# The Inside Story of Shohei Ohtani and the Greatest Baseball Season Ever Played

In 2021, Shohei Ohtani of the Los Angeles Angels had a season for the ages. He became the first player in MLB history to hit 45 home runs and steal 25 bases in the same season, and he also finished with a 9-2 record and a 3.18 ERA on the mound. His performance was so dominant that he won the American League MVP Award unanimously, becoming the first player to do so since Mike Trout in 2014.



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Ohtani's season was so special that it has been compared to the greatest seasons ever played by Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, and Willie Mays. But what made Ohtani's season so special? And how did he do it?

#### A Unique Talent

Ohtani is a unique talent. He is one of the few players in MLB history who can both hit and pitch at an elite level. He is a 6'4", 230-pound right-handed

pitcher who can throw a 100 mph fastball and a devastating splitter. He is also a left-handed hitter with power and speed. Ohtani's combination of size, athleticism, and skill makes him a truly unique player.

#### A Dominant Season

Ohtani's 2021 season was dominant from start to finish. He began the season by hitting 11 home runs in his first 20 games. He also pitched well, going 4-0 with a 2.57 ERA in his first five starts. Ohtani continued to produce throughout the season, hitting 45 home runs and stealing 25 bases. He also finished with a 9-2 record and a 3.18 ERA on the mound.

Ohtani's performance was so impressive that he was named the American League Player of the Month for April, May, June, and July. He was also named the starting pitcher for the American League in the All-Star Game.

#### How Did He Do It?

So how did Ohtani do it? How did he manage to hit and pitch at such a high level? There are a few factors that contributed to his success.

- Natural Ability: Ohtani is a natural athlete with a rare combination of size, strength, and speed. He is also has a very high baseball IQ.
- Hard Work: Ohtani is one of the hardest working players in baseball.
  He spends countless hours in the gym and on the practice field. He is always looking for ways to improve his game.
- Good Coaching: Ohtani has benefited from having good coaches throughout his career. His current manager, Joe Maddon, has been very supportive of Ohtani's two-way role.

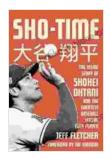
 Team Support: Ohtani has a great supporting cast around him. The Angels have a number of talented players, including Mike Trout, Anthony Rendon, and Jared Walsh. This has allowed Ohtani to focus on his own game and not worry about carrying the team on his own.

Shohei Ohtani's 2021 season was one of the greatest individual seasons in MLB history. He became the first player to hit 45 home runs and steal 25 bases in the same season, and he also finished with a 9-2 record and a 3.18 ERA on the mound. His performance was so dominant that he won the American League MVP Award unanimously, becoming the first player to do so since Mike Trout in 2014.

Ohtani's success is due to a combination of natural ability, hard work, good coaching, and team support. He is a true generational talent, and he is sure to continue to amaze us for years to come.

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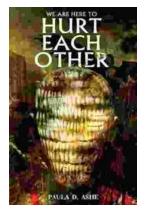
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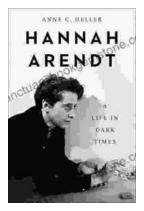
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