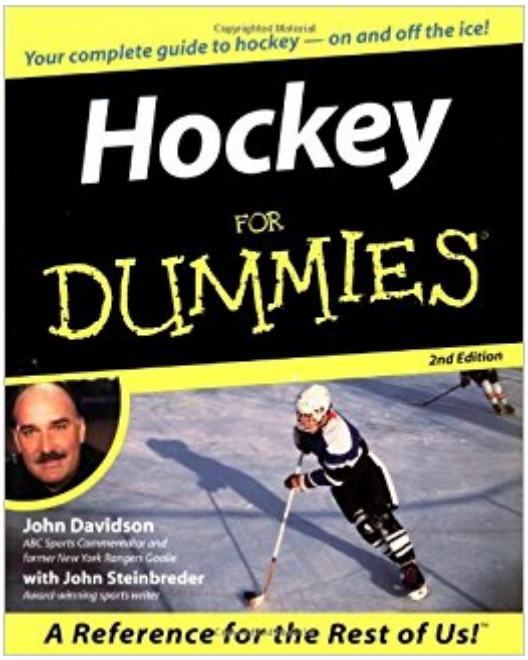
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Synopsis

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Like its teammates in the Dummies series, Hockey for Dummies is cleverly organized and clearly focused, geared to both fans and players. It is filled with fun stuff such as lists of the 10 best things about the game, the 10 best players, the 10 best teams, and, given even a novice’s inability to mistake hockey for Zen, the 10 best hitters. Hockey for Dummies also contains plenty of good, practical advice: Wayne Gretzky offers a clinic on passing, Mark Messier hosts one on face-offs, Brian Leetch counsels players in clinics on defense, and Ron Hextall teaches goaltending. Authors John Davidson and John Steinbreder explain rules, discuss equipment, and detail strategies. They even give pointers on how best to appreciate the game on television. It seems the only thing missing from Hockey for Dummies is a dental referral for the first time one of your incisors gets in the way of an errant puck. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Good comprehensive book on all aspects of hockey, like no other, but could use a good update. For serious NHL fans, or those who will be, the NHL, tweaks, or entirely changes, or even eliminates a few rules, almost yearly. Get the current NHL Official Guide, and Record Book, to go along with this book, and you should be very well covered.

This is a grat book for new fans and those who need a efresher course. It explains every facet of hocke in an easy to understand format.

Hockey For Dummies 2nd Edition was a very entertaining 300 page read chalked full of fun stories and information for the person who literally just stumbled upon hockey and wants to know more

about it. Furthermore, its' also presented in such an engaging way that those who have some experience with hockey like me, won't be bored [though I personally thought the hockey exercise portion was a bit much]. The real problem I see with this book is that it hasn't had a new addition since the early 2000's and hockey like everything else changes. There's been AHL expansion, the 2010 Olympics (which made me a fan), rule changes, and the NHL sure as heck is not on ESPN/ABC anymore. This baby is past due for an update.

Been into watching NAHL hockey for a few years and of course the Stanley Cup playoffs. Even been playing a little stick & puck now and again. The more you watch and play, the more you realize how complicated the game really is. The pastor of my church is also the chaplain for our local team and suggested the book. As all "Dummies" books it is easy to understand and informative. I use it like a dictionary for hockey. Learn something new every time I pick it up.

Hockey for Dummies is overall a very good read for fans of Hockey, or even the more causal person who simply wishes to know more about a sport which the great white north is so passionate about at least. So with this said I think that Hockey for Dummies accomplishes its own stated goal. I purchased this book with the intent of reading it during the hockey season, but as it worked out the season didn't start, instead we have yet another lockout, so in light of that I decided to set it as my goal to finish it before the lockout was over, hoping to have hockey back quickly. But unfortunately I have in fact met the goal of finishing it before the lockout has ended, which is still going as I write this (Nov 7, 2012).I agree with most of the other reviews that it is quite dated and that is nearly my only grip with it as a whole. Being published in 2000, but having the Kindle edition listed as being a 2011 release, leaves this as odd not knowing the version I was reading was over a decade old at first.Also being a New Jersey Devils fan with none of the books statistics reflecting Brodeur whatsoever and as such failing to note that Brodeur now holds nearly all goal tender records, is well to say the least a bit frustrating. Now this is a bit anachronistic I confess, but I think it is a worth while complaint for at least the Kindle edition. I also wish it would have told where the award names for the NHL came from like the Norris, the Lady Byng, the Vezina, etc. Obviously what this trophies represent also not being in the book is an obvious oversight I think for people new to Hockey.Other then these minor points along with what others have stated about rule changes since this edition (2nd) was written, it is a solid volume and can give us all a solid ground to better enjoy not merely the game today but also how we got where we are. It does this in a very light hearted manner with plenty of anecdotes of both bizarre and at times amazing facts, such as goalies not wearing masks

at all until 1959, which I frankly find insane, thou to make that even worse they weren't universal until 1973! There was also a wonderful story of a team meeting at a hotel pool that involves a third story balcony.Now if you have been watching Hockey for some time you will have heard some of these things in bits and pieces over the years, but this is a great place to have them all collected together and makes them so quotable, particularly with other hockey fans. So all in all I wish they would make an updated version, but this being said I still found it a pleasant and worth while read for anyone interested in such.

Few times in life can it be said a product is a game changer, a true life enhancer. I can say with a soul untouched by marketing ghouls or any partiality developed by product loyalty over the years, that this item has changed the course of my life. This product has the ability to take any mundane, boring life, and make it analogous to being Crocket in Miami Vice as you drive along a hot Miami freeway at night with the top down. This product is the air I breathe, the warm touch of sun on my skin, the look of love reflected in a childÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s eyes. If I was ever trapped in a layer of the space time continuum with no hope of escape, and could only have one item to spend the rest of time with, it would be this item. I attempted to take a picture showing me with this item, but so much of my pure essence is focused on enjoying this item that I no longer reflect light as a normal person and can no longer be seen in a standard photograph. I would say more, but that would take time away from using my item, and I physically cannot handle thatÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â|..

Have always been a peripheral fan of hockey and wanted to lean more about it. This is a helpful guide but could be more descriptive about the roles of the players and what is happening on the ice.

I'm a new fan to hockey, which has gained immense popularity over the last two decades. I've watched hockey for years, but didn't understand the nuances of the game, and this book provides comprehensive coverage for the beginning fan. It succeeds perfectly at its mission--to be an easy-to-read intro to the game for folks who want to learn more about a sport that is fun to watch and is rapidly achieving equal popularity with football and basketball. Highly recommended.

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