



The Oldest Rookie

By Joel Engel

Little Brown and Company. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. Hardcover. 288 pages. Dimensions: 8.6in. x 5.7in. x 1.0in. After an injury-plagued stint in the minor leagues in his twenties, Jim Morris hung up his cleats and his dreams to start a new life as a father, high school physics teacher, and baseball coach. Jim's athletes knew that his dream was still alive; he threw the ball so hard they could barely hit it and made a bet with him: if they won the league championship, he would have to try out for a major league ball club. They did and he did, and during that tryout threw the ball faster than he ever had, faster than anyone there, nearly faster than anyone playing in the Bigs. He was immediately drafted by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and three months later made his major league debut, striking out All-Star Royce Clayton. This book can easily take its place on the shelf with some of the great inspirational sporting stories like *Field of Dreams* and *Final Rounds*. Morris' story has been covered in *Time*, *People*, *Sports Illustrated*, *USA Today*, on CBS, NBC, ESPN, and many other venues. This item ships from multiple locations. Your book may arrive...



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