

## **“Build It, and They Will Come” Monologue from *Field of Dreams***

2:00 min.

*Everybody has their Field of Dreams. Ray's is a baseball stadium. But should he build one over his own cornfield? This man thinks so.*

**Terence Mann (James Earl Jones):** Ray. People will come, Ray. They'll come to Iowa for reasons they can't even fathom. They'll turn into your driveway, not knowing for sure why they're doing it. They'll arrive at your door, as innocent as children, longing for the past. "Of course, we won't mind if you look around." You'll say. "It's only twenty dollars per person." And they pass over the money without even thinking about it. Whereas money they have, and peace they lack.... And they'll walk off to the bleachers and sit in their short sleeves on a perfect afternoon. And find they have reserved seats somewhere along the baselines where they sat when they were children. And cheer their heroes. And they'll watch the game, and it'll be as if they dipped themselves in magic waters. The memories will be so thick they'll have to brush them away from their faces. People will come, Ray. The one constant through all the years Ray, has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It's been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt, and erased again. But baseball has marked the time. This field, this game, is a part of our past, Ray. It reminds us of all that once was good, and that could be again. Oh, people will come, Ray. People most definitely will come.

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