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> by the hundreds of thousands to places like Dodgertown to glimpse superstars and living legends in a relaxed moment and watch the

drama of journeyman veterans and starry-eyed kids in search of that last spot on the bench. In Under the March Sun, Charles Fountain recounts for the first time the full and fascinating history of spring training and its growth from a shoestring-budget ro