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Taking seriously the idea that baseball is a study in failure—a very successful batter manages a hit only three of every ten attempts—*Harper's Magazine* contributing editor Mark Kingwell explores ways in which the game teaches us lessons on fragility, contingency, and community.

Weaving elements of memoir, philosophical reflection, sports writing, and humour, the book serves as an unofficial follow-up to *Catch and Release: Trout Fishing and the Meaning of Life*, which won over readers by offering an intelligent but accessible look into the deep waters of angling.

Never pretentious, always entertaining, *Fail Better* is set to be the homerun non-fiction title of the spring.

Mark Kingwell is a professor of philosophy at the University of Toronto. He is the author or co-author of eighteen books, including the national bestsellers *Better Living* (1998), *The World We Want* (2000), *Concrete Reveries* (2008), and *Glenn Gould* (2009). In addition to many scholarly articles, his writing has appeared in more than forty mainstream magazines and newspapers. His most recent books are the essay collections *Unruly Voices* (2012) and *Measure Yourself Against the Earth* (2015).

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