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Tracing the evolution of pitching and the pitcher's art of deception, Terry McDermott tells the fascinating story of baseball's 150-year hunt for the perfect pitch. Using the framework of a single game (nine chapters, nine innings, nine pitches), he explores the history of every type of pitch, combining the folk wisdom of the players with the enormous wealth of new data brought to the sport by the growing legion of statisticians who are transforming many of the sport's once sacred beliefs. As a lifelong baseball fan, McDermott approaches his subject with the love every fan brings to the park plus the expertise of a probing journalist, exploring with irrepressible enthusiasm and curiosity both the science and the romance of the game.

Terry McDermott is a former national reporter for the *Los Angeles Times* and the author of three previous books: *The Hunt for KSM: Inside the Pursuit and Takedown of the Real 9/11 Mastermind*, *Khalid Sheikh Mohammed* (coauthored with Josh Meyer); *101 Theory Drive: The Discovery of Memory*; and *Perfect Soldiers: The 9/11 Hijackers—Who They Were, Why They Did It*.

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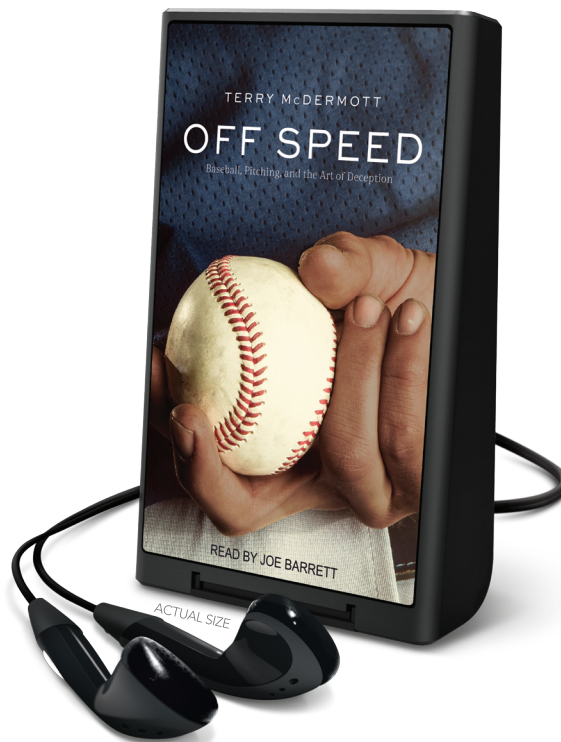
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