

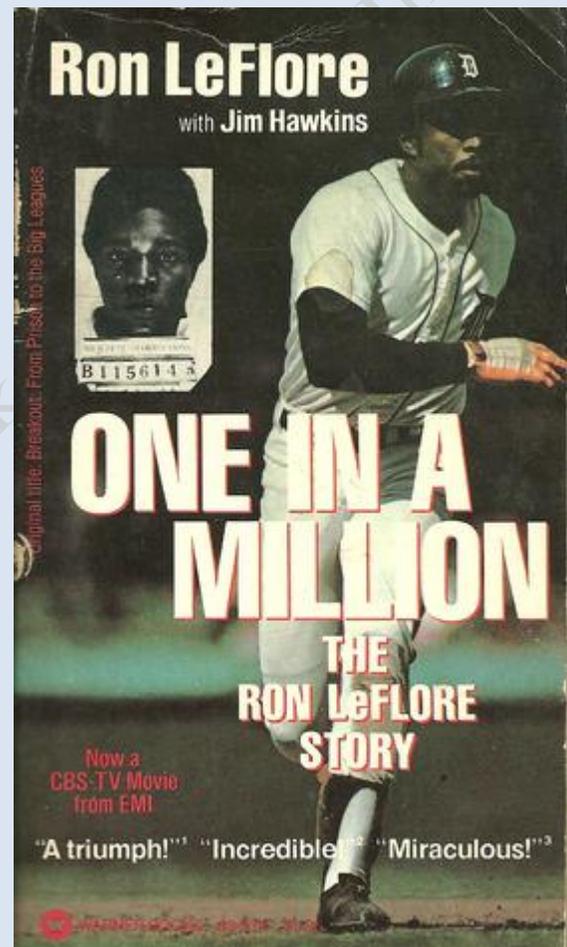


Ron Leflore

Ron caused havoc on the base paths for his 9 seasons in Major League Baseball from 1974 to 1982. Most of those seasons he played for his hometown Detroit Tigers as he used his incredible speed to patrol spacious centerfield in Tiger Stadium. During his career, Ron posted a number of outstanding accomplishments. For example, he batted .300+ for 3 seasons, scored 100+ runs in 3 seasons, was an All-Star in the 1976 season, and remains to this day, the only player to lead both leagues in stolen bases; he stole 68 bags in 1978 with the American League Tigers and 97 in 1980 with the National League Montreal Expos.

However, baseball exploits are only a part of Ron's amazing story. Ron was actually signed out of prison by the Detroit Tigers. He had been serving time for armed robbery when word of his incredible talent leaked beyond the prison walls. His amazing story was written as a book titled "One in a Million" and later his story was made into a movie of the same title starring LeVar Burton.

Yes, drugs, guns, gangs and robbery are a part of Ron's past; he doesn't deny that. But Ron now spends his time talking with youth about the mistakes he made in his formative teen years, and encourages kids to stay away from the elements which led him to prison. Parents and children alike marvel at Ron's honesty as he discusses his mistakes, and even more so, admire him for his positive message to youth today as he demonstrates that you can achieve anything if you dedicate yourself to the cause. The odds were against Ron LeFlore ever making it out of Detroit alive as a youth, and yet he has reached the pinnacle of his profession. His is a story of hard work, determination, and the will to succeed.



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