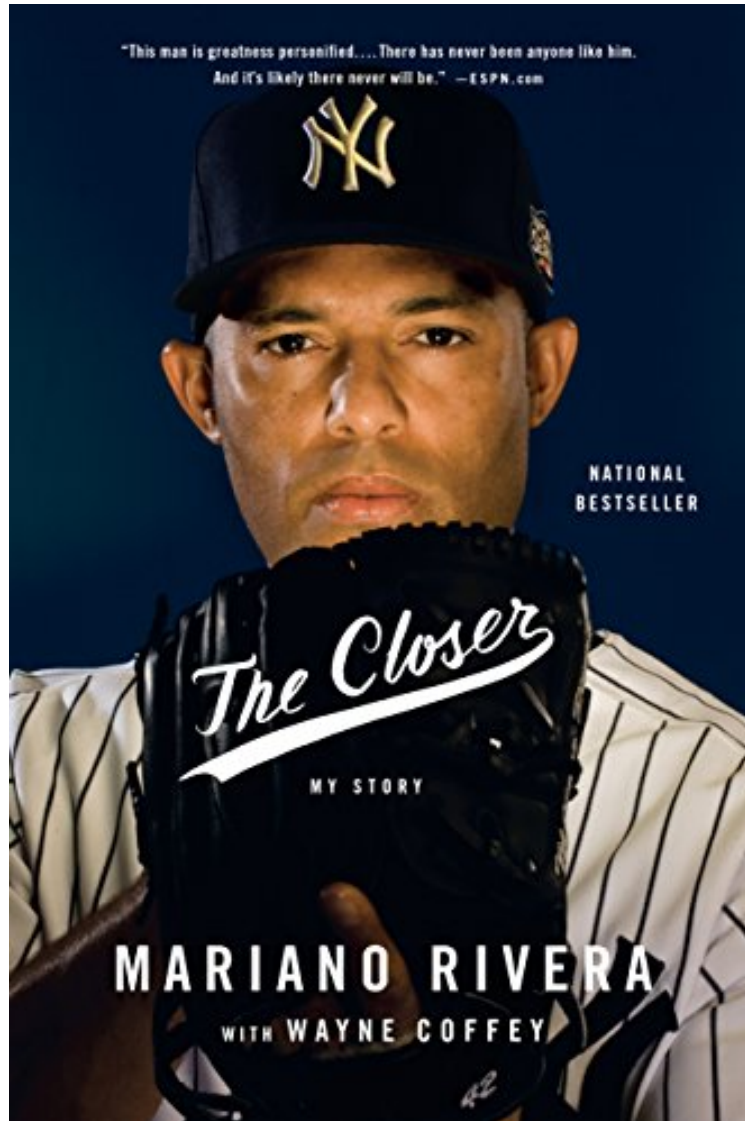


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Von Mariano Rivera : The Closer (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Closer (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Story about a man who despite not being too old already became a legendVon Helpful AdviceThe Closer is recently released autobiography of Yankees legendary reliever Mariano Rivera in which he shares with fans a story of his life and greatest love baseball.Rivera, born 1969, besides being one of the players that marked baseball history was also special due to his origins born in Panama, in a family of humble fisherman he was perfect symbol of American dream come

true. The beginning of his career resembles some Hollywood movie, Rivera's thinking about working as a mechanic until he was found out by a Yankees scout. Back then he didn't know how to speak English, he didn't have his own glove and Babe Ruth was a name that didn't mean anything to him. His baseball career started in Tampa and will end with him becoming a thirteen-time All-Star, a Yankees icon for time to come. In his book, that in my opinion is a bit too short with its 300 pages, besides all the expected things that Yankees fans are certainly eager to read, a reader can find numerous behind-the-scenes stories about the team managers and owners, about his teammates, rivalry with other players and teams, and probably most important, about his struggling to be a different sportsman who managed to preserve and cherish his values and beliefs, not forgetting about his origins. Rivera was finding strength in Clara, who he knew practically his whole life, and the other beloved ones which helped him going through even the saddest times of his career; in *The Closer* Rivera speaks about his desire to win, his composure that became his trademark along with his cut fastball. Therefore, if you like baseball and especially if you're a fan of Yankees Rivera's book is an absolute must-read which tells a story about one special man and his dream, that speaks about a man who despite not being too old already became a legend.

Kurzbeschreibung The greatest relief pitcher of all time shares his extraordinary story of survival, love, and baseball. Mariano Rivera, the man who intimidated thousands of batters merely by opening a bullpen door, began his incredible journey as the son of a poor Panamanian fisherman. When first scouted by the Yankees, he didn't even own his own glove. He thought he might make a good mechanic. When discovered, he had never flown in an airplane, had never heard of Babe Ruth, spoke no English, and couldn't imagine Tampa, the city where he was headed to begin a career that would become one of baseball's most iconic. What he did know: that he loved his family and his then girlfriend, Clara, that he could trust in the Lord to guide him, and that he could throw a baseball exactly where he wanted to, every time. With astonishing candor, Rivera tells the story of the championships, the bosses (including The Boss), the rivalries, and the struggles of being a Latino baseball player in the United States and of maintaining Christian values in professional athletics. The thirteen-time All-Star discusses his drive to win; the secrets behind his legendary composure; the story of how he discovered his cut fastball; the untold, pitch-by-pitch account of the ninth inning of Game 7 in the 2001 World Series; and why the lowest moment of his career became one of his greatest blessings. In *The Closer*, Rivera takes readers into the Yankee clubhouse, where his teammates are his brothers. But he also takes us on that jog from the bullpen to the mound, where the game -- or the season -- rests squarely on his shoulders. We come to understand the laserlike focus that is his hallmark, and how his faith and his family kept his feet firmly on the pitching rubber. Many of the tools he used so consistently and gracefully came from what was inside him for a very long time -- his deep passion for life; his enduring commitment to Clara, whom he met in kindergarten; and his innate sense for getting out of a jam. When Rivera retired, the whole world watched -- and cheered. In *The Closer*, we come to an even greater appreciation of a legend built from the ground up. **Pressestimmen** "This man is greatness personified.... There has never been anyone like this. And it's likely there never will be." -- ESPN.com "Mariano Rivera has become a kind of living god of baseball." -- New York Times **Werbetext** The memoir from the greatest relief pitcher of all time.