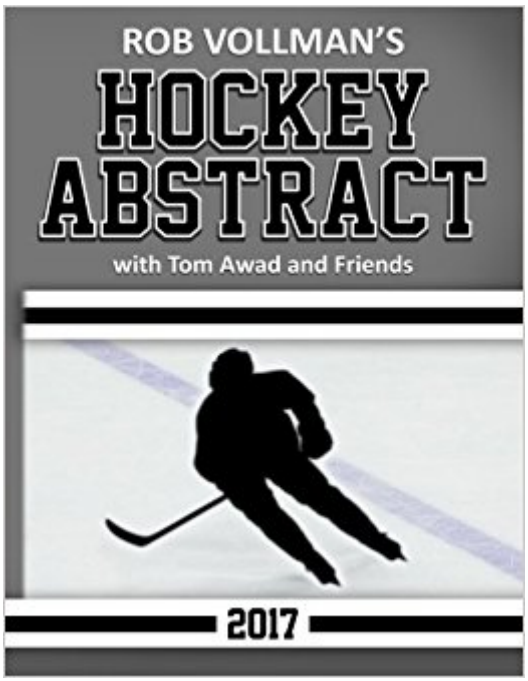
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Synopsis

Hockey Abstract 2017: Making advanced stats simple, practical, and fun for hockey fans. With every passing season, statistical analysis is playing an ever-increasing role in how the game is played, and how it is covered. While we fans can continue to enjoy the sport without doing any math, knowledge of the underlying numbers can help stretch that enjoyment. Hockey Abstract 2017 is not a textbook, nor is it a book about statistics. It is a book about hockey, that uses statistics. Acting as an invaluable supplement to traditional analysis, Hockey Abstract 2017 can be used to test the validity of the conventional wisdom, and to gain insight into what teams are doing behind the scenes --- or maybe what they should be doing! Inspired by Bill James' Baseball Abstract, Hockey Abstract 2017 is not an annual guide to read once and place on a shelf, but a timeless reference of the mainstream applications and limitations of hockey analytics. The fourth book in the series, Hockey Abstract 2017 contains over 300 pages of fresh analysis, including new player usage charts and analysis for all 31 NHL teams -- including the Vegas Golden Knights expansion team. Hockey fans both new and experienced with hockey analytics can use this as a guide to understand and enjoy the statistical perspective on topics such as the impact of rookies, what makes a power play successful, why rebuilds fail, what artificial intelligence and hockey analytics have in common, how injuries can be predicted, and who is the NHL's best goalie, passer, clutch scorer, hitter, shot-blocker, faceoff specialist, penalty-drawer, and value-priced player. There are also breakdowns of more topical questions, like why Washington loses in the playoffs, and who won the Weber-Subban trade. Whether you use Hockey Abstract 2017 as a primer for today's new statistics, as a reference for leading edge research and hard-to-find statistical data, or whether you read it for its passionate and engaging story-telling, Hockey Abstract 2017 belongs on every serious hockey fan's bookshelf.

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Rob Vollman is an author, speaker, consultant, and long-time pioneer in the field of hockey analytics. His popular innovations have helped win Stanley Cups and Gold medals, and have shaped the way that teams are built, and the way the game is covered. A former member of the Professional Hockey Writers Association, Rob was first published in the Fall 2001 issue of the Hockey Research Journal. He has since co-authored all six Hockey Prospectus books, two McKeen's magazines, and has authored four books in his own Bill James-inspired Hockey Abstract series, including the highly popular 2016 book, Stat Shot. While modern advanced statistical hockey analysis stands on a mountain of complexity, Rob's work is best known for being expressed in clear, focused, and applicable terms. Rob's most popular innovations include player usage charts, quality starts, and home-plate save percentage for goaltenders, goals versus salary (GVS) to measure a player's cap value, the team luck index, a history-based projection system, coaching metrics, the setup passes statistic, and advances in the field of NHL translations and league equivalencies (NHLe) to understand how well prospects and veterans coming from other leagues will perform. In 2014, Rob organized a grassroots hockey analytics conference in Calgary as a platform for the field's latest innovations, starting a movement that has since spread to eight other cities, including annual events in Ottawa, Rochester, and Vancouver. Rob's work can be found every week on NHL.com and ESPN Insider, where he has been featured since the 2008-09 season. In all, Rob has written 800 columns for a variety of hockey websites, and has been featured in the Hockey News, the Globe and Mail, the Washington Post, Forbes, and Rolling Stone. Since his first guest appearances on Nashville Predators radio in the summer of 2011 and throughout the subsequent season, Rob has become the field's most passionate voice, having made over 300 appearances on 60 different radio programs, TV shows and podcasts in 20 NHL cities, including most notably NHL Game Day, Hockey Night in Canada radio, Sportsnet's Hockey Central and 2015 Trade Deadline coverage, Boston Bruins NESN television, TSN's That's Hockey, ESPN's Sportscenter and Hockey Today, CBC Radio, and Wharton Business Radio. Based in Calgary, Rob is one of the field's most trusted and entertaining voices, and has helped bring what was once a niche hobby into the mainstream.

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