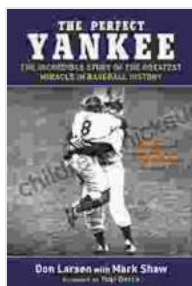


# The Unbelievable Story of the Greatest Miracle in Baseball History

In the annals of baseball history, there are few stories more improbable than that of the 1988 Los Angeles Dodgers. After trailing the New York Mets by 10.5 games with just 17 games remaining, the Dodgers went on a 16-1 tear to win the National League West by a single game. This article tells the story of that incredible run, from the team's struggles early in the season to Kirk Gibson's iconic home run in Game 1 of the World Series.



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## A Team of Destiny

The 1988 Dodgers were a team of destiny. Manager Tommy Lasorda had assembled a talented roster that included future Hall of Famers such as Kirk Gibson, Orel Hershiser, and Mike Piazza. But the team struggled early in the season, finishing April with a record of 11-19.



Despite their early struggles, the Dodgers never gave up. They slowly began to turn things around, and by the end of July they were just 4.5 games behind the Mets.

### **The Miracle Run**

In early September, the Dodgers began their incredible run. They won 16 of their next 17 games, including a four-game sweep of the Mets. The Dodgers clinched the National League West title on the final day of the season, beating the San Francisco Giants 6-3.



The Dodgers celebrate their National League West title in 1988.

The Dodgers' run was one of the most improbable in baseball history. They had overcome a 10.5-game deficit with just 17 games remaining. They had won 16 of their last 17 games. And they had done it all on the road.

### **The World Series**

The Dodgers faced the Oakland Athletics in the World Series. The A's were a tough opponent, but the Dodgers were confident. They had won 16 of their last 17 games, and they were playing with a lot of momentum.



The Dodgers won the first two games of the World Series at home. But the A's won the next two games in Oakland. The series was tied 2-2 when it returned to Los Angeles for Game 5.

### **Kirk Gibson's Home Run**

In Game 5, the Dodgers were trailing 4-3 in the bottom of the ninth inning. With two outs and two runners on base, Kirk Gibson came to the plate. Gibson was hobbled by a knee injury, but he managed to hit a towering home run off of Dennis Eckersley. The Dodgers won the game 5-4, and they went on to win the World Series in seven games.



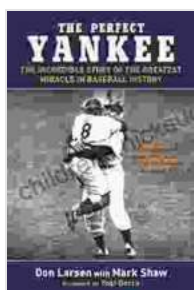
Kirk Gibson celebrates his home run in Game 5 of the 1988 World Series.

Kirk Gibson's home run is one of the most iconic moments in baseball history. It was a moment of triumph for the Dodgers, and it was a moment of inspiration for fans everywhere.

## **The Legacy of the 1988 Dodgers**

The 1988 Los Angeles Dodgers are one of the most beloved teams in baseball history. Their improbable run to the World Series is a story that will be told for generations to come. The Dodgers' victory is a reminder that anything is possible in baseball.

The 1988 Dodgers left a lasting legacy on the game of baseball. They showed that anything is possible if you never give up. They inspired fans everywhere to dream big. And they created memories that will last a lifetime.

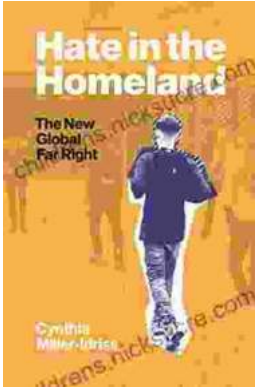


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