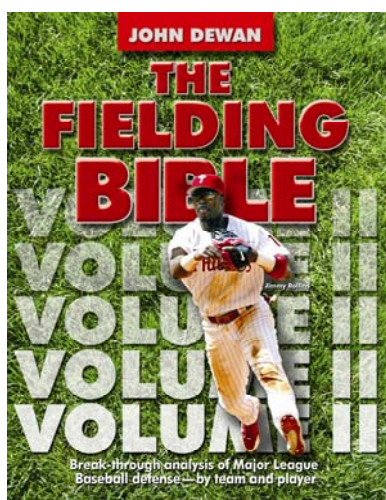


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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

John Dewan has consistently broken new ground in the area of sports statistical analysis, first as Executive Director of Project Scoresheet, then as one of the founders and former CEO of STATS, Inc. and now as the owner of Baseball Info Solutions—a baseball data collection company serving major league teams, agents, fantasy services and computer game developers. In 2002, John became co-publisher of ACTA Publications and oversaw the development of a new line of sports books under the ACTA Sports imprint.

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John Dewan will be available for phone interviews upon the release of the book, and he will also be in Arizona during part of Spring Training. For more information on **THE FIELDING BIBLE—VOLUME II** and/or to schedule an interview with John Dewan, please contact Andrew Yankech at 847-676-2282 or ayankech@actapublications.com.

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