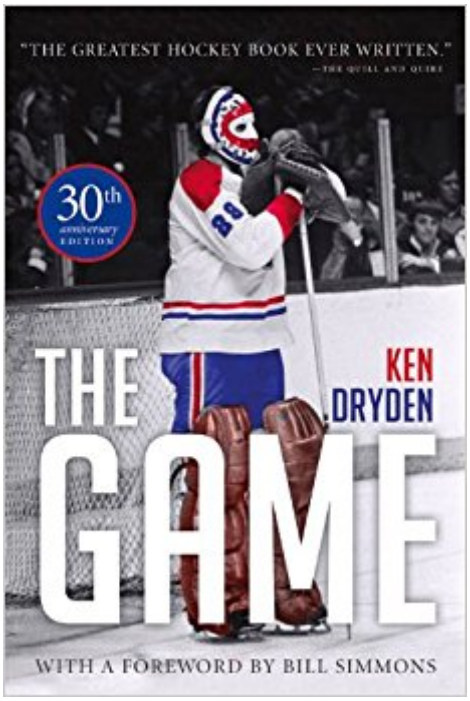
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The Game: 30th Anniversary Edition



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Synopsis

Widely acknowledged as the best hockey book ever written and lauded by Sports Illustrated as one of the Top 10 Sports Books of All Time, The Game is a reflective and thought-provoking look at a life in hockey. Ken Dryden, the former Montreal Canadiens goalie and former president of the Toronto Maple Leafs, captures the essence of the sport and what it means to all hockey fans. He gives vivid and affectionate portraits of the charactersÃ¢â ¬â •Guy Lafleur, Larry Robinson, Guy Lapointe, Serge Savard, and coach Scotty Bowman among themÃ¢â ¬â •who made the Canadiens of the 1970s one of the greatest hockey teams in history. But beyond that, Dryden reflects on life on the road, in the spotlight, and on the ice, offering a rare inside look at the game of hockey and an incredible personal memoir. This commemorative edition marks the 30th anniversary of the bookÃ¢â ¬â„¢s original publication, and it includes a new foreword by Bill Simmons, new photography, and a new chapter, Ã¢â ¬Å“The Game Goes On.Ã¢â ¬Â• Take a journey to the heart and soul of the game with this timeless hockey classic.

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Customer Reviews

Ken Dryden is a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame and the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame and is widely recognized as one of the greatest goaltenders of all time. The Montreal Canadiens won the Stanley Cup six times during his eight seasons in goal with the team, and he won the Vezina trophy six times. He is the author of the books Home Game, In School, and The Moved and the Shaken. Ken served as a member of parliament, including as a cabinet minister, and was recently inducted into the Order of Canada. He lives in Toronto. Bill Simmons is the bestselling author of The Book of

Basketball and Now I Can Die in Peace. He is the editor in chief of Grantland.com and a former writer for Jimmy Kimmel Live! He lives in Los Angeles.

Former Montreal Canadians' goal tender Ken Dryden has written an eloquent book on hockey and his experiences in the game. He writes from a first-hand point of view as to what it is like to be a net-minder in the National Hockey League and what went on in the dressing room prior to a game and between periods. I don't claim to be a hockey fan but I do remember the names of several of the players he talks about in the book. Dryden also provides us with his remembrances of growing up as a child playing hockey on a makeshift rink with his brother and neighborhood kids. He concludes the book with his opinions as to the state of the game in the year 2003. Counting this one I've read only four hockey books so I don't know whether this is the best one ever written. It certainly isn't the best sports book ever written. If you were a hockey fan during the 1970s when Dryden played and of the Montreal Canadians in particular you will be sure to enjoy this book. I found myself familiar with several of the names of the players he spoke about but as far as following hockey I found myself at a definite disadvantage. If you have a library of books on sports I would certainly include this one among those on the sport of hockey.

I am an amateur adult recreational ice hockey player, age 69, started skating and learned to play when I went to college at Cornell. Dryden started there the year after I graduated, so we played at the same rink, but of course different times. This book has been called the best ice hockey book ever written. I completely agree. It is well written, the accounts are vivid, his personal insights are very interesting, and are so much about life as about ice hockey specifically. I liked it so much I bought another four copies to share with some of my team mates. Well, it does provide a lot of insight specifically about the develoment of ice hockey too, in terms of style of play, the significance of certain rule changes, and I expect tomorrow night when I step out onto the ice, I will be thinking of Dryden and connecting it together.

Very thoughtful look at the iconic 1970s Montreal Canadians and pro hockey more generally. Dryden is insightful and brutally frank. The book does meander at times but it's a worthwhile read.

A highly entertaining and informative book about old-timey hockey. He had great anecdotes about interactions between players, media, and management in the locker rooms and I LOVED the way he clearly conveyed what goes through a goalie's head during the game.One caveat: seeing as most of

the events that this book described took place well before I was born, I had trouble telling a lot of the people apart. He assumes you know all of the Canadiens players from the 70s, their personalities, their playing styles. Maybe I'm just not the intended audience, but I kept having to Google people.But still, extremely well-written, funny, and heartwarming. Would recommend to any hockey fan.

Good read and enlightening. Also could have been titled the World According to Ken. Appreciate the fact that he is not your run of the mill jock but he seems to analyze and overanalyze to point of not being able to enjoy what he was accomplishing, which was a lot. I was glad he was able to re-live and have a good time by having the reunion with his childhood friends and old hometown in one of the afterwards. His insights are interesting and in most cases still hold water. Worth the read.

Dryden does a wonderful job of letting the reader inside his head. Clearly while one of the top 5 best goalies ever to play the game, he relates the life of a hockey player in a manner that allows the reader to feel like they are a participant in the game. He gives us a perspective on players, coaches and situations that bring the game of hockey alive.Having grown up in Southern Ontario in the 50's and 60's playing on outdoor rinks, I thoroughly enjoyed this book because it took me back to an era when playing with your buddies was the best!

Simply an outstanding book. Incredibly well-written, providing rich detail about the life of a hockey player - from their backyard rink to the NHL. Highly recommended to anyone with an appreciation for the game of hockey.

Kramer and Schaap's Instant Replay still does it for me, but I really enjoyed this one a) I'm a hockey lover novice and b) Dryden often sang the praises of the "muckers" every champtionship team needs ... reminded me of the Rangers trading Ryan Callahan (which switched me from a Rangers fan to whatever team Callahan plays for (currently Tampa Bay). Dryden is no slouch as a writer ... and his hall of fame status as a goalie lends him extreme credibility about whatever he discusses.

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