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Sport Magazine Library was exclusively a non-fiction imprint. Outside of sport circles, it remains peripherally collectible because of its publisher. Bartholomew House was the paperback arm of the Macfadden publishing empire. During the mid-forties it had been used to produce another short-lived paperback imprint; see the separate index for **Bart House**. It was used randomly over the years to produce various "one-shots" and was last used to publish the earliest **MacFadden Books**, after Macfadden's acquisition of **Hillman Books**.

One book was a reprint; all the others were original and all were registered for copyright. The series started off as irregular supplements to Macfadden's *Sport* magazine. The un-numbered "Extra" seems to have been the second volume issued. Number 2 was apparently delayed and appeared much later than originally advertised. The author's name is clearly patched over on the cover; ads on the earlier volumes are too fuzzy to read the byline but it is definitely not the same as the actual book. With the publication of *Heroes of Sport* advanced so that it was issued prior to the already announced #2, calling it an "Extra" was probably the publisher's alternative to issuing the numbers out of order. The series then settled down to a monthly schedule with a hiatus between November 1961 and July 1962, when Macfadden was restructuring its paperback division to accommodate the absorption of Hillman Books. All the books seen were stated First Printings, and I am not aware of any later printings among these books.

Several titles, including #1 through #4, also had hardcover editions from Thomas Nelson, possibly simultaneous. The paperbacks are definitely the First Editions, however, as they were the ones registered for copyright.

Many of the books have subtitles, which are inconsistently displayed on or in a given book. After some dithering, I decided to include the subtitles, but put them in parentheses to indicate them as variances.

I could not have located all the personal data for these authors if not for Bill Burgess' wonderful blog, Meet the Sports Writers, on the Baseball-Fever web site. I recommend it highly.

The covers were primarily photographic; all the volumes have not been available to me, but the ones seen all had credits for the photos. Thirteen of the 17 covers are displayed in the Bookscans database.

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