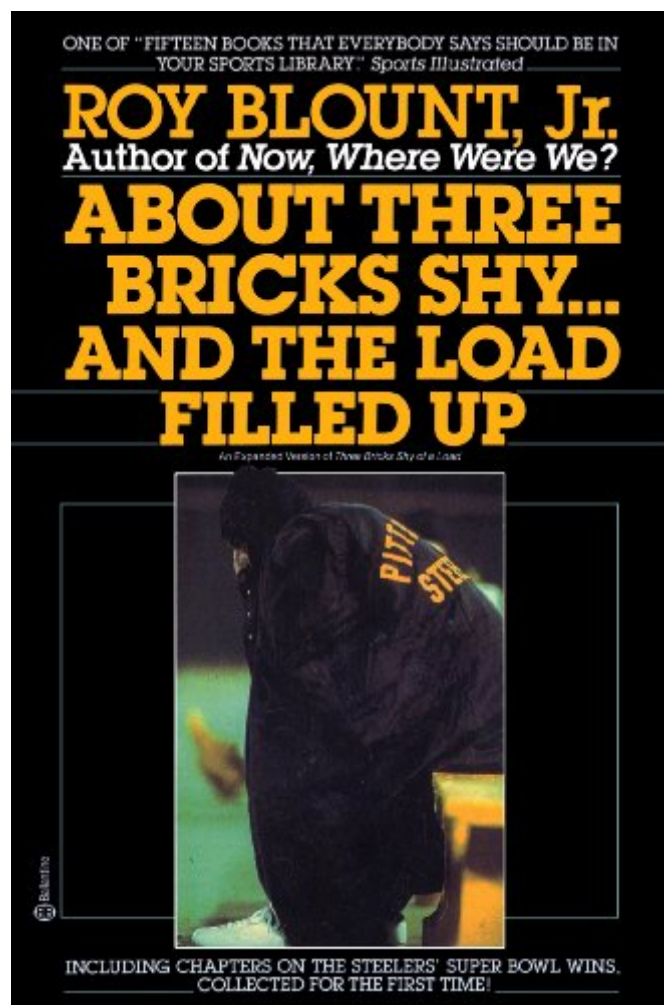


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Synopsis

Any number of writers could spend an entire season with an NFL team, from the first day of training camp until the last pick of the draft, and come up with an interesting book. But only Roy Blount Jr. could capture the pain, the joy, the fears, the humor "in short, the heart" of a championship team. In 1973, the Pittsburgh Steelers were super, but missed the bowl. Blount's portrait of a team poised to dominate the NFL for more than a decade recounts the gridiron accomplishments and off-the-field lives of players, coaches, wives, fans, and owners.

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Customer Reviews

This book is one of the best sports books I have read. Blount spent a year with the Steelers. The season he writes about was the year after the Immaculate Reception. This was the season before their first Super Bowl win. Many of the Steeler players and their coach went on to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. At the time of the book they were young and just beginning to make their mark. It was interesting to read about their struggles and woes knowing that they would go on to be among the greatest of all time.

this is the classic football book, on a par with jim bouton's "ball four." it should be enjoyable for any football fan, but fans of the 4-time super bowl winners should be especially appreciative of this chronicle of the team written during the year of franco's "immaculate reception." it is extraordinarily funny and informative, eye-opening even. this being said, it was no pleasure trying to struggle through all the mistakes that were made, either by the author or by this current publisher, the university of pittsburgh press (i am inclined to blame the publisher.) this is the 30th anniversary edition for pete's sake. can't you get it right after 30 years? it is so bad that the publisher even misspells the city in which it is located, pittsburgh pennsylvania has an "h" folks. you're not in kansas anymore.but if you can get past the fact that you might have to read several sentences, maybe even paragraphs, an extra time or two to be sure what the author means, this is one great story.

very insightful, entertaining,behind the scenes look at the storied Steelers in their heyday,the70s.Historical background of the team and football culture in general in the era before big money and free agency changed the face of football.writer is very irreverent and and is a real wordsmith,but he was there throughout a season with the team, which makes it all the more delightful.

This book is a classic. It gives the reader a feeling of what it was like in the "old Pittsburgh" of the late 1960's and early 1970's. And gives you an inside look at the birth of the best football team that ever played. And most importantly, the birth of the infamous "Steel Curtain defense". I really believe that parts of this book could be made into a full length feature film that all sports, and movie fans would enjoy. This story will explain the blood and sweat connection between the real Pittsburgh fans and their football team. Because of the people that worked in the huge steel mills, and all of the great NFL football players that were born in that area. It's a connection between the fans and the team that is unmatched in american sports.

It was a very insightful story of the beginning core of the greatest assembled bunch of players and coaches on one NFL team!!

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