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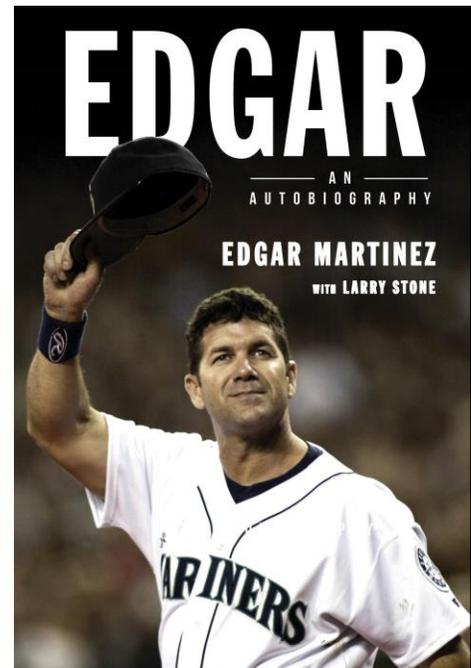
- One of the greatest players of his generation, Edgar Martinez won two AL batting titles and was a seven-time All-Star during his 18 seasons with the Seattle Mariners.
- Martinez is a likely candidate to be voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2019.
- A beloved figure in Seattle (as well as a current hitting coach for the Mariners organization), Martinez will promote the work through events and media appearances, with additional support from the Mariners.
- Co-author Larry Stone is a longtime sports columnist for the *Seattle Times* who will also use his platform to support book sales.

Long before he cemented his status as a Seattle Mariners legend and one of the finest players of his generation, Edgar Martinez honed his batting skills by hitting rocks in his backyard in Puerto Rico and swinging for hours at individual raindrops during storms. Loyal and strong-willed from a young age, he made the difficult decision at only 11 to remain behind with his grandparents while his family relocated to New York, attending school and then working multiple jobs until a chance Mariners try-out at age 20 changed everything.

In this illuminating, highly personal autobiography, Martinez shares these stories and more with candor, characteristic humility, and surprising wit. Highlights include the memorable 1995 and 2001 seasons, experiences playing with stars like Randy Johnson, Ken Griffey Jr., and Alex Rodriguez, and life after retirement as a family man, social advocate, and Mariners hitting coach. Martinez even offers practical insight into the mental side of baseball and his training regimen, detailing how he taught himself to see the ball better than so many before and after him.

Interwoven with Martinez's own words throughout are those of his teammates, coaches, and contemporaries, adding a distinctive oral history element to this saga of a remarkable career.

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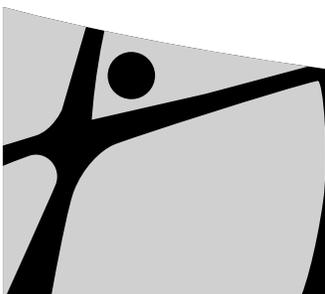
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