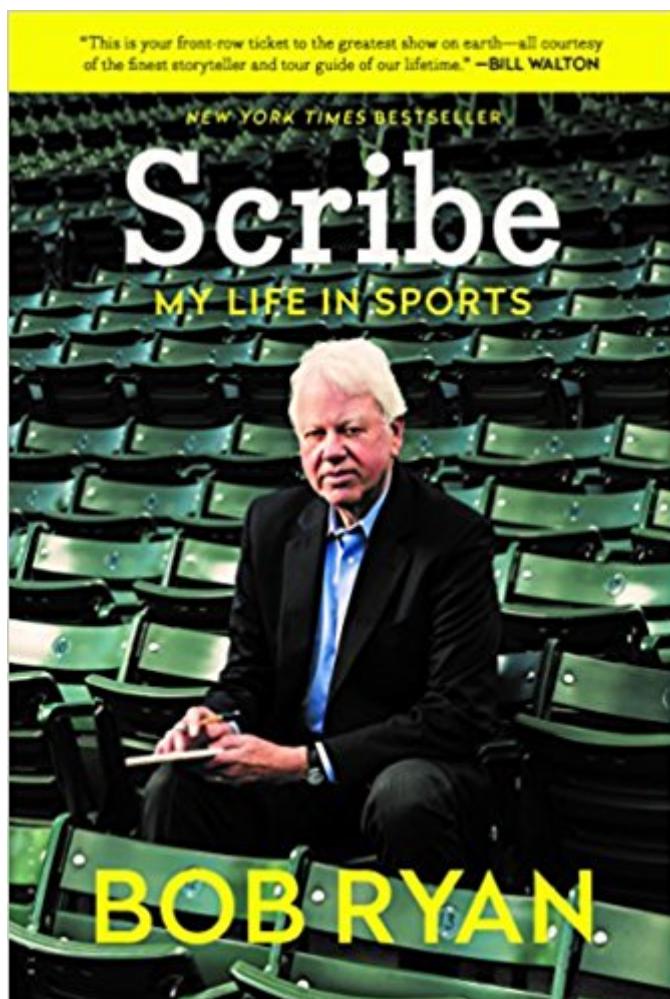


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# Scribe: My Life In Sports



## **Synopsis**

Ever since he joined the sports department of the Boston Globe in 1968, sports enthusiasts have been blessed with the writing and reporting of Bob Ryan. Tony Kornheiser calls him the "quintessential American sportswriter." For the past twenty-five years, he has also been a regular on various ESPN shows, especially The Sports Reporters, spreading his knowledge and enthusiasm for sports of all kinds. Born in 1946 in Trenton, New Jersey, Ryan cut his teeth going with his father to the Polo Grounds and Connie Mack Stadium, and to college basketball games at the Palestra in Philadelphia when it was the epicenter of the college game. As a young man, he became sports editor of his high school paper--and at age twenty-three, a year into his Boston Globe experience, he was handed the Boston Celtics beat as the Bill Russell era ended and the Dave Cowens one began. His all-star career was launched. Ever since, his insight as a reporter and skills as a writer have been matched by an ability to connect with people--players, management, the reading public--probably because, at heart, he has always been as much a fan as a reporter. More than anything, *Scribe* reveals the people behind the stories, as only Bob Ryan can, from the NBA to eleven Olympics to his surprising favorite sport to cover--golf--and much more. It is sure to be one of the most talked-about sports books of 2014, by one of the sports world's most admired journalists.

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Anyone who is a Boston Sport's Fan, knows of Bob Ryan. This is the story of his life as a sport's writer. It is not an up close and personal report of his life, but enough of his life is filtered through the lens so that you get a measure of the man. Bob was born in Trenton, NJ, in 1946. His first loves

were sports and music. He grew up during the late 50's and 60's when rock'n'roll was king. He started reading all about sports the local papers and then extended to any book he could get a hold of. He went to a private school as a young man. His mother worked at Lawrenceville, and that was his entree. From there he went to Boston College, and in 1968 he joined the sports department of the Boston Globe. Bob Ryan learned about sports from his father, when they went to the Polo Grounds and Connie Mack Stadium, and to college basketball games at the Palestra in Philadelphia. He became sports editor of his high school paper, and at age twenty-three, a year into his Boston Globe experience, he got the Boston Celtics as his own. This was the era of Dave Cowens, and Bob Ryan considered him one of the best players. Bob Ryan had great insight as a reporter and his skills as a writer were superb. He is also a people person, and he has the ability to connect with players, management, and his readers. From the Celtics, Bob Ryan moved to the Red Sox when Peter Gammons left the Globe to go to ESPN. Much of the book takes up his Celtic and Red Sox years, but he also loved every sport, hockey, football, and golf. He shares some stories of each sport, but the most relevant are the Celtics and Red Sox. He discusses the players, the out of town stories, the behind the scenes look at each sport. The personalities of the players, coaches, managers and owners all come into play.

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