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The bestselling, inside-the-clubhouse story of two tumultuous years when the Los Angeles Dodgers were remade from top to bottom, becoming the most talked-about and most colorful team in baseball. "It's as if Molly Knight ushers you behind the closed clubhouse doors." (Buster Olney, ESPN)

In 2012 the Los Angeles Dodgers were bought out of bankruptcy in the most expensive sale in sports history. Los Angeles icon Magic Johnson and his partners hoped to put together a team worthy of Hollywood: consistently entertaining. By most accounts they have succeeded, if not always in the way they might have imagined.

In *The Best Team Money Can Buy*, Molly Knight tells the story of the Dodgers' 2013 and 2014 seasons with detailed, previously unreported revelations. She shares a behind-the-scenes account of the astonishing sale of the Dodgers, as well as what the Dodgers actually knew in advance about rookie phenom and Cuban defector Yasiel Puig. We learn how close manager Don Mattingly was to losing his job during the 2013 season—and how the team turned around the season in the most remarkable fifty-game stretch of any team since World War II. Knight also provides a rare glimpse into the in-fighting and mistrust that derailed the team in 2014 and paints an intimate portrait of star pitcher Clayton Kershaw, including details about the record contract offer he turned down before accepting the richest contract any pitcher ever signed.

Exciting, surprising, and filled with juicy details, "a must-read for fans of the Dodgers and all Los Angeles sports teams....Knight's undercover work is like none other" (*Library Journal*). *The Best Team Money Can Buy* is filled with "fascinating perspectives" (*Los Angeles Times*) and "interesting anecdotes about some of baseball's most compelling figures" (*The Sacramento Bee*).

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