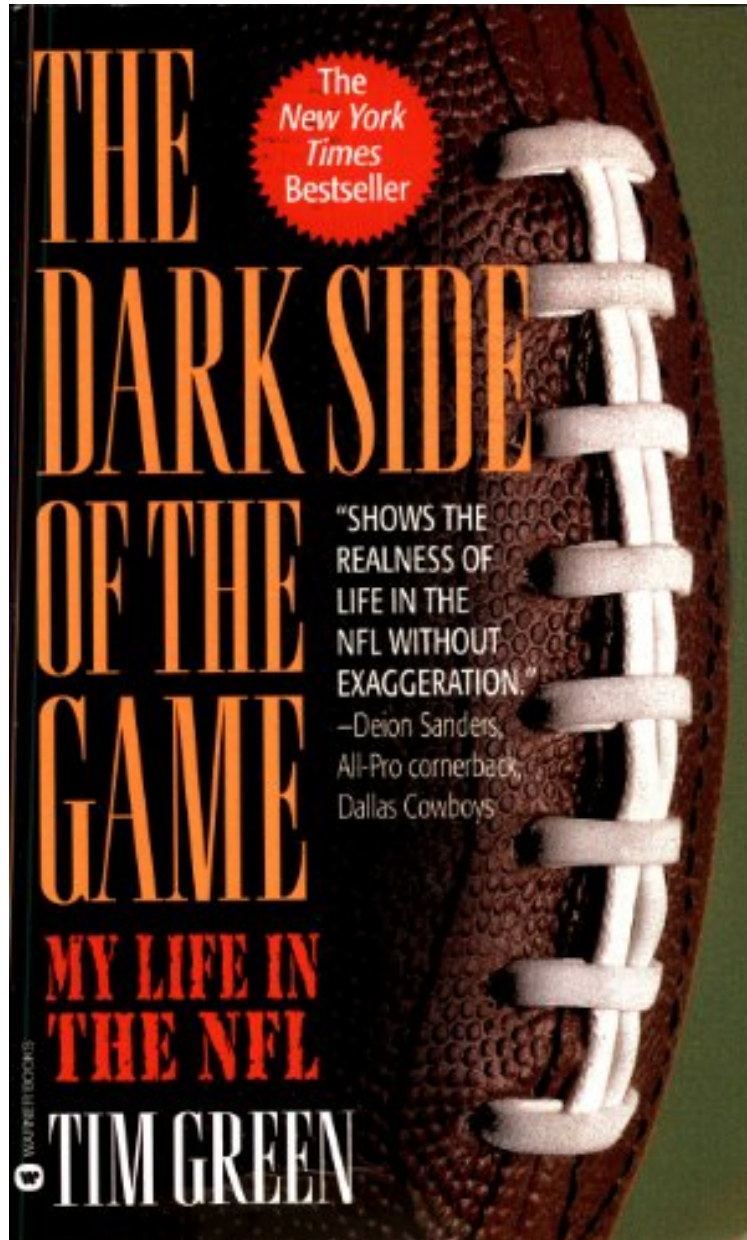


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einblick in den NFL-Alltag. Von Ein Kunde Tim Green gibt dem Leser in diesem Buch einen sehr guten einblick in den Alltag eines NFL-Profis. Er spricht sehr interessante Themen an wo man sich schon oft gefragt hat warum ist das so oder so. Es fällt auch durchaus positiv auf dass dies nicht das erste Buch von Tim Green ist. Das Buch ist nämlich wirklich sehr interessant geschrieben und nicht nur ein langweiliger Tatsachen Bericht. Das einzige was etwas komisch ist, ist der Titel des Buches, denn ich fand ihn etwas irreführend. Das hört sich mehr danach an als ob dieses Buch eine Art Abrechnung eines ehemaligen Profis ist oder als ob er in diesem Buch irgendwelche Enthüllungen machen würde. Das ist es aber nicht. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Serious Look At The Game Von Capt Howdy Tim Green is a former defensive end for the Atlanta Falcons. His autobiography of what he went through, saw, and felt in the National Football League is eye-opening. Most of the information in here is a well known fact, or has been thought to happen by many hard core fans and players. Mr. Green's confirmation of these facts make it all the more chilling. Some of the stories in here are quite amazing. One part of the book describes how players escaped the detection of steroid abuse. This novel is the most important, and best football book in my collection. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The View from the Broadcasting Booth by an Ex-NFLer Von Donald Mitchell Tim Green was an unusual defensive end for the Atlanta Falcons. He read books in the locker room and during team meetings. He went to law school in his spare time. He had a hard time gaining weight and keeping it on. He left the game with his body and his brain relatively unscrambled (despite many concussions and stingers), and took up a new career as a broadcaster for Fox. His book is a series of mini-essays on everything you always wanted to know about pro football, but never wanted to experience. It is a gripping tale of pain, broken bodies, shattered lives, and electric moments that will remain with you for the rest of your life. I would have graded the book higher, but he did seem to skirt some of the obvious problems that professional football players experience such as groupies and deliberate attempt to maim. On the other hand, I found the book more revealing and better balanced than the "hero" biographies and the "broken life" tales that pro players usually produce. It is the most enjoyable book I have read by a retired NFLer. If Mr. Green had also been retired from broadcasting when he wrote this, he probably could have been more candid. Perhaps an updated version will appear in the future. For those who are interested in Deion Sanders, the book has a very interesting portrait of the man which will add to your appreciation of his remarkable career and his character. Many of the most valuable parts of the book describe all of the things that teams do that create failure. Correctly, Mr. Green pinpoints the ultimate cause of these problems as being the owner. You have to have a coach and a general manager who want to have the same style of play. Only the owner can ensure that will happen. Two things were very new to me. First, the players find the game far more exciting than I would have ever imagined. Some of the descriptions are very vivid. Going into the stadium during the introductions is apparently way beyond an adrenaline rush. It is a feeling that most of us will never experience in our lives. Second, I was surprised by how much pain permeates the lives of the players. There's even a section encouraging you not to squeeze a player's or ex-player's hand hard in a handshake, because of the on-going pain they have from hand injuries. On television, the players all seem to be unaffected by pain. That's apparently an act. In reality, they wallow in pain. Because the book is broken up into different topics, you can skip to the subjects that interest you. But check out some that don't sound very interesting as well. Mr. Green has many valuable things to say. He is both intelligent and articulate. He also cares about improving the game. If you have sons, read the section about whether or not you should encourage them to play football. I don't buy his argument, however, that soccer causes more injuries than football. My experience as a soccer coach was just the opposite with the children and teenagers I knew. He obviously sympathizes with the players, which most fans do also. But he praises the praiseworthy wherever he finds them, and attacks many of the villains. After you read this book, I suggest that you think about how you could change your work to make it more exciting and valuable. If you don't like things as they are, change them!

Kurzbeschreibung Millions watch it. Billions are spent on it. Yet few fans know what life is really like in the NFL. Now an eight-year veteran of the game and a rising sports media superstar reveals for the first time the pathos, the horror, the abuses, and the wonder of the sport they call professional football. Fame and fortune, satisfaction, and thrills define the dream of playing in the NFL. But there's a dark side to that dream. And no one knows it better than Tim Green, former defensive end for the Atlanta Falcons, a featured color analyst for Fox Sports, and National Public Radio's weekly NFL commentator. Unreported things happen during the season when the player is on the field and on the sidelines and in the locker rooms. Unreported things also happen during the 149 days of the year when the player is not on the field. All of it takes its toll on the human body and spirit. In professional football, there is a price and it must be paid. Here's the play-by-play the NFL powers-that-be don't want you to know: The futility of training camp and the outrageous lengths players go to get out of it; The paradoxes of pain protection, goodbye padding, hello drugs; The untold war inside every team between the offensive and defensive squads; The truth about groupies and NFL players; The thriving perfect partnership between the mob and the NFL; What the salary cap really is and why players hate it; The best and worst places to play in the NFL; The score on racism, AIDS, gambling, steroids, and life after football. At

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