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Don't Put Me In, Coach

An irreverent critique of big-time NCAA

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basketball by the author of the popular Club Trillion blog describes how his ambition to become a doctor was sidelined so that that he could join the elite Buckeyes in spite of his lesser talents, which rendered him perpetually benched and ironically scouted by the Harlem Globetrotters.

The Red Bandanna

The 2015-16 season marked a significant moment in Clemson football history. Not only did the team play in its first national championship in thirty-four years, but the nation also finally took note of the burgeoning renaissance. When Dabo Swinney told a national television audience about his team's willingness to "bring your own guts" after an emotional win over Notre Dame, it was a spontaneous line to a television reporter in the delirious, rain-soaked aftermath of a landmark victory. But Swinney's comment also underscored the identity and drive that would fuel a truly special season. Larry Williams relays the intimate details of Swinney's life, his impact on Tiger Town and his mission to create an elite program on and off the field.

Pass It On

An all-access pass into the powerhouse teams and passionate fanbases of the legendary

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Southeastern Conference, from one of the most influential men in college football: ESPN's Paul Finebaum. Proud owner of 14 prestigious college football programs, producing seven consecutive national championships, twelve NFL first round draft choices, and a budget that crushes the GDP of Samoa, the Southeastern Conference collects the most coveted ratings, rankings, and revenue of any conference in college football. With its pantheon of illustrious alumni like Bear Bryant, Herschel Walker, Peyton Manning, and Nick Saban, the SEC is the altar at which millions of Americans worship every Saturday, from Texas to Kentucky to Florida. If the SEC is a religion, its deity is radio talk-show host Paul Finebaum. In *My Conference Can Beat Your Conference*, Finebaum, chronicles the rise of the SEC and his own unlikely path to college football fame. Finebaum offers his blunt wisdom on everything from Joe Paterno and the Penn State scandal to the relevancy of Alabama quarterback AJ McCarron's girlfriend, and chronicles the best of his beloved callers, and the worst of his haters. *My Conference Can Beat Your Conference* is illustrated with 8 pages of color photos.

Horns Up

Nebula Award-winning author Elizabeth Moon makes a triumphant return to science fiction with a thrilling series featuring Kylara

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Vatta, the daring hero of her acclaimed Vatta's War sequence. After nearly a decade away, Nebula Award-winning author Elizabeth Moon makes a triumphant return to science fiction with this installment in a thrilling new series featuring the daring hero of her acclaimed Vatta's War sequence. Summoned to the home planet of her family's business empire, space-fleet commander Kylara Vatta is told to expect a hero's welcome. But instead she is thrown into danger unlike any other she has faced and finds herself isolated, unable to communicate with the outside world, commanding a motley group of unfamiliar troops, and struggling day by day to survive in a deadly environment with sabotaged gear. Only her undeniable talent for command can give her ragtag band a fighting chance. Yet even as Ky leads her team from one crisis to another, her family and friends refuse to give up hope, endeavoring to mount a rescue from halfway around the planet—a task that is complicated as Ky and her supporters find secrets others will kill to protect: a conspiracy infecting both government and military that threatens not only her own group's survival but her entire home planet. Praise for Elizabeth Moon Trading in Danger "A mix of space opera, military science fiction and human drama, this is an exciting and often touching novel."—RT Book Reviews Marque and Reprisal "Excellent plotting and characters support the utterly realistic action sequences: swift, jolting, confusing,

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and merciless. It's a corker!"—Kirkus Reviews Engaging the Enemy "Moon has created a richly imagined universe of different cultures, replete with intriguing characters and the sense of unlimited possibility that characterizes the most appealing science fiction."—School Library Journal Command Decision "One of scifi's best military space series . . . confirms Moon's place with Lois McMaster Bujold and David Weber in the top tier of turn-of-the-millennium military SF writers."—Syfy Victory Conditions "Rip-roaring action and intriguing science and tactics distinguish Nebula winner Moon's fifth and final Vatta's War installment. . . . A fine and fitting conclusion to Moon's grand space opera tour de force."—Publishers Weekly

Cold Welcome

"The Great One" weaves memories of his legendary career with an inside look at the sport of professional hockey, and the heroes and stories that inspired him. From minor-hockey phenomenon to Hall of Fame sensation, Wayne Gretzky rewrote the record books, his accomplishments becoming the stuff of legend. Dubbed "The Great One," he is considered by many to be the greatest hockey player who ever lived. No one has seen more of the game than he has—but he has never discussed in depth just what it was he saw. For the first

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time, Gretzky discusses candidly what the game looks like to him and introduces us to the people who inspired and motivated him: mentors, teammates, rivals, the famous and the lesser known. Weaving together lives and moments from an extraordinary career, he reflects on the players who inflamed his imagination when he was a kid, the way he himself figured in the dreams of so many who came after; takes us onto the ice and into the dressing rooms to meet the friends who stood by him and the rivals who spurred him to greater heights; shows us some of the famous moments in hockey history through the eyes of someone who regularly made that history. Warm, direct, and revelatory, it is a book that gives us number 99, the man and the player, like never before. From the Hardcover edition.

Dabo's Dynasty

Renowned NFL analysts' tips to make football more accessible, colorful, and compelling than ever before More and more football fans are watching the NFL each week, but many of them don't know exactly what they should be watching. What does the offense's formation tell you about the play that's about to be run? When a quarterback throws a pass toward the sideline and the wide receiver cuts inside, which player is to blame? Why does a defensive end look like a Hall of Famer one

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week and a candidate for the practice squad the next? These questions and more are addressed in *Take Your Eye Off the Ball 2.0*, a book that takes readers deep inside the perpetual chess match between offense and defense. This book provides clear and simple explanations to the intricacies and nuances that affect the outcomes of every NFL game. This updated edition contains recent innovations from the 2015 NFL season.

Clemson University Football Vault

A recap of the Clemson Tigers journey to the college football playoffs. From the preseason to the quarterback controversy, beating the South Carolina Gamecocks five straight seasons, winning a fourth straight ACC title and making the College Football Playoff for a fourth straight season, this book is a chronicle of the entire 2018 season. From behind the scenes stories to game recaps and more, this is the must-have book for Tiger fans and football fans alike.

If These Walls Could Talk: Clemson Tigers

One of the more dynamic characters of his time, John Old Smoke Morrissey made his way from undefeated bare-knuckle boxer to found the Saratoga Race Course and win elections to Congress and the New York State Senate. A

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poor, uneducated Irish immigrant, Morrissey became a leader in the Dead Rabbits street gang. He won fame as a fighter and fortune as the operator of a string of successful gambling houses. He then took Saratoga Springs by storm. He improbably resurrected thoroughbred racing during the Civil War and opened his famous Club House, the most glamorous casino the country had ever seen. Author Brien Bouyea chronicles the incomparable life of a true American legend."

Getting to Us

A revelatory account based on the authors' unprecedented access to the NCAA's highest-level programs throughout the 2012 season describes its high-powered system of billion-dollar television deals, high-priced coaches, football "hostessing," castoff athlete-students, and paid test takers.

NFL Football in the Nutshell

Chronicling the Clemson Tigers from the national championship in 1981 to the college football playoff in 2015, the authors provide insight into the Tigers' inner sanctum as only members of the Clemson athletic department can. Whether you're a fan from the Danny Ford era or a new supporter of Dabo Swinney, this book is the perfect read for anyone who bleeds orange and regalia.

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Honor on the Line

Welles Crowther didn't see himself as a hero. He was just an ordinary kid who played sports, volunteered for the fire department in his town, and eventually headed off to college and then to Wall Street to start a career. Throughout it all, he always kept a red bandanna in his pocket, a gift from his father when he was little. On September 11, 2001, Welles was at his job on the 104th floor of the South Tower of the World Trade Center when the Twin Towers were attacked. What he did next would alter the course of many lives. That day, the legend of the Man in the Red Bandanna was born. Award-winning ESPN reporter Tom Rinaldi brings Welles's inspirational story of selflessness and compassion to life in this young readers' adaptation of his New York Times bestselling book. SEE LESS

Clemson Football Vault

Untamed is the inside story of Clemson's dominant 2018 football season and second national championship in three years, featuring stunning action photography, stories, and analysis from The Greenville News and the Independent Mail. There was no holding back the Tigers in 2018. Clemson's triumph over rival Alabama in Santa Clara capped a historic 15-0 season. Behind

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breakout freshman quarterback Trevor Lawrence, a stout defense, and a strong rushing game, Coach Dabo Swinney's team emerged as one of the nation's powerhouses with statement wins over Syracuse and Florida State before topping Pittsburgh in the ACC Championship game to earn a spot in the College Football Playoff, where they trounced Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl to set up the Championship Game rematch with Alabama. From the nail-biter against Texas A&M to the transition at quarterback to the ecstasy of the championship celebration against the Crimson Tide in 2019, Untamed is the perfect souvenir for any Tigers fan. This commemorative edition also includes features on Lawrence, Travis Etienne, the stellar defensive line, and more!

99: Stories of the Game

This is the book that teaches you the Ins and Outs of NFL football without all the confusing and complex football terms. Start with bare basics and move along from there.

Rudy Ruettiger

The Crimson Tide is one of the most storied and decorated football programs in NCAA history—since its inception in 1892, the program has claimed 14 National Championship titles, all of which are explored in this

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essential guide, along with the personalities, events, and facts that any and every Tide fan should know. The book zeros in on critical moments, such as when running back Mark Ingram became the first Alabama player to win the Heisman Trophy in 2009, despite the team being led to six championships from 1958 to 1982 by the celebrated coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, as well as key figures from the college's history that include coaches Gene Stallings and Nick Saban and players Joe Namath, Ozzie Newsome, and Derrick Thomas. More than a century of team history is distilled to highlight the absolute best and most compelling moments, identifying in an informative and lively way the personalities, events, and facts that have all come together to make Crimson Tide the powerhouse that it is. This updated version includes highlights from the 2009 and 2011 championship seasons and features key players from the past four years.

The System

Young, bright and sexy, Carla Vitale has been handpicked to run Supertech, Africa's leading independent Engineering firm. Then one Friday afternoon in Cape Town, her dream is shattered. Her boss and mentor, Nial Townley, disappears, his luxury vehicle is found in a crevice at the bottom of Chapman's Peak and \$USD 20m is missing from the Supertech's

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overseas accounts. Three months later and the police are no closer to solving the riddle. No job, no car, no phone, Carla turns to the one person she believes can help: software hacker turned day-trader, Daniel Le Fleur. But Le Fleur's maintaining a low profile in Bantry Bay and he's in no mood to ruin the serendipity. After a successful career in Information Technology, Peter Church's first crime novel, *Dark Video*, was published in South Africa and Australia in 2008. He has since published *Bitter Pill*, a crime thriller, and *Blue Cow Sky*, "a novella of sexual proportions," both in South Africa. Church is a member of SA PEN. He lives in Cape Town with his wife, the artist Paula Church, and three children. *Crackerjack* is his debut in North America.

Dabo Swinney

Former Clemson coach Charley Pell once said that the outcome of the Carolina-Clemson rivalry "decides who walks down the street as state champion and who hides in a closet for a year." That's the way it goes in the Palmetto State when these two football teams get together. Playing for the first time in 1896 on a soggy day at the state fair in Columbia, the Gamecocks and the Tigers began a tradition that has lasted over a century. Join award-winning sportswriters Travis Haney and Larry Williams as they recount the

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greatest moments of the longest uninterrupted series in the South, with firsthand accounts from coaches, players and spectators.

Classic Clashes of the Carolina-Clemson Football Rivalry

Presently, there is an intense race throughout the world to develop good enough thermoelectric materials which can be used in wide scale applications. This book focuses comprehensively on very recent up-to-date breakthroughs in thermoelectrics utilizing nanomaterials and methods based in nanoscience. Importantly, it provides the readers with methodology and concepts utilizing atomic scale and nanoscale materials design (such as superlattice structuring, atomic network structuring and properties control, electron correlation design, low dimensionality, nanostructuring, etc.). Furthermore, also indicates the applications of thermoelectrics expected for the large emerging energy market. This book has a wide appeal and application value for anyone being interested in state-of-the-art thermoelectrics and/or actual viable applications in nanotechnology.

The Football Coaching Bible

"It always bothered me that Aasif was more than merely funny-he's also a great actor.

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Now I've learned he's an amazing storyteller as well, and I am furious . . . but also grateful. Aasif's movement between cultures and genres is what makes him and his story singularly funny, poignant, and essential." - John Hodgman, author of *The Areas of My Expertise* and *More Information Than You Require* "My father moved our family to the United States because of a word. It was a word whose meaning fascinated him. It was a singularly American word, a fat word, a word that could only be spoken with decadent pride. That word was . . . Brunch! 'The beauty of America,' he would say, 'is they have so much food, that between breakfast and lunch they have to stop and eat again.'" -from "International House of Patel" If you're an Indo-Muslim-British-American actor who has spent more time in bars than mosques over the past few decades, turns out it's a little tough to explain who you are or where you are from. In *No Land's Man* Aasif Mandvi explores this and other conundrums through stories about his family, ambition, desire, and culture that range from dealing with his brunch-obsessed father, to being a high-school-age Michael Jackson impersonator, to joining a Bible study group in order to seduce a nice Christian girl, to improbably becoming America's favorite Muslim/Indian/Arab/Brown/Doctor correspondent on *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart. This is a book filled with passion, discovery, and humor. Mandvi hilariously and poignantly

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describes a journey that will resonate with anyone who has had to navigate his or her way in the murky space between lands. Or anyone who really loves brunch.

100 Things Crimson Tide Fans Should Know and Do Before They Die

Precise and accurate localization is one of the fundamental scientific and engineering technologies needed for the applications enabling the emergence of the Smart World and the Internet of Things (IoT). Popularity of localization technology began when the GPS became open for commercial applications in early 1990's. Since most commercial localization applications are for indoors and GPS does not work indoors, the discovery of opportunistic indoor geolocation technologies began in mid-1990's. Because of complexity and diversity of science and technology involved in indoor Geolocation, this area has emerged as its own discipline over the past two decades. At the time of this writing, received signal strength (RSS) based Wi-Fi localization is dominating the commercial market complementing cell tower localization and GPS technologies using the time of arrival (TOA) technology. Wi-Fi localization technology takes advantage of the random deployment of Wi-Fi devices worldwide to support indoor and urban area localization for hundreds of thousands of applications on

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smart devices. Public safety and military applications demand more precise localization for first responders and military applications deploy specialized infrastructure for more precise indoor geolocation. To enhance the performance both industries are examining hybrid localization techniques. Hybrid algorithms use a variety of sensors to measure the speed and direction of movement and integrate them with the absolute radio frequency localization. Indoor Geolocation Science and Technology is a multidisciplinary book that presents the fundamentals of opportunistic localization and navigation science and technology used in different platforms such as: smart devices, unmanned ground and flying vehicles, and existing cars operating as a part of intelligent transportation systems. Material presented in the book are beneficial for the Electrical and Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Robotics Engineering, Biomedical Engineering or other disciplines who are interested in integration of navigation into their multi-disciplinary projects. The book provides examples with supporting MATLAB codes and hands-on projects throughout to improve the ability of the readers to understand and implement variety of algorithms. It can be used for both academic education, as a textbook with problem sets and projects, and the industrial training, as a practical reference book for professionals involved in design and performance

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evaluation. The author of this book has pioneering research experience and industrial exposure in design and performance evaluation of indoor geolocation based on empirical measurement and modeling of the behavior of the radio propagation in indoor areas and inside the human body. The presentation of the material is based on examples of research and development that his students have performed in his laboratory, his teaching experiences as a professor, and his experiences as a technical consultant to successful startup companies.

Nick Saban vs. College Football

As the stadium rocked and swayed with the energy of thousands of fans and a TV audience of millions Dabo sat quietly at the front of his team. They knew what the "experts" thought would happen, but Dabo also knew he had dealt with tougher opponents and came out successful. Dabo Swinney is something of the poster boy for college football coaches. An energetic football coach who openly talks about his love of his players and embraces the fun of the game, while other coaches sit stone-faced and act as professionals. In *Bring Your Own Guts* you will hear the path that has lead Dabo to one of the highest paid, and most successful, football coaches, in the country. You will learn how he used his faith and family to persevere through tough times,

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and how he uses these lessons to build his team and mold the young men who have been put in his charge.

So Many Christians, So Few Lions

How math can be used to improve performance and predict outcomes in professional sports

Mathletics is a remarkably entertaining book that shows readers how to use simple mathematics to analyze a range of statistical and probability-related questions in professional baseball, basketball, and football, and in sports gambling. How does professional baseball evaluate hitters? Is a singles hitter like Wade Boggs more valuable than a power hitter like David Ortiz? Should NFL teams pass or run more often on first downs? Could professional basketball have used statistics to expose the crooked referee Tim Donaghy? Does money buy performance in professional sports? In Mathletics, Wayne Winston describes the mathematical methods that top coaches and managers use to evaluate players and improve team performance, and gives math enthusiasts the practical tools they need to enhance their understanding and enjoyment of their favorite sports—and maybe even gain the outside edge to winning bets. Mathletics blends fun math problems with sports stories of actual games, teams, and players, along with personal anecdotes from Winston's work as a sports consultant.

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Winston uses easy-to-read tables and illustrations to illuminate the techniques and ideas he presents, and all the necessary math concepts—such as arithmetic, basic statistics and probability, and Monte Carlo simulations—are fully explained in the examples. After reading *Mathletics*, you will understand why baseball teams should almost never bunt, why football overtime systems are unfair, why points, rebounds, and assists aren't enough to determine who's the NBA's best player—and much, much more. In a new epilogue, Winston discusses the stats and numerical analysis behind some recent sporting events, such as how the Dallas Mavericks used analytics to become the 2011 NBA champions.

Hidden History of Gamecocks Football

Praise for *THE RIGHT STOCK AT THE RIGHT TIME*

"It is a fundamentally good time to consider the strategies in this book. Macro-market timing, stock-specific approaches, money management revelations, and intermarket analysis. Even better that it is written by someone who has actually done it himself."

—Lindsay Glass Global Market Timing

Specialist, Bloomberg LP "This book delivers a knock-out punch to investor pessimism, with an uppercut of bullishness and hard facts."

—Ray Mercer Former World Heavyweight Champion "The stock market is a major stream of income and

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Williams clearly shows the best time and stocks to buy." –Robert Allen, New York Times bestselling financial author and millionaire maker "No other book on the horizon comes close to this one. Larry lets you stand on his shoulders and view the market from the vantage of a master." –Yale Hirsch Chairman, The Hirsch Organization Inc.

Crackerjack

Rudy Ruettiger: The Walk On explores the real life of Daniel "Rudy" Ruettiger, the inspiration behind the iconic sports film, Rudy. Rudy Ruettiger first overcame the odds by being accepted to the University of Notre Dame. Because he was dyslexic and got poor grades in school, he had to find another way. He continued to accomplish his dream by becoming a walk-on player for the football team, culminating in being able to dress for just one game and leading to an epic sack that has inspired generations of fans in the beloved sports movie. However, there was still so much of Rudy's story to tell. Emmy® award-winning Director and Producer Nick Nanton presents Rudy Ruettiger: The Walk On, using the full dialogue and cinematic images from the feature documentary film of the same title, to examine the Rudy story everyone knows and loves to provide further depth and detail about Rudy's past struggles and triumphs at Notre Dame, as well as what it

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took to get that story onto film.

Furthermore, Rudy Ruettiger: The Walk On elaborates on who Rudy has become and how he still serves as an inspiration today. Whether you're looking for insider information on the actual story behind a favorite sports figure, or you're hoping to find some continued inspiration in Rudy's story, this tell-all has something special hidden amongst its pages for you.

Mathletics

Since moving from Brooklyn to Los Angeles in 1958, the Dodgers have had an eventful—and frequently successful—history. From playing in the 100,000-seat Coliseum to five World Series titles, from Fernandomania to Mannywood, and from Sandy Koufax to Clayton Kershaw, the Boys in Blue have long been a team to watch. This history of the Dodgers provides a closer look at the great moments and the lowlights that have made them one of the seminal teams in the major leagues.

Through multiple interviews conducted with current and former players, readers will meet the athletes, coaches, and management and share in their moments of triumph and defeat. The author recalls key moments in Dodgers history such as the building and breakup of the Garvey-Lopes-Russell-Cey infield, the sad decline of Steve Howe, the amazing comeback at the tail-end of the 1980 season, and the

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Frank McCourt saga. If These Walls Could Talk: Los Angeles Dodgers brings the storied history of the team come to life.

The Journey to the Top

When coach Nick Saban arrived in Tuscaloosa in 2007, he boldly proclaimed "We want to be a champion in everything that we do." Since that time, Alabama has won three national championships and become the nation's number one destination for recruits and the top source of NFL talent while simultaneously graduating its players. No other program has won more games, captured more awards, or come close to approaching the kind of consistent success as the Crimson Tide. In Nick Saban vs. College Football, author Christopher Walsh not only explains what separates Saban from his peers and compares his accomplishments to some of the all-time legends, but tells why, if there were a Mount Rushmore of college football coaches, Saban's face would already be on it. From his upbringing in West Virginia to his relationship with legendary coach Bill Belichick, "the process" has not only led to Saban having a statue along Alabama's "Walk of Champions" in front of Bryant-Denny Stadium, but the establishment of a new standard that may be unparalleled in college football history.

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Take Your Eye Off the Ball 2.0

This special Collector's Vault includes more than just behind-the-scenes photo and insightful text. Tucked into pockets and envelopes you'll find replicas of amazing memorabilia: bumper stickers, programs, tickets, and more. Designed as a treasured scrapbook, this hardbound book takes you through Clemson's fascinating history. So much more is waiting for you in a one-of-a-kind collectible!

Thermoelectric Nanomaterials

For the last twenty-five years, the most dominant offensive strategy in college football has been the spread offense, which relies on empty backfields, lots of receivers and passing, and no huddles between plays. Where the spread offense started, why it took so long to take hold, and the evolution of its many variations are the much-debated mysteries that Bart Wright sets about solving in this book. Football Revolution recovers a key, overlooked, part of the story. The book reveals how Jack Neumeier, a high school football coach in California in the 1970s, built an offensive strategy around a young player named John Elway, whose father was a coach at nearby California State University, Northridge. One of the elder Elway's assistant coaches, Dennis Erickson, then

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borrowed Neumeier's innovations and built on them, bringing what we now know as the spread offense onto the national stage at the University of Miami in the 1980s. With Erickson's career as a lens, this book shows how the inspiration of a high school coach became the dominant offense in college football, prepping a whole generation of quarterbacks for the NFL and forever changing the way the game is played.

Football Revolution

From the beginning of the season, Dabo Swinney's rallying cry was "joy." Each week for opponents, though, was another joyless occasion against a big orange machine that found its high gear midseason. The results shook the foundation of college football. In 2015 and 2016, the Tigers needed to bring their own guts to achieve great things. In Swinney's tenth season, they brought their own sledgehammers. Larry Williams, who has covered Clemson and Swinney since 2004, unearths revealing anecdotes from Dabo's tenure and shares how a season dominated by Alabama hype ended up overwhelmed by a Clemson tide.

Indoor Geolocation Science and Technology

College football hotbeds are scattered across

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the country, from Alabama, Oklahoma, Notre Dame and Michigan. When you think of the greatest college football programs in the modern era, those schools come immediately to mind. But none of them did what North Dakota State did from 2011-15 and that is to win five straight national championships, in NDSU's case at the Division I Football Championship Subdivision level (formerly known as Division I-AA). In fact, nobody at any level of college football has ever won five straight. The Bison did it with a unique toughness, including farm kids from the Midwest who were used to working 18-hour days before taking one step on the Fargo, N.D., campus. They did it with a work ethic and an unusual devotion and love to their hard-driving strength and conditioning coach. It didn't come without some hard knocks. The Bison went 3-8 in 2009, one year after becoming fully eligible for Division I athletics after making the transition from Division II. They lost their head coach during the 2013 title run, a change that was met with resistance and tension within the coaching staff that filtered down to the players. From 2011-15, Alabama won 62 games, Florida State 58, Oregon 57 and Clemson and Ohio State 56 each. North Dakota State, with its collection of lightly-regarded players primarily from the states of North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin, won 71. Since moving to Division I, NDSU went 8-3 against bigger FBS schools with wins against the likes of

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Minnesota (twice), Kansas State, Iowa State and Colorado State. They had some stars, like in 2011 when a quarterback from Bismarck Century with a few scholarship offers decided to stay in-state and attend NDSU. Four years later, Carson Wentz was the second overall pick of the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFL Draft. The national media paid attention. ESPN's "College GameDay" came to Fargo two straight years and the network developed a love affair with the city. "Horns Up" is a story of a football program that came out of nowhere. It's a story nobody could have predicted.

Clemson Tough: Guts and Glory Under Dabo Swinney

What makes a coach great? How do great coaches turn a collection of individuals into a coherent "us"? Seth Davis, one of the keenest minds in sports journalism, has been thinking about that question for twenty-five years. It's one of the things that drove him to write the definitive biography of college basketball's greatest coach, John Wooden, *Wooden: A Coach's Life*. But John Wooden coached a long time ago. The world has changed, and coaching has too, tremendously. Seth Davis decided to embark on a proper investigation to get to the root of the matter. In *Getting to Us*, Davis probes and prods the best of the best from the landscape

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of active coaches of football and basketball, college and pro—from Urban Meyer, Dabo Swinney, and Jim Harbaugh to Mike Krzyzewski, Tom Izzo, Jim Boeheim, Brad Stevens, Geno Auriemma, and Doc Rivers—to get at the fundamental ingredients of greatness in the coaching sphere. There's no single right way, of course—part of the great value of this book is Davis's distillation of what he has learned about different types of greatness in coaching, and what sort of leadership thrives in one kind of environment but not in others. Some coaches have thrived at the college level but not in the pros. Why? What's the difference? Some coaches are stern taskmasters, others are warm and cuddly; some are brilliant strategists but less emotionally involved with their players, and with others it's vice versa. In *Getting to Us*, we come to feel a deep connection with the most successful and iconic coaches in all of sports—big winners and big characters, whose stories offer much of enduring interest and value.

Untamed

Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson is one of the most promising young players in the NFL, but he believes that true success lies in leading his team from a perspective of service. In this inspiring, practical book, Deshaun illustrates how the seven

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qualities of a servant leader can lead to a more successful life. Deshaun Watson was only eleven when his family received a house from Atlanta Falcons running back Warrick Dunn through Dunn's charity, Homes for the Holidays. But that early gift left a lasting impression, teaching Deshaun that generosity and service to others are important parts of true success. Now a star in his own right, and the most promising young player in the NFL, Deshaun reveals the lessons that have guided him throughout his life. From Deshaun's early days in Gainesville, Georgia, where he nursed his mother through cancer, to his years at Clemson—where he graduated in three years while being nominated for the Heisman twice—to his first few seasons in the NFL, Deshaun has distinguished himself as a leader by putting the others first. In *Pass It On*, Deshaun opens up about the seven core values that have guided him on his own journey. Generosity Empathy Self-Sacrifice Service Commitment Strength Values in Action Interweaving stories from his life with practical advice that every reader can apply, Deshaun demonstrates how true strength lies in putting others first.

If These Walls Could Talk: Los Angeles Dodgers

So Many Christians, So Few Lions is a provocative look at anti-Christian sentiments

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in America. Drawing on both quantitative and qualitative research, authors George Yancey and David A. Williamson show that even though (or perhaps because) Christianity is the dominant religion in the United States, bias against Christians also exists—particularly against conservative Christians—and that this bias is worth understanding. The book does not attempt to show the prevalence of anti-Christian sentiments—called Christianophobia—but rather to document it, to dig into where and how it exists, to explore who harbors these attitudes, and to examine how this bias plays itself out in everyday life. Excerpts from the authors' interviews highlight the fear and hatred that some people harbor towards Christians, especially the Christian right, and the ways these people exhibit elements of bigotry, prejudice, and dehumanization. The authors argue that understanding anti-Christian bias is important for understanding some social dynamics in America, and they offer practical suggestions to help reduce religious intolerance of all kinds.

The Danny Ford Years at Clemson: Romping and Stomping

From an award-winning sports journalist and college football expert: “A beautifully written mix of memoir and reportage that tracks college ball through fourteen key

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games, giving depth and meaning to all” (Sports Illustrated), now with a new Afterword about the first ever College Football Playoff. Every Saturday in the fall, it happens: On college campuses, in bars, at gatherings of fervent alumni, millions come together to watch a sport that inspires a uniquely American brand of passion and outrage. This is college football. Since the first contest in 1869, the game has grown from a stratified offshoot of rugby to a ubiquitous part of our national identity. Right now, as college conferences fracture and grow, as amateur athlete status is called into question, as a playoff system threatens to replace big-money bowl games, we’re in the midst of the most dramatic transitional period in the history of the sport. Season of Saturdays examines the evolution of college football, including the stories of iconic coaches like Woody Hayes, Joe Paterno, and Knute Rockne; and programs like the USC Trojans, the Michigan Wolverines, and the Alabama Crimson Tide. Michael Weinreb considers the inherent violence of the game, its early seeds of big-business greed, and its impact on institutions of higher learning. He explains why college football endures, often despite itself. Filtered through journalism and research, as well as the author’s own recollections as a fan, Weinreb celebrates some of the greatest games of all time while revealing their larger significance. “Wry, quirky, fascinatingThis

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surely is one of the most enjoyable books of the college football season Weinreb wrestles in captivating prose with the violence, hypocrisy, and corruption that are endemic to the sport at its most cutthroat level" (The Plain Dealer, Cleveland).

Season of Saturdays

It was the fall of 1940, and Americans turned to college football for relief from the turbulent world around them. The Depression still had its grip on the nation and, across the Atlantic, the Battle of Britain raged. As war crept closer every day, the nations first peacetime draft called Americans to the defense of the country. While the great Tom Harmon of Michigan set new standards on the gridiron, on other fields black stars struggled for the right to play. At Stanford, coaching genius Clark Shaughnessy reinvented the game and in the process engineered the greatest turnaround in the history of college football. But the team everybody was talking about was Cornell. Fueled by the most powerful offense in the country, the Big Red dominated the national rankings until, on a snowy field at Dartmouth, they eked out a win with a touchdown on the last play of the game or did they? When it came to light that the touchdown had been scored on a grievous error by the officials, Cornell, undefeated and in the race for the national

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championship, faced a wrenching decision. The 1940 season was one of the most exciting on record and one that taught America about the values that really matter.

Bare Knuckles & Saratoga Racing

The last time Danny Ford spit tobacco juice on a Clemson sideline was Dec. 30, 1989. Yet Ford has become more beloved as time has distanced the Tigers from the glory he orchestrated in eleven years as the team's football coach. It began in December of 1978 when a young, obscure offensive line coach took over a heartbroken fan base. It ended in January of 1990 under a cloud of controversy and mystery that has not yet been completely resolved. In between, Ford led Clemson on a wild and unforgettable ride. Award-winning sportswriter Larry Williams presents, for the first time in book form, the definitive story of Ford's complicated, compelling Clemson tenure.

My Conference Can Beat Your Conference

Since the earliest days of football, the Gamecocks have helped make the sport a favorite in the Palmetto State. In the early 1900s, the team joined many other schools banning college football because of the injuries and deaths nationwide. Martha Williams Brice donated \$2.75 million from her

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estate to help bring about an aggressive and overdue expansion. After executing one dazzling play after another and surviving three down-to-the-wire games in ACC play, the Gamecocks won their first and only conference championship in 1969. Author David Caraviello offers a behind-the-scenes look at Gamecock football history.

How You Say It

The Right Stock at the Right Time

No Land's Man

When Dabo Swinney officially took over Clemson football for the 2009 season, it was considered a good program that couldn't quite recapture the greatness of the Danny Ford era. Dabo had spent his entire life as an underdog, but his defiant grit pushed him past personal hardships and professional adversity. His simple formula—faith, family, forgiveness, fortitude, and fun—pushed the Clemson football program past its potential and to the next level, taking the Tigers to 10 bowl games and four ACC championships, earning three College Football Playoff appearances, and most importantly, capturing the 2016 national championship. In *Top of the Hill: Dabo Swinney and Clemson's Rise to*

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College Football Greatness, Greenville News sports columnist and Clemson insider Manie Robinson traces Dabo's coaching ascension along Clemson football's return to glory, going behind the scenes of one of the powerhouse programs in the country.

Top of the Hill

From “one of the most brilliant young psychologists of her generation” (Paul Bloom), a groundbreaking examination of how speech causes some of our deepest social divides—and how it can help us overcome them. We gravitate toward people like us; it’s human nature. Race, class, and gender shape our social identities, and thus who we perceive as “like us” or “not like us”. But one overlooked factor can be even more powerful: the way we speak. As the pioneering psychologist Katherine Kinzler reveals in *How You Say It*, the way we talk is central to our social identity because our speech largely reflects the voices we heard as children. We can change how we speak to some extent, whether by “code-switching” between dialects or learning a new language; over time, your speech even changes to reflect your evolving social identity and aspirations. But for the most part, we are forever marked by our native tongue—and are hardwired to prejudge others by theirs, often with serious consequences. Your accent alone can determine

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the economic opportunity or discrimination you encounter in life, making speech one of the most urgent social-justice issues of our day. Our linguistic differences present challenges, Kinzler shows, but they also can be a force for good. Humans can benefit from being exposed to multiple languages –a paradox that should inspire us to master this ancient source of tribalism, and rethink the role that speech plays in our society.

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