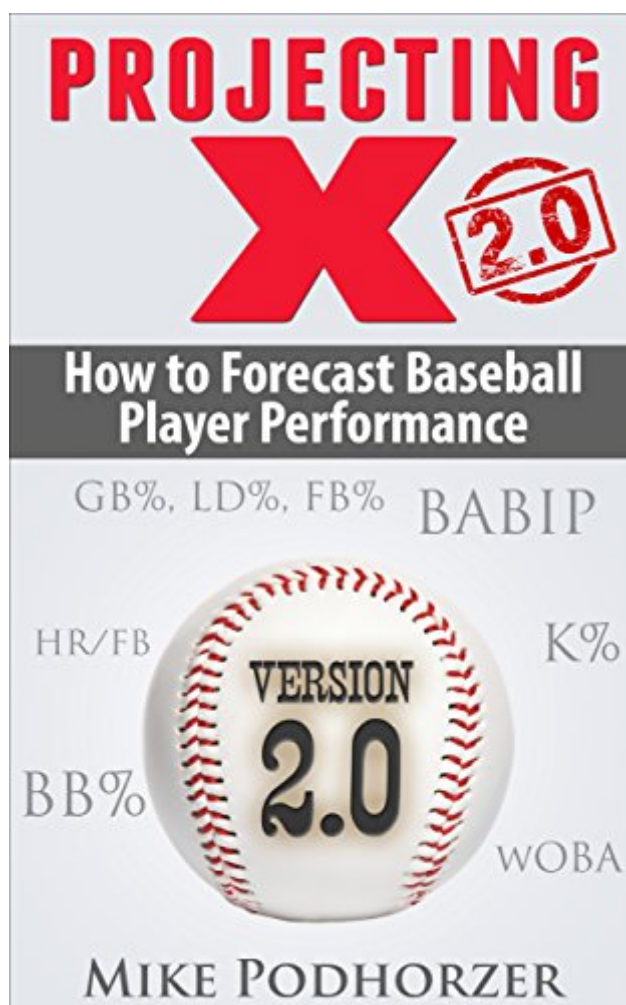


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# Projecting X 2.0: How To Forecast Baseball Player Performance



## Synopsis

\*The eagerly anticipated follow up to the groundbreaking first version of Projecting X!\* In Projecting X 2.0: How to Forecast Baseball Player Performance, FanGraphs expert Mike Podhorzer takes you on a journey through the process of projecting baseball player performance. As he walks you through an assortment of both basic and advanced metrics, citing various pieces of relevant research along the way, you will learn the whats, whys, and hows of each statistic. Once you become an expert on analyzing the statistics and metrics used in forecasting, you will discover how to use those newly acquired skills. A complete step-by-step tutorial on developing a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet to perform the calculations is included, as well as examples of the forecasting process in action as Mike guides you through a hitter and pitcher projection.\*\*\*New in Version 2.0\*\*\*

- New research and more effective methods for projecting BABIP, RBI and runs scored, stolen bases, and pitcher strikeout and walk percentages
- Pitcher Quality Start projections!
- Even more screenshots of relevant data in tabular and graphical form
- Discussions about the usefulness of Spring Training stats and how new technology continues to help move the statistical revolution forward
- Excel tips and frequently asked questions to ensure your spreadsheet is immaculate

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Glad I found this book. The first half explains some advanced stats and shows their predictive value. The second half walks you through creating your own projections. This part was very helpful and was made as simple as possible. I had this misconception that creating quality projections required coding skills that I don't have. This book is a great resource for creating baseball projections and will save you time in doing so.

I read the first Projecting X and now Projecting X 2.0. The Projecting X approach not only shows you how to develop your own baseball projections, but it's also helped me develop a much better understanding of how a player arrives at their season statistics. What I'm trying to say is this is helpful in the preseason for determining a projection, but also valuable during the season when you know how the many sabermetric categories combine into a stat line. I can quickly look at a player's stats and know if I can expect their performance to rise, drop, or stay at a given level. This second version is a nice upgrade over the first. It makes some important changes like switching from K/9 to K%, for example. And you can see Podhorzer improving his own approach by developing more mathematically sound ways of projecting things like stolen base attempts, runs scored, RBI, and pitcher K%.

After reading the first installment of Projecting X a couple years ago, I was excited to see Version 2.0 pop up for the upcoming fantasy baseball season. These little e-books are perfect for helping me determine which players to target and which players to avoid in my draft. Podhorzer is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to baseball statistics and it's great understanding how he utilizes prior stats to make future projections. He also found a way to make reading an 80-page book about excel formulas enjoyable. It never once felt like a chore to read. If you enjoyed the first Projecting X, you should definitely purchase the new edition. There are some nice new additions to this updated version to help ensure you will come out on top in your fantasy leagues in 2016.

This is the best resource I've found to date on making your own fantasy baseball projections. After purchasing Mike's projections on a "ready-made" basis last year, I'm happy to have bought this year's comprehensive guide; it'll require much more time to make my own projections, but I'll be all the more ready for this season because of it. For the intermediate to advanced fantasy owner -- or for a fan looking to more fully understand the drivers of performance -- this is a must purchase.

This book was incredibly useful. It is actually probably the most useful baseball tool I have ever had. Great info, great research, great suggestions, great ideas. Explains everything great. The book is easy to read, whether you are familiar with Excel or not. I would absolutely suggest this for any fantasy player or baseball fan. Great buy. 10 out of 10. PS, check out his opinions on Twitter and Fangraphs, very useful for any fantasy baseball player.

This guy knows what he's doing. I've been using Mr. Podhorzer's formulas, ratios, and suggestions for a while now. I am proud to say that it has led me to back to back championships in my fantasy baseball league. Keep up the good work! Looking forward to 3.0 in the future!!

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