

Press Release



The Best American Sports Writing 2001

Edited by Bud Collins and Glenn Stout

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The Tenth Anniversary Edition of the Premier Sports Anthology

"I suppose writers and players have ever conducted an adversarial relationship of sorts: Us and Them. It softens and hardens, waxes and wanes. Both sides have jobs to do, and sometimes try to understand each other while getting the job done." — Bud Collins, from his introduction

Since 1991, *The Best American Sports Writing* anthology has showcased the most memorable stories in the sports world, chronicled by the finest writers. This year's editor, the legendary journalist and commentator Bud Collins, has chosen twenty-seven pieces that delve deeply into the personalities of athletes of all stripes and the sports they love. Bound to captivate and delight fans of all sporting endeavors, this collection reads like literature, inviting the reader to look at sport in a new way.

From basketball, baseball, and boxing to rock climbing, horse racing, and championship poker playing, the selections in *The Best American Sports Writing 2001* present the inside story on the athletes who dominate the news and introduce those whose sports don't make the front page:

- a teenage basketball prodigy from Coney Island whose soft spoken good manners set him apart from the star players he hopes to emulate
- the danger and exhilaration of a trip to the shipwrecked *Andrea Doria*,

which divers call "the Mount Everest of scuba diving"

- a day in the life of Storm Cat, the world's number-one stud stallion
- the last days of Joe DiMaggio
- the incredible story of an eighty-three-year-old former Olympic miler who survived a Japanese prison camp and became a mentor to hundreds of children.

Included in this volume are articles by such perennial favorites as Rick Reilly, William Nack, Stephen Rodrick, Buzz Bissinger, and Charles P. Pierce (who is making a record seventh appearance in the collection), as well as Will Blythe, Doug Most, Bucky McMahon, Michael Leahy, David Owen, Tom Friend, James McManus, Ian Whitcomb, Kevin Conley, Geoffrey Douglas, Dave Kindred, Greg Child, Michael DiLeo, Touré, Robert Draper, Pete Kotz, Woody Woodburn, Vahe Gregorian, Charles M. Young, Gene Collier, Jim Harrison, and Beth Kephart.

About the Editors

For almost fifty years, **Bud Collins** has been one of America's premier sports journalists, best known for his tennis commentary on NBC and his sports column in the *Boston Globe*. He is the author of several books, including a memoir, *My Life with the Pros*. In 1994 he was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Panel Events for *The Best American Sports Writing 2001*

Boston Brookline Booksmith

November 12, 2001, 7 P.M.

Panelists: Glenn Stout, Bud Collins, Charles P. Pierce, Stephen Rodrick, Doug Most. Introduction by Bill Littlefield

New York

Barnes & Noble, 160 East 54th Street

November 13, 2001, 6:30 P.M.

Panelists: Bud Collins, Kevin Conley, Touré

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