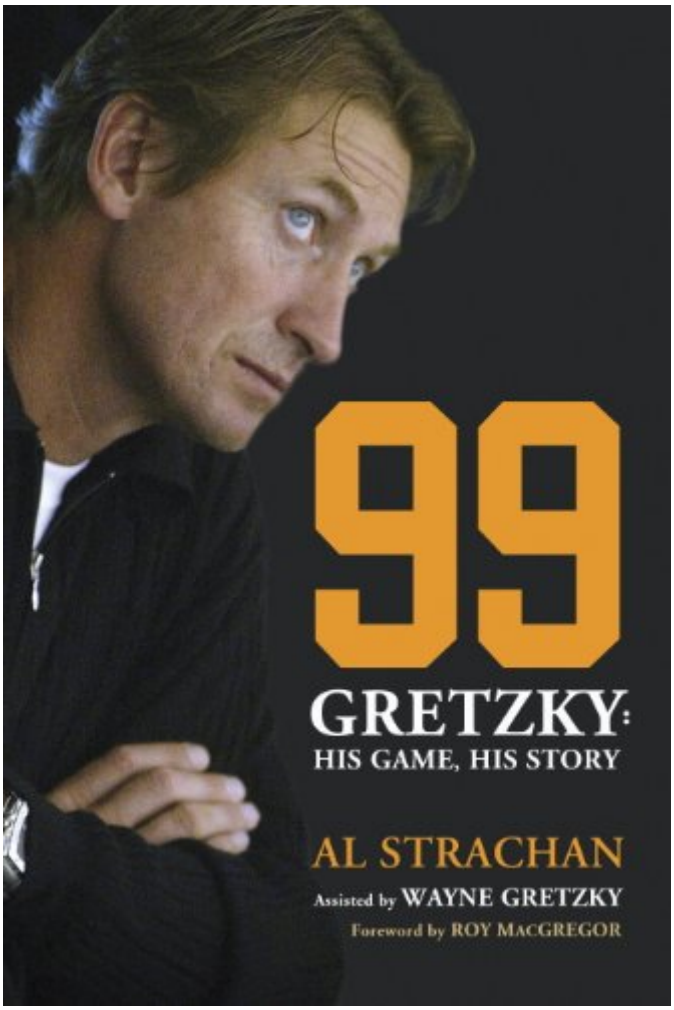
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Synopsis

Whether wearing his Edmonton oil-drop, the black and silver colours of L.A., or the famous Rangers sweater from New York, all hockey fans agree that Wayne Gretzky was the best hockey player of all time. His point totals, his puck control, and the manner in which he conducted himself both on and off the ice reflected the very best of the game. Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â You can't talk about Gretzky without talking about his records and achievements: 50 goals in just 39 games, 9 Hart Trophies, 10 Art Ross Trophies, 4 Stanley Cups, 215 points in a single season, and, of course, retiring with 2856 points. Each record is a remarkable achievement by the game's most remarkable player, and each will be broken down in this book. Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Published with Wayne Gretzky's approval and written with his cooperation, this is the Gretzky biography that his fans have so anxiously awaited. Veteran sports journalist Al Strachan has enjoyed an extremely close friendship with Gretzky for well over 25 years, and during this time Strachan has reported on every aspect of his professional career. The two have spent thousands of hours talking about the game and such details as Wayne's move to L.A., managing the 2002 Canadian Olympic team and coaching in Phoenix. Their close friendship has offered each man the opportunity to discuss the game that they both love, and in this book Strachan takes readers on a most remarkable journey and details the life of Wayne Gretzky like it has never been told.

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Customer Reviews

I knew almost nothing about Gretzky before reading this book. Sure, I knew what kind of hockey player he was, but not what kind of man. I am a huge hockey fan and I cannot root for players that I cannot respect or admire. So many of them are rude to the media or go out drinking and pull stupid stuff. They don’t seem to appreciate that they get paid millions to play a game that they love. Gretzky never did any of that. Sometimes he gets a bad rep just because of how famous he is or how the media sometimes likes to stir up drama. That’s what I love about this book. The stories that are told show Gretzky as a great man. It’s not just the writers opinion, there are stories and quotes from some of the biggest names in hockey. He had amazing relationships with certain GMs and owners and so many other guys around the league. One of the few people that have a problem with him is Bettman and that means he’s doing something right.

This was a gift to my son and he said it was an awesome book. Very detail and the author was great. Thank you

this was a great read, very informative, loved every minute. thank you

The book clearly captures the greatness of Wayne Gretzky, not only as a hockey player but also as a person. If you like hockey, reading about its greatest player is a must. The only major downside of the book is that as a long-time New York Rangers Fan it contained almost nothing about his years as a player with my favorite hockey team.

I purchased this book, because,like a lot of hockey fans, I am forever hungry to learn more about the Great One. Al Strachan didn’t just write a biography like the dozens of other Gretzky biographies out there, he writes with more of an insiders first hand knowledge that he got by befriending Gretzky. I feel Strachan does a better job than most in explaining, what made Gretzky great. What I really like about this book is the insight of what other players and coaches (Lemieux, Hull, Sather etc...) thought of Gretzky and his impact on them and the game. Strachan goes into detail about Gretzky’s game, why he chose the sticks he played with, his small shoulder pads, and where he

likes his wingers to be when he breaks into the offensive zone, These tidbits are invaluable to hockey enthusiasts like myself.If you can’t get enough of Gretzky, read this book!

Really enjoyed this book. Great anecdotes and insights on the greatest NHL player that I’ve ever seen. Strahan told the story very well. MUST read for hockey fans.

Its a great quick read, and if youre a hockey or gretzky fan, it’s more in depth as far as his personality goes. The only bad side I found was that the writing style and language is a little juvenile and young adult for my taste.

Good read. A lot of good insight to the great ones journey. Only wish it was more in his words than from Al Strachans words and perspective. Regardless my respect and admiration have only grown for Wayne Gretaky the hockey player and man.

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