consecutive World Series titles from 1989 to 1991. La Russa left the Athletics after the 1995 season.

La Russa joined the Cardinals as their manager in 1996. He led the Cardinals to their first World Series title in 2006. He also led the Cardinals to World Series titles in 2011 and 2013.

La Russa retired from managing after the 2011 season. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2014.

La Russa's Managerial Style

Tony La Russa is known for his fiery personality and his passion for the game. He is also a master strategist, and he is always looking for ways to give his team an edge.

La Russa is a demanding manager, but he is also fair. He expects his players to play hard and to give 100% effort. However, he is also willing to give his players a second chance.

La Russa is a master motivator. He knows how to get his players to believe in themselves and to perform at their best. He is also a great leader, and he

is able to create a positive and winning atmosphere in the clubhouse.

La Russa's managerial style has been successful with every team he has managed. He has led the White Sox, Athletics, and Cardinals to World Series titles. He is one of the most successful managers in baseball history, and he is a true Hall of Famer.

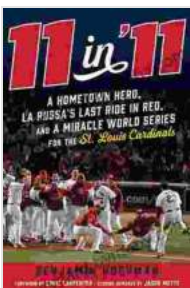
La Russa's Legacy

Tony La Russa is one of the most successful managers in baseball history. He has won three World Series titles with the Cardinals and one with the Athletics. He has also led the White Sox to the American League pennant.

La Russa is a true baseball lifer. He has been involved in the game for over 50 years, and he has seen it all. He is a master strategist, a great motivator, and a true leader. He is also a true hometown hero in St. Louis.

La Russa's legacy will live on long after he is gone. He is one of the greatest managers in baseball history, and he will always be remembered for leading the Cardinals to their 11th World Series title.

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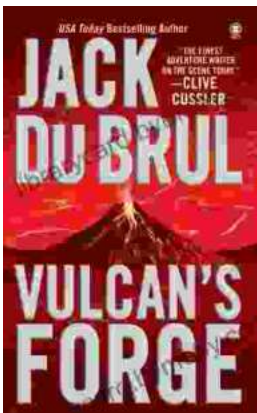
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