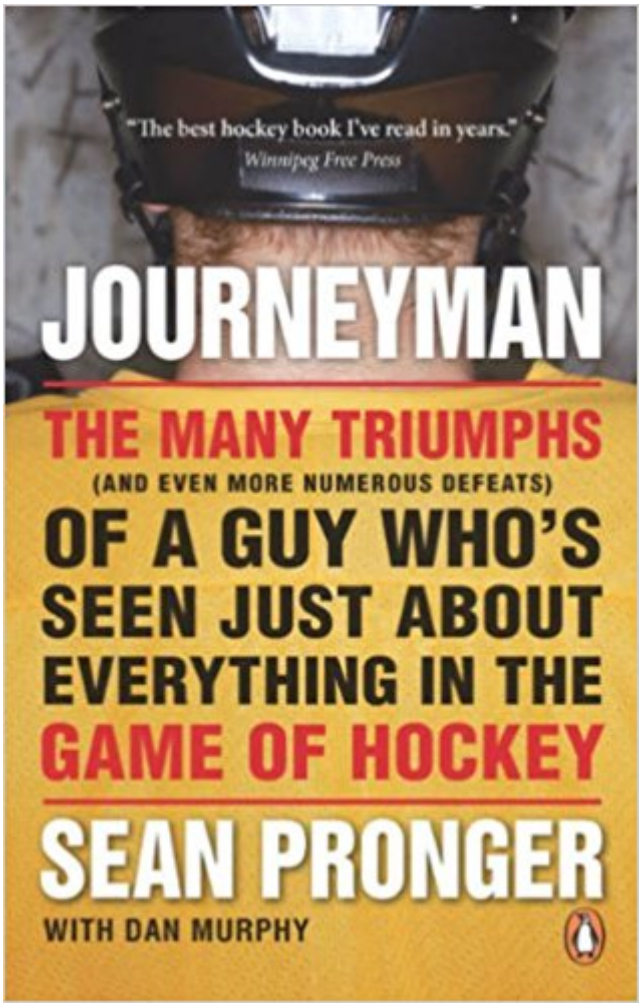
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Synopsis

Anyone whoÃ¢â ¬â„¢s gotten to the NHL the hard way has a story to tell. No one understands the game better than the guys on the fourth line who fight for their jobs every night. They know all too well what itÃ¢â ¬â„¢s like to watch from the press box or, worse, to be sent to the minors or traded. Sean Pronger has seen it all. HeÃ¢â ¬â„¢s played for legendary coaches such as Pat Burns and gone head to head with Doug Gilmour and Steve Yzerman in the faceoff circle. He was on the ice for perhaps the most notoriously violent attack in recent hockey history. While playing in the minors in Winnipeg, he guzzled beer in an ice-fishing hut with grizzled veterans like John MacLean, and he caused international incidents with Doug Weight while playing in Europe. But none of that went to his head. Full of hilarious stories and self-deprecating jokes, Journeyman is in the end a story not only about achieving a dream, but about realizing youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ve achieved it.

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Customer Reviews

SEAN PRONGER was a professional hockey player who grew up in Dryden, Ontario, and was drafted fifty-first overall by Vancouver in 1991. From 1995 to 2004, he played in the NHL for the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, the Pittsburgh Penguins, the New York Rangers, the Los Angeles Kings, the Boston Bruins, the Columbus Blue Jackets, and the Vancouver Canucks. He played in 260 regular-season games, earning 23 goals and 36 assists for 59 points, picking up 159 penalty minutes. His brother is NHL defenceman Chris Pronger.

This book is a great read. Sean is a very humble man who has lived his dream and expressed

himself humbly and directly about his career as a "journeyman" hockey player. This book is a remarkably forthright account of his experiences in NHL and minor leagues. It is a must read for any aspiring pro hockey hokey player. Most of all, it is the exemplar of what it means to be a devoted player, husband and father who gave it all for the game he loves. Sean is truly the guy you want on your line in any endeavor. The book is fraught with humor and realism; the best sports biography out there. Thanks Sean; you're the man. Read it; you won't put it down.

Being an avid hockey fan and reader, I rank Pronger's book up there with Dryden's The Game. The books are quite different in terms of perspective and focus, but both have given me more insight into hockey--and pro sports--than any other hockey books.My one complaint would be that Pronger's narration can be a bit informal and folksy at times, which distracted me--perhaps that is the English teacher in me coming out. However, that flaw should not prevent anyone from reading the book. Pronger is not a star, although his brother is, so he has a broad perspective on the game and the business. He has seen a lot of towns and teams and bus rides and maintains his humor and his love for his family and hockey throughout.If you want to read about how professional hockey is for the majority of the athletes (i.e. not the elite players), then read Journeyman and you may recognize that some pro athletes really do earn what they make and really do continue their careers strictly for the love of their sport.Pronger will give you a unique perspective and keep you laughing while doing so.

I wasn't sure what to expect from this book after having read a number of hockey books before this but I was glad I picked this one up. Sure the "stars" have their books but it was nice to get a glimpse of a journeyman and how many times one had to pack up a family and move every time a trade happens. What it's like to meet your new team, the things you sacrifice just to get to the NHL and what you try to do stay. I'm a casual hockey fan and was able to enjoy this book. Sean has a good sense of humor about himself, he does poke a little fun at his brother and the many adventures of people calling him Chris. If you are in need of a humorous read then you won't be disappointed.

An honest book by a player who understood his own limitations and how the sports world works. This was a good read, showing more inside the life of a pro athlete, both major and minor league, than most books. The stories of the charter flights in the NHL vs. the dumpy motels and bus rides of the minors stood in stark contrast. I enjoyed the book.The only negatives are a sometimes too-casual writing style, and many references to obscure movies and TV shows that I know nothing

about, and therefore could not understand the comparisons the authors were trying to make. These minor flaws are the only thing that kept me from giving it a five-star rating. Overall, congratulations to the authors on an excellent book which I highly recommend to anyone with even the slightest interest in the subject.

This was an entertaining perspective of hockey that is rarely (if ever) provided to fans of the sport. Not only does Sean Pronger's story resonate for athletes trying to "make it" to the "big league" but also to society at large - for those non-athletes experiencing difficulty locating meaningful, viable employment. Don't get me wrong, this was amusing, enjoyable, fast paced and easily read book. However this is more than "just" a professional hockey player's experience going from league to league and team to team. Pronger's honest approach to his experience speaks to society at large. For those who are trying to succeed in a field where there are limited opportunities while keeping a roof over his family speaks to more than just professional athletes. Excellent read and can be enjoyed by not only fans of the sport (although I am). Sean Pronger has written a well thought out book and has proven that he is not "just" Chris's brother. Well done!

Being a hockey fan, it was fascinating to see the names Sean Pronger encountered during his hockey career, and even better to see the stories attached to these names.This book was an enjoyable tale of the kind of hockey career that you don't hear about. Pronger tells great stories that are funny, heartwarming, heartbreaking, and everything in between. He makes you look at fourth-liners and two-way players in an entirely different light, and as a fan, I will always be grateful for that perspective.I highly recommend this book.

This is just as good as Ball Four but without the author having a chip on his shoulder. Highly recommended to anyone who loves hockey.

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