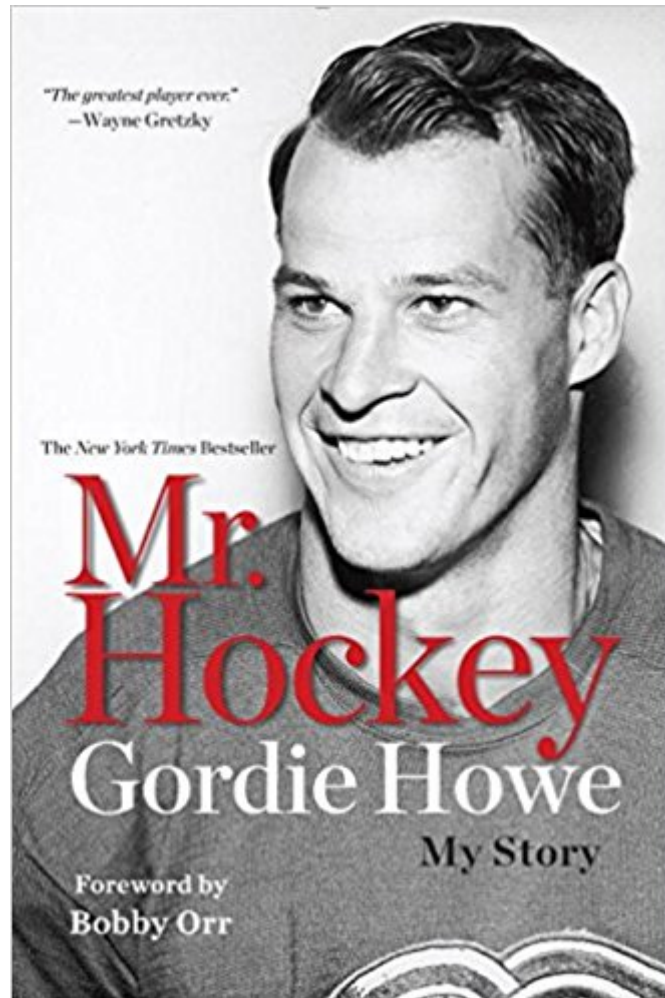




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Mr. Hockey: My Story



Synopsis

THE DEFINITIVE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A SPORTS LEGEND
The NHL may never see anyone like Gordie Howe again. Known as Mr. Hockey, he led the Detroit Red Wings to four Stanley Cups and is the only player to have competed in the league in five different decades. In Mr. Hockey, the man widely recognized as the greatest all-around player the sport has ever seen tells the story of his incredible life... Twenty consecutive seasons among the top five scorers in the NHL. One hundred points after the age of forty. Playing for Team Canada with his two sons. Gordie Howe rewrote the record books. But despite Howe's unyielding ferocity on the ice, his name has long been a byword for decency, generosity, and honesty off of it. Going back to Howe's Depression-era roots and following him through his Hall of Fame career, his enduring marriage to his wife, Colleen, and his extraordinary relationship with his children, Mr. Hockey is the definitive account of the game's most celebrated legacy, as told by the man himself.

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Customer Reviews

Praise for *Mr. Hockey* – “Intimate memoir...With a foreword by Bobby Orr and a final chapter written collectively by Howe and his four children, the book will appeal to hockey fans who remember Howe and his career.” – *Booklist*

Praise for Gordie Howe – “The greatest is Gordie” – *he* “is my man.” – *Bobby Orr* “The greatest one of all...still the greatest in my mind and in everybody else’s mind.” – *Wayne Gretzky*

Gordie Howe (1928-2016) played for the Detroit Red Wings and the Hartford Whalers of the National Hockey League, and the Houston Aeros and the New England Whalers in the WHA. A four-time Stanley Cup champion with the Red Wings, he won six Hart trophies as the league's most valuable player and six Art Ross trophies as the leading scorer. He was the inaugural recipient of the NHL Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008. He was the only player to have competed in the NHL in five different decades (1940s through 1980s). Gordie Howe's name and nickname, "Mr. Hockey," as well as his wife's nickname, "Mrs. Hockey," are registered trademarks.

I am a huge hockey fan and had a chance to see Gordie Howe play at the end of his career. I wanted to read his book after reading Derek Sanderson's and Bobby Orr's books. Sanderson's book was a lot of hyperbole but fun, Orr's book was dull as watching paint dry. Mr. Hockey on the other hand was a delight. Gordie's description of his childhood during the depression brought out a sense of reality and pathos but ultimately some hope. His thoughts about the people of Saskatoon helping each other and ultimately helping him succeed rang true and lacked the disingenuous feel of so many other biographies. Howe is real and as he gets into his hockey life and career I am reminded of a mix of two movies "Slapshot" and "Young Blood". There is just something about the inside world of hockey that entralls hockey fans. And yet Howe's writing reaches beyond that. He is Detroit of the Golden years, 40's, 50's, 60's. And so much of his hockey is from the Golden years of 6 teams and rivalries that mattered. It's not what we have now, I can't get excited about Nashville playing Tampa Bay. But the strength of the book resounds with the importance of family. Gordie Howe playing on the same line with his sons is unprecedented in any sport and it is priceless. Hockey fan or not Mr. Hockey won't disappoint.

This is the first hockey book I have ever read and I struck gold. Naturally I have been familiar with Gordie Howe's accomplishments with the Detroit Red Wings and have heard of several of the players mentioned in the book but I wouldn't know a red line from a blue line. Gordie Howe had the distinction of playing professional hockey in five different decades from the 1940s and into 1980 and his reason for being able to accomplish this feat is due to his love for the game. Howe mentions his feelings of family that the Red Wings' franchise promoted and he bought into but found this not to be true as far as ownership relationships with its players were concerned. Howe relates his philosophy in dealing with opposing players on the ice and dealing with retribution whenever necessary. A

special thrill for Gordie Howe took place when he joined the Houston Aeros of the WHA and teamed up his two of his sons, Mark and Marty, for four seasons. He concluded his career with two seasons with the New England Whalers of the WHA and the Hartford Whalers of the NHL. The last chapter is written by his three sons and daughter in which they relate the death of their mother and the trials and tribulations that their father has now been experiencing. As I write this Gordie Howe has since suffered a stroke and remains in critical condition. I am not a hockey fan but I chose well in purchasing this book and adding it to my ever-growing library. I'm sure you will enjoy it as well.

As a Flyers fan I always knew of Gordie Howe, but never really knew who he was exactly. That is until I read his book. Everything from his Childhood working and helping his parents in Canada, the long train rides between cities, to his return in Houston playing with his two sons. As a lover of Hockey I really enjoyed this book. Detroit is lucky to have a legend such as Gordie.

Growing up in a suburb of Detroit in 1940-50 and a sports enthusiast, I watched Gordie Howe many times in the old Olympia stadium. When I saw this book on the list, there was no hesitation in buying it. Like most sport's people I knew a lot about the games. Now I have learned more about the person. No one who follows hockey will ever forget this person. One of my favorite memories was of one of his fights. Gordie had been picked on all night but never to the degree of the other player getting a penalty. About the middle of the third period Gordie and the other player ended up in the corner of the rink. Gordie proceeded to teach the other player to not do what he was doing to him. The officials took about 30-45 seconds to go to the scorers table to check on something. After a short time they returned to break up the one-sided fight. Gordie never had a problem with this player again.. I have been following his fight with his health these last few weeks and hope only the best for him. A must read for any hockey or sports enthusiast. Ed

Gordie Howe was my hero when I was growing and is my hero today. His story is important because it is a blueprint for how to live a life is rewarding and inspirational. The book is about more than a hockey career. It is a story about what it takes to be successful while remaining humble and generous. By the end, you realize that the story of Gordie is more about being a great human being than a great hockey player. I was fortunate enough to meet and spend time with Gordie on several occasions. He was always kind and respectful. He treated everyone as if they were special. The book was so well-written that I couldn't put it down and finished it in almost one sitting. I highly recommend it.

Purchased this book for my dad for Christmas. He's not a big reader but he's a hockey fanatic and a big fan of the great Gordie Howe. He absolutely loved it, said it was easy to read and very interesting. Definitely recommend it for anyone who loves hockey and wants to read more about ones of best players to ever play the game in his own words.

Great. Mr. Hockey was a friend of our family from the time he hit Detroit. Some of my family stories are actually true, too. Turns out my uncle was teaching in the school he went to in Saskatoon. Ya, we're Canucks and those of us in the family born here have dual citizenship. The story is well written and very interesting from his point of view. He really was Mr. Hockey to us all the years that he played and beyond.

This is a really nice insight to such a hockey legend and to see the dichotomy of who he was on the ice and who he was with family and friends. As a 63 year old ex-college player myself, I found Gordie's stories about being able to play NHL hockey with his two sons to be most telling. I am currently blessed to be able to play hockey with my four sons (40, 36, 34, 34) and I was able to relate to Gordie's pride in being able to do that in his later years. There have always been and will always be great hockey players in the NHL - but no one like Mr. Hockey! A great read!

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