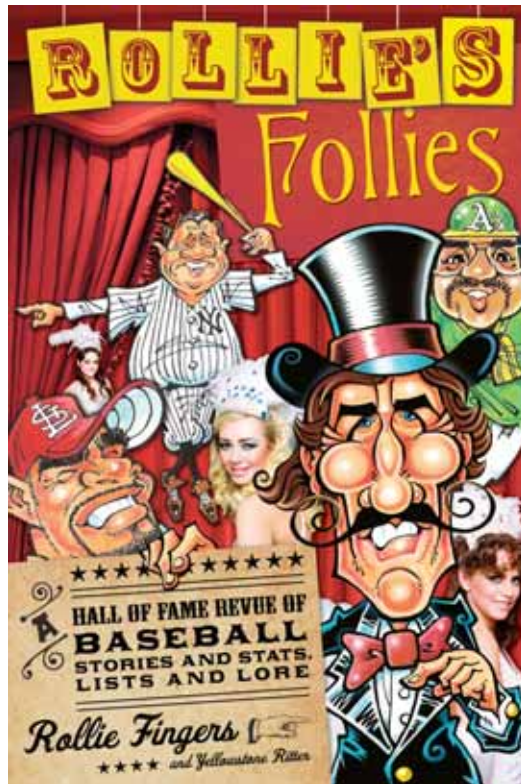


# Talking Points for Rollie Fingers, author of Rollie's Follies

People know all about the moustache, the legendary career, and the awards but do they know:

- ∞ Rollie Fingers was born in Steubenville, OH but is only one of its famous natives. Surprisingly, the small former steel town can boast of Dean Martin, Pretty Boy Floyd, Traci Lords and Jimmy the Greek, as well.
- ∞ Rollie was signed by the Kansas City A's as an amateur free agent in December 1964. He stayed in the A's system and made his major league debut with the Oakland A's in September 1968.
- ∞ In 1981, at the age of 35, he finished the strike-shortened season with 28 saves and a 1.04 ERA. He was awarded both the Cy Young award and the AL MVP award, the only reliever to win both in the same year.
- ∞ He is one of only eight players to have their numbers retired from more than one team.
- ∞ In 1972, Rollie grew the handlebar moustache that has become his signature in order to receive a \$300 bonus from Oakland A's owner Charlie Finley. Rollie and the other A's who grew facial hair were known as the Mustache Gang.
- ∞ A's manager Alvin Dark once said "A fellow has to have faith in God above and Rollie Fingers in the bullpen."
- ∞ In 1983, Rollie and members of his family appeared on the TV game show Family Feud with host, Richard Dawson.



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