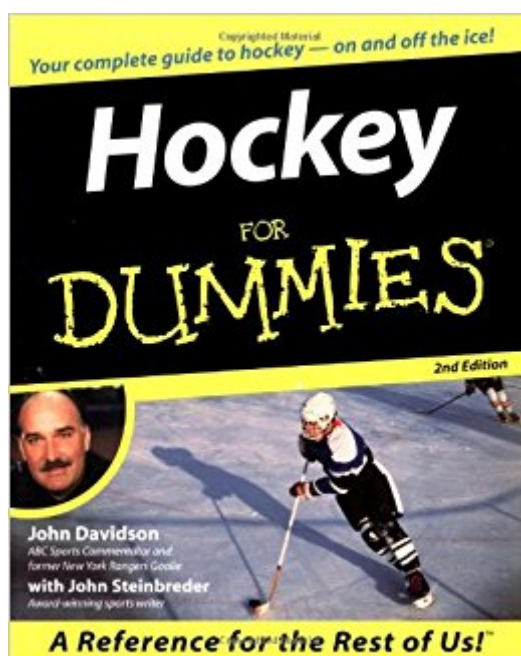


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# Hockey For Dummies



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## Customer Reviews

Like all the "For Dummies" books, this is a good purchase if you really don't know anything about the subject. I think there's a place for these books. They're a good for absolute beginners who want to get started. They can also help you decide if you like something enough to find out more about it. It's just that they're not that cheap and I think they almost always leave you wanting more. If you know anything about hockey, you'll probably find much of this book useless or uninteresting. There are better books on how to play hockey (like Percival's Hockey Handbook) and about the sport (like Total Hockey) out there that are worth buying. You'll probably skim this book quickly and never pick it up again. If you're just learning, this will give you all the basics along with a few bits of interesting information. Still, I'll bet you don't read this thing more than once. There are better books to get into the various aspects of hockey as a player, parent of a player, or fan. I'd recommend this book to someone who just wants to watch hockey and have some idea what's going on...although finding a friend who can tell you is probably better and will only cost you a beer or two. If this book were cheaper or went a bit further I'd recommend it to more people. As it is, all I can say is with the title right on the front of the book you can't say they lied to you! PS: This review isn't meant as a slam to the authors who I think did a good job. It's just a problem with this series or format. It serves a purpose, just a very narrow one.

When the NHL arrived in Arizona two years ago with the Phoenix Coyotes, I had the chance to attend a few games and was immediately HOOKED. Looking to learn more about what I am now convinced is the greatest sport ever invented I chose this book. I already knew the DUMMIES series from their excellent software guides and figured they'd be just as comprehensive here. I was not disappointed. HOCKEY FOR DUMMIES is now my hockey Bible. It includes sections on the history of the game, the rules, the equipment, coaching and training techniques, and advice on playing from the likes of Wayne Gretzky and Brian Leetch among others. Also included are profiles of the players past and present who have made the game: the famous (coaches, goal-scorers, goaltenders) and the infamous ("pests," "enforcers" and others.) There's even a section on fights and hitting which has helped me understand and at least respect that aspect of the game, even though I still don't care for it. HOCKEY FOR DUMMIES is a great introduction for the rookie hockey fan and an

indispensable reference for the veteran.

Hockey for Dummies is the best book you can buy on the sport of Hockey. It's takes a humorous and in-depth look at the sport. It answered all my questions and is a great reference for the rules if i'm watching a game on TV.

Hockey For Dummies was incredibly helpful when my son began playing the sport and we ended up getting so hooked that we started attending collegiate as well as professional hockey games. Nothing like a bunch of new hockey moms inquiring, "what is icing?" to which another replies, "it's something you put on a cake."The book's format was very easy to follow, so no matter what you want to learn (penalties, history, etc.) you will be able to get a no-nonsense answer to your inquiry. Understanding something about the sport makes it much more enjoyable to watch. I was particularly impressed with the guidelines for watching the games in person versus the televised ones.

For those who know nothing at all about hockey this may be a useful introduction, and that is apparently its purpose. It is rather shallow. Want to know what a "left wing lock" is? Or what the penalties are? Or what the basic theories of offense and defense are? Or even what the rules are? You can learn a very little about them from this book. But you'll learn more just by listening to the television announcers. Those familiar with the fine "For Dummies" series will expect more and may well be disappointed.

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.

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