



We Haven't Read Last of Dickson, Veeck

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The Pitch & Hit Club held its annual awards dinner on Sunday evening -- it was a home run as usual -- which allowed me to spend more quality time with author Paul Dickson, the recipient of the Jerome Holtzman Award that we present annually.

Many baseball books have been written over the years, but few if any are as well-researched as Bill Veeck: Baseball's Greatest Maverick, the biography in which Dickson sheds new light on the former White Sox owner.

I'm glad to report that we haven't read the last of them, either. Dickson has another volume in the works, one that will trace the path of integration in the major leagues. It's an area in which Veeck played a significant if somewhat overlooked role.

"There's a lot there that hasn't been told before," Dickson assured me.

Meanwhile, circle Feb. 9, 2014, on your calendar. Veeck will turn 100 years old that day. Sounds like a reason for another celebration to me.