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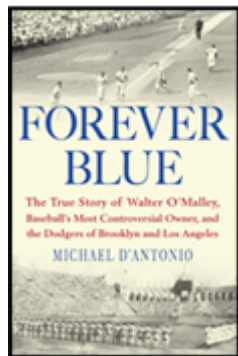
'Forever Blue' Reveals a New Look at Dodger History & O'Malley Legacy

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 2009, at 1:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Historical Society

Brooklyn, NY – Join Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Michael D'Antonio**, **Peter O'Malley**, President of the Los Angeles Dodgers 1970 - 1998, and **Richard Sandomir**, Sports Broadcasting Reporter for the *New York Times*, at the Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS) as they discuss the story of Walter O'Malley and the Dodgers of Brooklyn and Los Angeles, on the occasion of the launch of Mr. D'Antonio's new book ***Forever Blue***.

WHAT: Walter O'Malley and the Brooklyn Dodgers - A New View



If ever there was a figure who changed the game of baseball it was Walter O'Malley. Criticized by fans in Brooklyn and beloved in California, O'Malley became one of the most controversial owners in the history of American sports when he transplanted the Brooklyn Dodgers to Los Angeles in 1958. Whether you loved him or disagreed with him, O'Malley's fascinating story is fundamental to the history of modern sports. And yet it has never been fully explored. That all changed in 2007 when the O'Malley family opened an archive of 30,000 documents, photographs, and artifacts to Pulitzer Prize-winning author Michael D'Antonio. Now the critically acclaimed biographer uses his unprecedented access, thorough independent research and hundreds of hours of new interviews with family, friends, players and associates—many talking about O'Malley for the first time—to fully reveal this complex sportsman and industry pioneer in his new book ***FOREVER BLUE: The True Story of Walter O'Malley, Baseball's Most Controversial Owner, and the Dodgers of Brooklyn and Los Angeles***

(Riverhead Books; March 19, 2009). Join Peter O'Malley, Richard Sandomir and Michael D'Antonio for an exhilarating conversation that no Brooklynite should miss!

** Memorabilia from BHS' Dodgers collection will also be on display for the event.

WHEN: Saturday, March 21; 1:00 – 3:00 PM. This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, and will be available on a first-come-first-served basis.

WHERE: Brooklyn Historical Society; 128 Pierrepont St. (at Clinton St.); Brooklyn, NY 11201

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The mission of the Brooklyn Historical Society is to connect the past to the present and make the vibrant history of Brooklyn tangible, relevant, and meaningful for today's diverse communities, and for generations to come. Founded in 1863, BHS is a nationally recognized urban history center, comprised of a museum; scholarly research library; and educational center dedicated to preserving and encouraging the study of Brooklyn's extraordinary 400-year history.