In Taking in a Game, Joseph A. Reaves examines the development of baseball in Qing Dynasty China in the nineteenth century to the 2000 Sydney Olympics bronze-medal match between Japan and Korea. Korea v Japan - Asia Professional Baseball Championship 2017. Baseball Game Experience in Japan. Japan v Chinese Taipei - Asia Professional Baseball Championship 2017. Transcription. Contents. 1 History. For almost 30 years, until 1906, a game could be viewed free of charge, as it was considered shameful to take money for doing something the players liked. Early attempts. In 1907, the first game was held that had a fee to watch. From 1908, several United States professional teams toured Japan and played against amateur teams made up mostly of university students, including both the Chicago White Sox and the New York Giants in 1913. [2] Realizing that a professional league was necessary to improve, two professional teams were established in 1920. "This book will be the definitive book on Asian baseball and how Japan has taken America's game and made it their own... This is a rare book—one that is interesting, readable and also breaks a lot of new ground and enlightens a whole new audience to a game that we know and love yet is totally foreign to us."—Jonathan Leshanksi, Athomeplate.com. (Jonathan Leshanksi Athomeplate.com). —Michael Wilt, Korean Quarterly. Taking in a Game is an essential history that provides context as the so-called 'American game' continues to evolve into a worldwide phenomenon. —Michael Wilt, Korean Quarterly. (Michael Wilt Kor Asia Hardback History & Military Antiquarian & Collectable Books. Hardback Books Joseph Conrad. Hardback Joseph Heller Books. History Hardback Books. Asia Hardback Non-Fiction Books. Hardback History and Military Books. Additional site navigation. About eBay.)