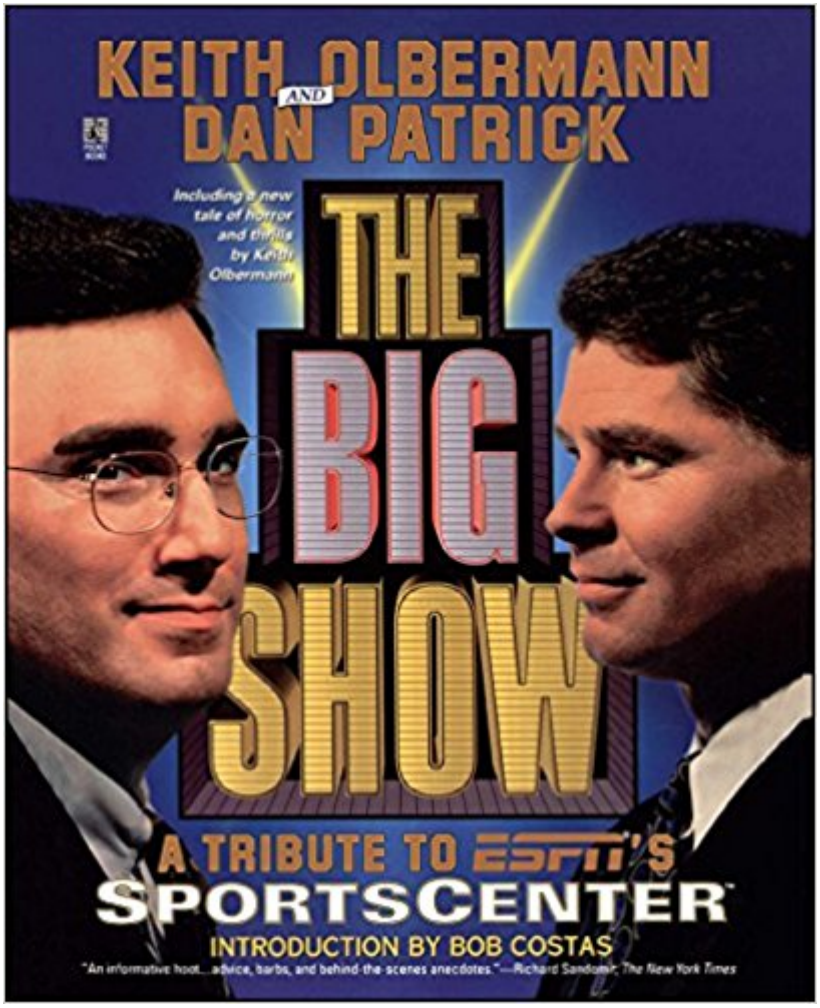
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Synopsis

From World Sports Headquarters in historic Bristol, Connecticut, comes the book that's more colorful than Dennis Rodman's hair. Keith Olbermann and Dan Patrick, the former tag-team partners of ESPN's award winning SportsCenter, mark for the ages their most unforgettable moments, which have transformed the art of sports broadcasting -- bringing what People magazine calls their "Letterman-like loopiness and Koppelesque smarts" to the printed page in THE BIG SHOW Less expensive (and easier to read) than a big-leaguer's autograph, The Big Show gives you the honest, horrifying, yet always entertaining story of two men, three cameras, and highlights run amok, including: How Keith and Dan made The Big Show run slicker than Pat Riley's hair The origins of Dan and Keith's patented phrases Keith and Dan's on-air flubs -- errors that made Bill Buckner's blunder seem minor Dan and Keith's pantheon of all-time greatest athletes (Okay, who picked Coach Reeves from The White Shadow?) And so much more we couldn't -- and wouldn't dare -- mention here!

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Customer Reviews

Detroit Free Press For those of you scoring at home...buy the book.Phil Rosenthal Chicago Sun-Times A fun read....highly recommended.The Sporting News With Olbermann and Patrick, SportsCenter...achieved the perfect pitch.

Keith Olbermann was rescued from a sinking barge, and raised by wild ocelots in the Brazilian rain forest. Years later, he was found by a touring band of would-be soccer play-by-play announcers and

brought back to civilization (well, Bristol).

I am more of a fan of KO’s political career, and only have half-hearted knowledge of The World Of Sports(Not to worry, I still enjoy a Dick Trickle joke!) I’m still glad my friend recommended this book. Keith and Dan’s humor, passion, and the way they must have worked together really does translate on the page. I can see why Aaron Sorkin was inspired by them. I think there must be at least a chuckle on every page...

I bought this book when it first came out in the summer of 1997 (which is when Keith left ESPN) and it is a wonderful reminder of how things used to be. Keith is now stuck at MSNBC, where he recounts the day’s "developments" in the Clinton/Lewinsky scandal, and this book takes the reader back to a time when Keith seemed happier, always had a joke, and left the viewer with a smile. Sentiment aside, "The Big Show" is an intriguing look at how "Sportscenter" was put together, the blunders and disasters that seemed to threaten the show (and the hosts’ collective sanity), and the world in sports in general. Keith and Dan also talk about serious issues in sports, such as racism and athlete salaries, in the midst of all the book’s zaniness. I would definitely recommend this book, to sports fans in general, as well as die-hard fans of Keith. I hope that one day Keith will release another book, and that he is able to find some humor in his new job as a political commentator.

Well, maybe that’s stretching it a bit, but I just stumbled across this tome by Messers. Patrick and Olbermann, and I have to say it is a great read for any sports and ESPN buff. Plus, the naked pics of Dan are to die for (just kidding).This book came out some seven years ago, when Olbermann was still allowed on the grounds at Bristol, but it resonates today because a lot of it holds true. Forget the somewhat dated references to the Macarena, and you’ll enjoy it for what it is: two co-workers locked in deadly combat over whether the 1899 Cleveland Spiders deserve mention or not.Patrick and Olbermann were the anchor for the good times at Sports Center, and they write with absolute candor about their time in bottom-feeding jobs across the country before they fulfilled their destinies as the premier wiseasses for a generation. The "how-to" chapter on becoming a potential sportscastor is rather intimidating, but they offer helpful hints on how to get started (and to have a back-up plan in case it doesn’t work out).But the real meat of the book is the estimation of atheletes over time. Olbermann and Patrick know their sports, and it shows in the lists they compile of "the greatest". Note to the fainthearted: Olbermann’s arcane knowledge of nineteenth century baseball is mind-boggling, you may want to take a quick walk outside after poring over the lists.Patrick and

Olbermann may no longer be a team, but their book is a great relic of that time when Sports Center truely was "The Big Show". Pick it up today, and you'll never put it down.

I just saw a Sport Center segment and I pulled this book out. This was the start of something special. All the sportcasters with irreverent comments and phrases...it began in earnest with these two. This was the golden era of Sport Center...Great insight and I love the phrases. It does read like the stories that those two used to do. The Big Show...Sunday Nights.....And surprisingly, it ended with grace...remembering Tom Meese.If you are a fan in any way, shape or form of Sports Center, get this book!

This book was a great and easy read. The only flaw is the lack of humor that the show it's about is so famous for. I especially enjoyed the chapter that focused on how to become a sports broadcaster. Before I read it I had no idea the work you had to put in to become what these two men have become. It definitely made me think twice about what I wanted to do with my life and how I was going to do it. Some of this book is funny, some parts are poignant, but most of it is just biographical. If you enjoy these two men, the show, or are interested in becoming a sports broadcaster read this book.

This is easily one of the best books I've ever read. I first bought it back in the mid 90s, and I still pull it out at least once a year if not more to read it again and again. It has everything: It's extremely funny and very informative. I learn something new each time I read it. Olbermann is a baseball genius, his chapter on the 100 players not in the Hall of Fame is amazing. And the arguing between him and Patrick is hilarious. It helps if you are a sports fan, but even if you're not, you will enjoy this book. Great stories, great insight, great humor, great information. What else can you ask for?

Dan Patrick and Keith Olbermann have written a gem. The average viewer doesn't understand what really goes on in making and producing a Sportscenter, but if you read this book you will. I have a much greater appreciation for broadcasters and I recommend this book to any sports fan. Not only is it informative but it is hilarious. It is a barrel of laughs and it's fun for all ages. If you like this book you might want to read ESPN:The Uncensored History by Michael Freeman.

What makes this such a great book is what it does when you're done reading. You can't get it out of your head, especially Keith's list of should-be baseball hall-of-famers (who knew he was such a

baseball genius!). Even when you’re done reading you’ll show your friends parts of the book just for a laugh. You know the saying about how certain books you’ll read over and over again? This IS the book they were talking about.

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