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The Undefeated

Jim Dent, author of the New York Times bestselling *The Junction Boys* returns with the remarkable and inspiring story of one of the biggest comebacks in college football history. In the 1960's, Notre Dame's football program was in shambles. Little did anyone know, help was on its way in the form of Ara Parseghian, a controversial choice for head coach—the first one

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outside of the Notre Dame "family." It was now his responsibility to rebuild the once-proud program and teach the Fighting Irish how to win again. But it was no small task. The men of Notre Dame football were a bunch of unlikelies and oddballs, but Parseghian transformed them into a team: a senior quarterback who would win the Heisman Trophy; a five-foot-eight walk-on who would make first team All-American; an exceptionally rare black player, who would overcome much more than his quiet demeanor to rise to All-American, All-Pro, Hall of Famer, and to the Minnesota Supreme Court. Parseghian would change everything, from the uniforms and pads to the offensive strategy. It would be a huge gamble against great obstacles. But Ara Parseghian had that look in his eye. New York Times bestselling author Jim Dent chronicles one of the greatest comeback seasons in the history of college football. Once again confirming his position as one of the top sports writers in the country, Dent brings the legends of Notre Dame football to life in an unforgettable story of second chances, determination, and unwavering spirit.

The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game

A sweeping, action-filled saga that depicts the rise and fall of empires in the North Pacific details the four-hundred-year history of Hawaii, Japan, Siberia, California, and more. By the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Heavens and the Earth*. Reprint

That First Season

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A Kirkus Reviews Best Nonfiction of 2011 title Jim Dent, the award-winning, New York Times bestselling author of *The Junction Boys*, returns with a powerful Texas story which transcends college football, displaying the courage and determination of one of the game's most valiant players. Freddie Steinmark was an under-sized but scrappy young man when he arrived in Austin as a freshman at the University of Texas in 1967. Despite the pronouncement by many coaches that he was too small to play football at the college level, Freddie was a tenacious competitor who vowed to start every game as a varsity Longhorn. By the start of the 1969 season, Freddie was making his mark on the college gridiron and national stage as UT's star safety, but he'd also developed a crippling pain in his thigh that worried his high school sweetheart, Linda. Despite the increasingly debilitating pain, Freddie continued to play throughout the season, helping the Longhorns to rip through opponents like pulpwood. His final game was for the national championship at the end of 1969, when the Longhorns rallied to beat Arkansas in a legendary game that has become known as "the Game of the Century." Tragically, bone cancer took Freddie off the field when nothing else could. But nothing could extinguish his irrepressible spirit or keep him away from the game. Although his struggle with cancer would be short-lived, Freddie's fight would inspire the nation as well as thousands of cancer victims, earning him a special citation from President Richard Nixon. Today, a photo of Freddie hangs in the tunnel at Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium, where players touch it before games en route to the field. With this moving story, a Brian's Song for college football, Jim Dent once again brings readers to cheers and tears with a truly American tale of resolution and bravery in the face of the worst odds. Praise for *Courage Beyond the Game*: "Dent (*The Junction Boys*, 2001) brings Steinmark to life through interviews with friends,

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teammates, and coaches, who confirm that he was every bit the All-American boy... Dent doesn't oversell this inspirational story in the Brian's Song mold. In the end, readers may feel they've met an extraordinary young man and, though it's been 40 years since he died, mourn his passing." --Booklist "Jim Dent, dadgum him, keeps writing books I wish I'd written. Like The Junction Boys and Twelve Mighty Orphans, to name two. Now here he comes with another terrific effort, *Courage Beyond the Game*, the story of the most courageous kid to ever pull on a football suit. If you pick it up, it's guaranteed to pick you up." --Dan Jenkins, author of *Semi-Tough* and *Dead Solid Perfect* "Jim Dent is a world class story teller, and in Freddie Steinmark's courageous and triumphant fight to be a man of substance, he's found a tale worthy of his ample talents. Dent will bring tears to your eyes, and Steinmark's example will make you want to be a better person." --Joe Drape, New York Times bestselling author of *Our Boys: A Perfect Season on the Plains with the Smith Center Redmen* "You will cheer and you will weep as you read Jim Dent's irresistible rendering of one of the great real-life dramas in college football history. Dent has brought plenty of tough guys to life in his other books, but little Freddie Steinmark surely ranks as the toughest. Dent has brilliantly re-cast a Longhorn legend. I could not put *Courage Beyond the Game* down." --John Eisenberg, author of *That First Season: How Vince Lombardi Took the Worst Team in the NFL and set it on the Path to Glory*, and *Cotton Bowl Days: Growing up with Dallas and the Cowboys in the 1960s* "Freddie Steinmark's story will inspire you and make you cry, and Jim Dent has told it better than anyone in *Courage Beyond the Game*. Jim's eye for detail and gifted writing will take you back to another place and time, and a new generation of college football fans will learn why Freddie lives forever in the hearts of those he touched in his brief life." --Richard Justice, lead sports

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columnist for The Houston Chronicle “Courage Beyond the Game is a wonderful book whose protagonist, the doomed University of Texas safety Freddie Steinmark, delivers just what the title promises. Veteran sports author Jim Dent infuses a narrative whose ending we all know with depth, tenderness, and unexpected insights. His Steinmark could have easily been a cardboard saint. Instead the Steinmark we meet is intensely human, inspirational, funny and utterly unforgettable. This was a book I couldn’t put down.” --Bill Livingston, Cleveland Plain Dealer sports columnist “Jim Dent once again proves his mastery of the way football felt and sounded in the days of Texas and the Southwest Conference. His inspirational portrait of Freddie Steinmark takes us back to a purer time.” --Mark Whicker, Orange Country Register sports columnist “Freddie Steinmark defined college football with his unquenchable thirst for life, unbridled spirit through adversity, and rare passion for the game he lived to play. Jim Dent can tell a story life like few others and brought this must-read, must-be-told account back to life for all to relish with his riveting, gut-wrenching book, Courage Beyond the Game.” --Kirk Bohls, Austin American Statesman sports columnist

Art Briles

Drape, a Kansas City native and an award-winning sportswriter for "The New York Times," pens an inspiring portrait of the extraordinary high-school football team and coach whose quest for perfection sustains its hometown in America's heartland.

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Gods at War

Freddie Steinmark started at safety for the undefeated University of Texas Longhorns in 1969. In the thrilling “Game of the Century,” a come-from-behind victory against Arkansas that ensured Texas the national championship, Steinmark played with pain in his left leg. Two days later, X-rays revealed a bone tumor so large that it seemed a miracle Steinmark could walk, let alone play football. Within a week of the Arkansas game, his leg was amputated. A gritty, undersized player, Steinmark had quickly become a fan favorite at Texas. What he endured during the Longhorns’ memorable 1969 season, and what he encountered afterward, captivated not only Texans but the country at large. Americans watched closely as Steinmark confronted life’s ultimate challenge, and his openness during his battle against savage odds helped reframe the national conversation surrounding cancer and the ongoing race for a cure. Written with unfettered access to the Steinmark family and archives, Freddie Steinmark: Faith, Family, Football is the exploration of a brief but full life, one that began humbly but ended on a grand stage. It is a fitting tribute to a legendary Longhorn whose photograph, emblazoned with the word “Heart,” flashes on the Freddie Steinmark Scoreboard’s Jumbotron prior to each home football game in UT’s Darrell K Royal–Texas Memorial Stadium at Joe Jamail Field.

Twelve Mighty Orphans

Originally published in 1966 under the pen name Tom Pendleton, The Iron Orchard garnered a

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cult following for its authentic representation of the people and business of the Texas and American Southwest oil fields. Now available again in a new edition, The Iron Orchard tells the story of a young Texan, Jim McNeely, who is desperate to make a name for himself in the oil fields of Texas. Told from the inside by a man who knew the oil fields intimately, it is a vibrant, brutal story of the men who labored, sweated, lusted, and gambled their money and spirits to pump oil out of the earth. It is the adventure of violent men among other violent men. And it is the story of perseverance and love in the midst of one of America's most dramatic industries. The Iron Orchard is magnificent and memorable reading. The Iron Orchard was a cowinner of the 1967 Texas Institute of Letters Jesse H. Jones Award for Best Work of Fiction along with Larry McMurtry's The Last Picture Show. The Iron Orchard film premiered at the 2018 Dallas International Film Festival.

Rough & Tumble

The legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant is recognized nationwide as one of the greatest coaches ever. So why did he always cite his 1-9 A&M team of 1954 as his favorite? This is the story of a remarkable team - and the beginning of the legend. The Junction Boys tells the story of Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant's legendary training camp in the small town of Junction, Texas. In a move that many consider the salvation of the Texas A&M football program, Coach Bryant put 115 players through the most grueling practices ever imagined. Only a handful of players survived the entire 10 days, but they braved the intense heat of the Texas sun and the burning passion of their coach, and turned a floundering team into one of the nation's best. The Junction Boys

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is more than just a story of tough practices without water breaks. An extraordinary fellowship was forged from the mind-numbing pain. The thirty-five survivors bonded together like no other team in America. They profited from the Junction experience; the knowledge they took back with them to College Station, about themselves and what they were capable of, would be used for the rest of their lives. In vivid and powerful images reminiscent of Friday Night Lights, Hoosiers, and The Last Picture Show, these young men and their driven coach come to life. The Junction Boys contains all the hallmarks of a classic sports story, and it combines America's love of college football with an extraordinary story of perseverance and triumph.

A Dream Too Big

Chronicles the history of the Mighty Mites high school football team from their turn-of-the-twentieth-century origins within a Freemason orphan-and-widow home, to their dominant status in the 1930s and 1940s, to their prestigious state-champion competitions, in an account that also cites the pivotal contributions of team leader Rusty Russell. Reprint. 40,000 first printing.

Champion of the Barrio

In 1663 Oxford, a servant girl confesses to a murder. But four witnesses--a medical student, the son of a traitor, a cryptographer, and an archivist--each finger a different culprit

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Freddie Steinmark

An engaging exploration of modern-day deals and deal-making Gods at War details the recent deals and events that have forever changed the world of billion-dollar deal-making. This book is a whirlwind tour of the players determining the destiny of corporate America, including the government, private equity, strategic buyers, hedge funds, and sovereign wealth funds. It not only examines many of the game-changing takeover events that have occurred in the past years, but also puts them into context and exposes what is really going on behind the scenes on Wall Street. Gods at War completely covers the strategic issues that guide the modern-day deal, and since they unfold under the shadow of the law, it also focuses on the legal aspects of deal-making and takeovers. Each chapter unfolds through the lens of a recent transaction, from the battle between Yahoo! and Microsoft to the United Rental/Cerberus dispute Provides in-depth explanations and analysis of the events and actors that have shaped this fast-moving field Examines the federal government's regulation by deal approach to saving the financial system and explains the government's biggest "deals", including its bail-outs of AIG, Bank of America, and Citigroup Filled with in-depth insights that will enhance your understanding of this field, Gods at War offers an engaging look at deals and deal-makers in the context of recent historical events. It's a book for those who want to understand deals, takeovers, and the people and institutions who shape our world.

Concussion

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The unlikely story of Dr. Bennet Omalu, the pathologist who made one of the most significant medical discoveries of the twenty-first century, a discovery that challenges the existence of America's favorite sport and puts him in the crosshairs of football's most powerful corporation: the NFL.

Out to Sea

From the mid-1950s to the early 1960s, when basketball's Boston Celtics were piecing together a run for the ages, when Montreal's Canadiens were in the midst of notching a record-setting five straight Stanley Cups, and when the New York Yankees were the once-and-future kings of the diamond, one team boosted the NFL to national prominence as none other: the New York Giants. In *Giants Among Men*, Jack Cavanaugh, the acclaimed author of *Tunney*, transports us to the NFL's golden age to introduce the close-knit and diverse group that won the heart of a city, helped spread the gospel of pro football across the nation, and recast the NFL as a media colossus. Central to Cavanaugh's narrative, and emblematic of the Giants' bond with their followers, was a hard-nosed future Hall of Fame defensive end named Andy Robustelli, who anchored a Giants defense unit so ferocious that they were the first team to inspire crowds to chant "Dee-fense!" But while Robustelli and the Giants were a hit on the gridiron, playing in six NFL Championship Games in eight seasons between 1956 and 1963, the most remarkable aspect of this team was perhaps its relationship with the fans, who were equally at ease hobnobbing with Jackie Gleason and Frank Sinatra as they were rubbing elbows with working-class rooters on the IRT en route to Sunday games in the Bronx. But the

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Giants of this era didn't merely affect the fans' relationship to the game; they changed the game itself. The team launched the NFL careers of future head-coaching geniuses Tom Landry and Vince Lombardi, as well as those of future Hall of Famers including Frank Gifford, Sam Huff, Emlen Tunnell, Roosevelt Brown, and Y. A. Tittle, along with stars like Charlie Conerly, Rosey Grier, and Pat Summerall. Filled with historical and cultural insight and vivid portraits of large-than-life characters and indispensable everymen, *Giants Among Men* transcends nostalgia and sports trivia to faithfully depict a watershed era for both football and the American nation.

Remember Why You Play

Traces the story of an American rowing team from the University of Washington that defeated elite rivals at Hitler's 1936 Berlin Olympics, sharing the experiences of such contributors as their enigmatic coach, a visionary boat builder and a homeless teen rower. By the author of *Under a Flaming Sky*. Reprint.

Let the Sea Make a Noise

New York Times bestselling author LaVyrle Spencer presents one of her most beloved, enduring stories Hoping to escape the shame of her street urchin's life in Boston, Anna Reardon plotted a desperate scheme—to become Karl Lindstrom's mail-order bride in the

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beautiful, dangerous frontier of Minnesota. A kind and gentle man, Karl forgave Anna for her deceptions. But there was still one burning secret she had to hide from him, knowing its revelation would destroy the love they had come to cherish.

AN Instance of the Fingerpost

The Kids Got It Right

The astounding, against-all-odds story of a young man's rise from abject poverty in gang-ridden Los Angeles to the pinnacle of academic achievement as a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford. By all rights, Caylin Louis Moore should be dead, in prison, or stalking the streets of Compton with his fellow gang-members. Instead, he's a Rhodes Scholar, author, speaker, and role model for every kid deprived of hope in downtrodden communities. *A Dream Too Big* is the story of Moore's exodus from one of the most impoverished, gang-infested communities in the United States to the golden, dreaming spires of Oxford, England. After Moore's mother gathered her three young children and fled an abusive husband of nine years, leaving behind a comfortable middle-class life, Moore found himself in a bewildering and dangerous environment. The family lived in a neighborhood ruled by the Bloods, and Caylin often lay awake at night, terrified by both the sounds of gunfire outside and the scratching of rats and roaches moving in the walls. When Moore's father was convicted of murder and his

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mother was sexually assaulted in the hospital while recovering from open-heart surgery, Moore was forced to enter adulthood prematurely. Embracing his mother's steely faith in God and education, Moore skirted the gangs and the endemic violence of Compton to excel on the football field and in the classroom. Academics and athletics led to college scholarships, which led to a Fulbright and eventually the Rhodes Scholarship. Along the way, Moore cofounded a student organization that brought college athletes into underserved classrooms as inspirational speakers, role models, and mentors. Moore's eye-opening, inspirational story proves that, contrary to what others told him on his journey, there is no such thing as a dream too big.

Freak the Mighty

A zany journey into the heart of football mania follows the author's odyssey by RV with the world's most obsessive sports fanatics to follow Alabama fans and their Crimson Tide team from game to game across the South, profiling the colorful individuals--including a couple who skipped their own daughter's wedding to attend a game--over the course of a full football season. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

The Devil in Pew Number Seven

Giants Among Men

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Chronicles the investigation that exposed the child-abuse crimes of two Miami day-care center operators--one a convicted child molester--and profiles the parents and the children who were the victims of the abuse

I Play to Win

2011 Retailers Choice Award winner! Rebecca never felt safe as a child. In 1969, her father, Robert Nichols, moved to Sellerstown, North Carolina, to serve as a pastor. There he found a small community eager to welcome him—with one exception. Glaring at him from pew number seven was a man obsessed with controlling the church. Determined to get rid of anyone who stood in his way, he unleashed a plan of terror that was more devastating and violent than the Nichols family could have ever imagined. Refusing to be driven away by acts of intimidation, Rebecca's father stood his ground until one night when an armed man walked into the family's kitchen . . . And Rebecca's life was shattered. If anyone had a reason to harbor hatred and seek personal revenge, it would be Rebecca. Yet *The Devil in Pew Number Seven* tells a different story. It is the amazing true saga of relentless persecution, one family's faith and courage in the face of it, and a daughter whose parents taught her the power of forgiveness.

Unspeakable Acts

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Learn the secret great achievers already know -- the life-changing principles of organized assistance!

Resurrection

For three perfect seasons (1954-1956), the Oklahoma Sooners won every football game they played - home or away - and over the course of five years they won 47 straight games. This awesome record was the product of a genius and masterful coach named Bud Wilkinson and the spirited young men he led. The Undefeated will detail all the thrilling action on the field during this record winning streak, but it will also reveal all the behind-the-scenes tumult and pressure swirling around it. Dent presents an absorbing character study of the brilliant, complex coach who engineered it all - Bud Wilkinson, the on-field genius whose starched-shirt public persona hid a man of many secrets and an in-depth look at a state and its people still suffering from a Depression hangover and an identity crisis, who took up the Sooners football banner almost as a religious cause. Through it all, the young men who accomplished this amazing feat shine in vivid life.

A Monster Calls

Buryl Baty (1924–1954) was a winning athlete, coach, builder of men, and an early pioneer in the fight against bigotry. In 1950, Baty became head football coach at Bowie High School in El

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Paso and quickly inspired his athletes, all Mexican Americans from the Segundo Barrio, with his winning ways and his personal stand against the era's extreme, deep-seated bigotry—to which they were subjected. However, just as the team was in a position to win a third district title in 1954, they were jolted by an unthinkable tragedy that turned their world upside down. Later, as mature adults, these players realized that Coach Baty had helped mold them into honorable and successful men, and forty-four years after the coach's death, they dedicated their high school stadium in his name. In 2013, Baty was inducted posthumously into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. In this poignant memoir, R. Gaines Baty also describes his own journey to get to know his father. Coach Baty's life story is portrayed from the perspectives of nearly one hundred individuals who knew him, in addition to many documented facts and news reports.

Say Goodbye to Whining, Complaining, and Bad Attitudes in You and Your Kids

All aboard, parents! It's time to see your child off on the voyage of a lifetime: the first year of college. The college transition is a stressful and emotional time for both students and parents. How do parents survive back on shore when they send their child out to sea? Here is your survival guide! "Out to Sea: A Parents' Survival Guide to the Freshman Voyage" will help you navigate the emotional and practical aspects of the freshman year. This easy-to-read, informative guidebook is swimming with helpful tips, organized checklists, and real-world

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advice from parents and experts alike. "Out to Sea" will keep your sanity afloat and ensure smoother sailing for you and your student as you embark on this grand voyage. Anchors aweigh! You'll learn all about: * Packing--with handy checklists * Staying connected * Mentorship parenting * Money matters * Orientation * Academic expectations * Roommate relations * Health and wellness * What to expect when the ship returns Much more!

Rammer Jammer Yellow Hammer

Jim Dent's *Monster of the Midway* is the story of football's fiercest competitor, the legendary Bronko Nagurski. From his discovery in the middle of a Minnesota field to his 1943 comeback season at Wrigley, from the University of Minnesota to the Hall of Fame, Bronko Nagurski's life is a story of grit, hard work, passion, and, above all, an unstoppable drive to win. *Monster of the Midway* recounts Nagurski's unparalleled triumphs during the 1930s and '40s, when the Chicago Bears were the kings of professional football. From 1930, the Bronk's first year, through 1943, his last, the Bears won five NFL titles and played in four other NFL Championship Games. Focusing on Nagurski's 1943 comeback season, and how he miraculously led the Bears to their fourth NFL championship against the backdrop of World War II era Chicago, Jim Dent uncovers the riveting drama of Nagurski's playing days. His efforts were the stuff of legend, and his success in 1943 accomplished in spite of a battered frame, worn-out knees, multiple cracked ribs, and a broken bone in his lower back. While chronicling the drama of the '43 championship chase, Dent also tells of both the Bears' colorful early years and Bronko's improbable rise to fame from the backwoods of northern Minnesota.

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Woven into the narrative are the sights and smells and sounds of one of the most romantic, flavorful eras of the twentieth century. And laced through it all are stories of legend: Bronko rubbing shoulders with colorful characters like George Halas, Red Grange, Sid Luckman, and Sammy Baugh; Bronko running into (and breaking) the brick wall at Wrigley Field; Bronko winning All-American spots for two positions; Bronko knocking scores of opponents unconscious; and Bronko reaching the heights of football glory and, with rare grace, turning his back on the game after winning his last championship. Rich in unforgettable stories and scenes, this is Jim Dent's account of Bronko Nagurski-arguably the greatest football player who ever lived-and his teammates, the roughest, toughest, rowdiest group of players ever to don leather helmets, and the original Monsters of the Midway.

Dairy Queen

THE FIRST ALL-ENCOMPASSING GUIDE TO THE WILDLY POPULAR EGG-SHAPED CERAMIC COOKER THAT'S BLOWING UP THE WORLD OF BARBECUE Organized into 52 tutorials that combine a valuable kamado cooking technique with a delicious recipe, this book takes you from casual griller to kamado master chef with detailed instruction on: • Grilling: Cajun Strip Steak • Smoking: Hickory-Smoked Chicken • Searing: Cowboy Ribeye • Brick Oven Baking: Wood-Fired Pizza • Stir-Firing: Thai Beef with Basil • Salt-Block: Grilling Tropical Seared Tuna • Cold Smoking: Flavorful Fontina Cheese • Convection Baking: Apple Flambé

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You and Your Network

Adding honor as a factor in raising kids ...and parent-child relationships. Dr. Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller offer a thorough program for establishing honor as a basis of family life — not just children honoring parents, but parents respecting children and children honoring each other. Even if honor seems a long way off in your household, you will find practical suggestions here to bring that goal a little closer — suggestions for kids of all ages. Honor is the biblical value that will bring about good behavior. It's more than just changing what kids do; it's changing the deeper issues of the heart that triggered the behavior.

The Iron Orchard

Baylor head coach Art Briles is one of the most highly regarded coaches in college football, and this biography delves far beyond his football success and acumen. It explains how, at the age of 20, Briles lost his parents in a tragic car accident as they were en route to one of his college games. The book relates how Briles, devastated by the loss of his role models, used the catastrophe as motivation to propel him toward the destination of his dreams. As the book elucidates in detail, Coach Briles has made a career of turning failing football programs around in both the high school and collegiate ranks. His latest accomplishments at Baylor University are also chronicled in this account of overcoming tragedy and turning personal loss into overwhelming success.

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Back from the Dead

"Remember Why You Play" documents the lives, struggles, and triumphs of the players and coaches of Faith Christian School in Grapevine, Texas. Thomas follows the team for a full season, recording a story that is sure to inspire readers to understand that relationships are more important than winning.

The Junction Boys

"The best sports book of the year." - Sports Illustrated "John Ed Bradley says that all he ever wanted to do was to leave behind a pretty piece of writing. Here it is-a wonderful blend of honest introspection, passionate reporting, and superb storytelling. One of the best books I have read in years." - Jeffrey Marx, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Season of Life Inspired by a classic essay about a visit to a dying coach, It Never Rains in Tiger Stadium explores in gorgeous detail the inescapable pull of college football-the cocky smiles behind the face masks, the two-a-day drills, the emotionally charged bus rides to the stadium, the curfew checks, the film-study sessions, the locker room antics, and the yawning void left in one's soul the moment the final whistle sounds. To understand why it's so painful to give up the game, you must first understand the intimacy of the huddle. "It ends for everybody," writes John Ed Bradley, "and then it starts all over again, in ways you never anticipated. Marty Dufresne sits in his wheelchair listening to the Tiger fight song Ramsey Darder endures prison by playing the

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games over in his head Big Ed Stanton never took up the game of golf, and yet he rides the streets of Bayou Vista in a cart nearly identical to Coach Mac's, recalling the one time the old man invited him for a ride." Far more than a memoir, *It Never Rains in Tiger Stadium* is a brutally honest, profoundly moving look at what it means to surrender something you love. An Amazon Editors' Best Book of 2007 "John Ed Bradley is a rare gem, a gifted writer trapped in the body of a football player. *It Never Rains in Tiger Stadium* will send chills down the back of anyone who loves the game and will echo in the minds of former players long after they've put it down." - Tim Green, best-selling author and member of the College Football Hall of Fame "A mesmerizing read achingly sentimental in some parts, brutally truthful in others" - Chicago Tribune "The best memoir I have ever read on how a particular game, win or lose, can linger with us." - Josh Levin, Slate "An unsparing and often beautiful chronicle of [Bradley's] attempt to join polite society." - Play Magazine "A lyrical memoir about his teammates, his coaches, his parents and the magnetic power of football in Louisiana." - National Public Radio "Heart-wrenching, honest, insightful and hard to put down." - The Franklin Sun From the Trade Paperback edition.

The System

Follows one young man from his impoverished childhood with a crack-addicted mother, through his discovery of the sport of football, to his rise to become one of the most successful, highly-paid players in the NFL.

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It Never Rains in Tiger Stadium

Celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Vince Lombardi's first season in Green Bay, the author chronicles the coach's first year as head coach with the franchise he would reinvent and etch forever in football history, in a book based on interviews and thorough research.

Our Boys

The Boys in the Boat

NOW A #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! An unflinching, darkly funny, and deeply moving story of a boy, his seriously ill mother, and an unexpected monstrous visitor. At seven minutes past midnight, thirteen-year-old Conor wakes to find a monster outside his bedroom window. But it isn't the monster Conor's been expecting-- he's been expecting the one from his nightmare, the nightmare he's had nearly every night since his mother started her treatments. The monster in his backyard is different. It's ancient. And wild. And it wants something from Conor. Something terrible and dangerous. It wants the truth. From the final idea of award-winning author Siobhan Dowd-- whose premature death from cancer prevented her from writing it herself-- Patrick Ness has spun a haunting and darkly funny novel of mischief, loss, and monsters both real and imagined.

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The Odyssey of Homer

Documents the barrier-breaking 1964 effort of coach Bobby Layne, quarterback Bill Bradley and receiver Jerry Le Vias to recruit talented black players and build Texas's first integrated all-star high-school football team, tracing their considerable achievements and their triumphant Hershey park victory. By the best-selling author of The Junction Boys.

Courage Beyond the Game

In February 2008, Bill Walton, after climbing to the top of every mountain he ever tried, suffered a catastrophic spinal collapse--the culmination of a lifetime of injuries--that left him in excruciating, debilitating, and unrelenting pain. Unable to walk, he underwent pioneering surgery and slowly recovered. The ordeal tested Walton to the fullest, but with extraordinary determination and sacrifice, he recovered. Now Bill Walton shares his life story in this remarkable memoir. Walton, the son of parents with no interest in athletics, played basketball in every spare moment. An outstanding player on a great high school team, he only wanted to play for John Wooden at UCLA--and Wooden wanted him. Walton was deeply influenced by the culture of the 1960s, but he respected the thoughtful, rigorous Wooden, who seemed immune to the turmoil of the times. Other than his parents, Wooden would be the greatest influence in Walton's life--the two would speak nearly every day for 43 years until Wooden's death. Throughout a brilliant championship career, accumulating injuries would afflict Walton.

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He would lose almost two-thirds of his playing time to injury. After his playing days ended, Walton chose a career in broadcasting, despite being a lifelong stutterer--once again he overcame a physical limitation and eventually won multiple broadcasting accolades. Wooden once said that no greatness ever came without sacrifice--nothing better illustrates this notion than Walton's life.--Adapted from dust jacket.

The Endearment

Max is used to being called Stupid. And he is used to everyone being scared of him. On account of his size and looking like his dad. Kevin is used to being called Dwarf. On account of his size and being some cripple kid. But greatness comes in all sizes, and together Max and Kevin become Freak The Mighty and walk high above the world. An inspiring, heartbreaking, multi-award winning international bestseller.

The Kamado Smoker and Grill Cookbook

When you don't talk, there's a lot of stuff that ends up not getting said. Harsh words indeed, from Brian Nelson of all people. But, D. J. can't help admitting, maybe he's right. When you don't talk, there's a lot of stuff that ends up not getting said. Stuff like why her best friend, Amber, isn't so friendly anymore. Or why her little brother, Curtis, never opens his mouth. Why her mom has two jobs and a big secret. Why her college-football-star brothers won't even call

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home. Why her dad would go ballistic if she tried out for the high school football team herself. And why Brian is so, so out of her league. When you don't talk, there's a lot of stuff that ends up not getting said. Welcome to the summer that fifteen-year-old D. J. Schwenk of Red Bend, Wisconsin, learns to talk, and ends up having an awful lot of stuff to say.

Monster of the Midway

Follows the story of football player Dominic Fucillo, a deeply religious athlete who struggles with rage, a complicated love life, and devastating injuries that give way to scandal when he is nearly beaten to death for his unethical nightlife activities.

Selections from the Book of Psalms

A revelatory account based on the authors' unprecedented access to the NCAA's highest-level programs throughout the 2012 season describes its high-powered system of billion-dollar television deals, high-priced coaches, football "hostessing," castoff athlete-students, and paid test takers.

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