Jane Leavy:

Author of the 3 Best Baseball Biographies — Sandy, Mickey, & Babe

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OVERCOMES CHALLENGES TO SUCCEED: 0:53 sec.

Where did you grow up, and what was your earliest memory of art of any discipline?

PERSEVERANCE FURTHERS: 1:04 min.

When did you realize you were good at writing?

DEVELOP A VOICE: 4:08 min.

Where did you go to school and what did you learn that still informs you today?

TELLS A GREAT STORY: 2:22 min.

What was your path to the "Washington Post?"

CRITICAL THINKING: 1:39 min.

What are your thoughts about President Trump presenting the Medal of Freedom to Babe Ruth's family?

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Talk about your experience as a female sportswriter for the "Washington Post."


Jane Leavy is the award-winning author of the New York Times bestsellers The Big Fella, Babe Ruth and the World He Created; The Last Boy, Mickey Mantle and the End of America's Childhood; Sandy Koufax, A Lefty's Legacy; and the comic novel Squeeze Play, which Entertainment Weekly called "the best novel ever written about baseball." She was a staff writer at The Washington Post from 1979 to 1988, first in the sports section, then writing for the style section. She covered baseball, tennis, and the Olympics for the paper. She wrote features for the style section about sports, politics, and pop culture, including, most memorably, a profile of Muggsy Bogues, the 5'3 guard for the Washington Bullets, which was longer than he is tall. — www.janeleavy.com

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TELLS A GREAT STORY: 3:19 min.

Talk about the experience of throwing out the ceremonial first pitch at Yankee Stadium.

CRITICAL THINKING: 3:10 min.

Tell us about the "found-objects" sculptures you make.

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