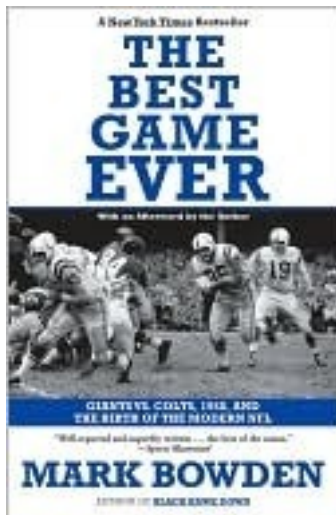

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Description

"On December 28, 1958, the New York Giants and Baltimore Colts met under the lights of Yankee Stadium for that season's NFL Championship game. Football, growing in popularity amid America's post-war economic boom, was still greatly overshadowed by the country's favored pastime - baseball - but the 1958 championship proved to be the turning point for pro football. In *The Best Game Ever*, Mark Bowden delivers a brilliant narrative on the 1958 NFL Championship game, the story behind the key players, and the effect the contest had on the modern game of football and today's NFL." "Played on a freezing Sunday evening in front of 64,000 fans and millions of television viewers around the country, the championship would go down as the greatest in football history. On the field and roaming the sidelines were seventeen future Hall of Famers, including Colts stars Johnny Unitas, Raymond Berry, and Gino Marchetti, and Giants greats Frank Gifford, Sam Huff, and assistant coaches Vince Lombardi and Tom Landry. The championship was a battle of the league's best offense - the Colts - versus its best defense - the Giants. It squared the blue-collar Baltimore team, many of whom worked off-season jobs selling liquor or taking shifts at Bethlehem Steel, against the glamour boys of the Giants squad who often appeared in TV commercials and were seen around town at trendy spots like Toots Shor's mingling with the likes of politicians and Broadway stars." "An estimated forty-five million viewers - at that time the largest crowd to have ever watched a football game - tuned in to see what would become the first sudden-death contest in NFL history. The Colts led at halftime, 14-3, but a courageous goal-line stand by the Giants in the beginning of the third quarter fueled a second-half comeback. The Giants took a three-point lead in the fourth quarter on a Frank Gifford touchdown. With two minutes left in regulation, Baltimore had possession deep in its own territory, and the ball in the hands of the still unproven quarterback Johnny Unitas." *The Best Game Ever* is a brilliant portrait of how a single game changed the history of American sports. Published to coincide with the fiftieth anniversary of the championship, it is destined to be a sports classic.

Insightful reviews

cameron: PURE TRUTH!

Kathy: This is a great book even if you know nothing about football or outright hate the game.

The author does a wonderful job of telling the story of a history-making contest. He liberally sprinkles the story with tidbits that surprise the listener -- little things that stay with you.

I never heard of Raymond Barry before but the fact that he only fumbled once in 13 years of pro-play is extraordinary.

I didn't realize Landry and Lombardi were coaches for the same team! Who knew? Two legendary men working for the same team --- and they LOST !?!?! In a sudden death overtime???. And the TV broadcast almost lost the last play???. What are the odds?

I hope the Mr. Bowden has more sports stories to tell.

Michael: The 1958 NFL championship game between the New York Giants and the Baltimore Colts is one of those games that sports legends are built around. Billed as "the best game ever," it was the moment when a multitude of factors came together to give birth to the most popular sport in the world, the NFL.

Unfortunately, footage of the game is lost to the ravages of time.

That only makes Mark Bowden's account of the game more compelling and extraordinary. Bowden interviews players who played in the game, coaches and staffs as well as looking at the unique series of factors that led to the crossroads in history. Bowden puts you in the action, making you feel like you're there, watching the game unfold or even playing the game. The story of the strategy, the hopes, the dreams and the game itself will keep you turning the pages. Even if you're not a football fan, you'll find something intriguing about this account of events.

Jeremy Perron: This e-book isn't really approximately one game, regardless of its title, relatively it truly is concerning the global during which the sport used to be played. it's performed in Dwight D. Eisenhower's the US the place individuals are discussing sputnik and the Rosenbergs. the place in case you have been a black player, enjoying for the Baltimore Colts, you needed to play in a urban that used to be segregated. the trendy Civil Rights Movement, which might ended in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, was once simply getting started, yet during this position that also appeared too a ways away. In the Nineteen Fifties baseball is the nationwide cross time and basketball is in moment with the Boston Celtics of invoice Russell being absolutely dominant. soccer was once not likely new, it have been round for over part a century, however it used to be nonetheless evolving. The publication captures this evolution and those that had made it so. Coaches, gamers and commissioners, all who had a hand in developing the fashionable video game are featured during this book. the 2 personalities that stand out the main are Johnny Unitas and Raymond Berry. This Championship video game will be performed at Yankee stadium as the Giants weren't vital sufficient to get there personal stadium. it'd be the 1st ever NFL video game to enter overtime. the 2 groups have been the Giants and the Colts, who as a Patriots fan I despise either making it in many ways a tricky ebook for me. however i'd hugely suggest this publication to an individual who want to recognize extra approximately this period within the background of football.

Phil: This ebook begins out strong. first-class heritage at the groups (NY Giants and Baltimore Colts) and best avid gamers competing within the 1958 NFL championship game. I specially loved the bankruptcy on Raymond Berry. the tale of the 1st 1/2 the sport is engrossing. Then because the video game grew to become tighter, better-played, and extra intriguing (second half), the writer did not stay alongside of it. Bowden frequently writes books that take approximately 3 to 5 years to analyze and positioned together. He stated he loved scripting this one, which took some distance much less time. The writing dropped off loads within the latter a part of the ebook that it gave the impression of the writer accomplished this one hurriedly so he may possibly visit one other project. that is what it felt prefer to me.

Rick: Bowden, a one-time beat reporter protecting the Eagles in Philadelphia and the writer of

Black Hawk Down, has written a trim and wonderful account of this vintage championship online game within the days earlier than the great Bowl, earlier than colour TV, earlier than great salaries (rookie specialist athletes making below public university teachers?), and sooner than the country was once pro-football crazy. It was once the 1st professional online game to arrive “sudden death” overtime—indeed, a number of the corridor of famers within the video game proposal the sport ended as a tie while the clock ran out within the fourth quarter. (Someone please ask for forgiveness to Donovan McNabb for no longer realizing that video games might lead to a tie if not anyone scored in commonplace season overtime.) Bowden additionally issues out that television used to be then like every different spectator on the game, that means in the event that they lower away to advertisement they have been no diversified than a fan going to a concession stand or a bathroom, the play endured with no them. the sport used to be performed on a bleak iciness field. Its motion captured for posterity in black and white images and film. (With just a little of garish pink right here and there it may be a Frank Miller movie come to life.) It made Johnny Unitas a brilliant star, Raymond Berry a legend, Frank Gifford a whiner (they noticed the ball on his third and brief rush wrong; he made the 1st down which might have allowed the Giants to expire the clock with a 3 aspect lead in regulation), and commenced the money registers of television and soccer convulsing with serial ca-chings! (Players who in 1958 have been making among 7-15,000 cash will be making 200, 300, even four hundred grand in below ten years. The networks begun a bidding struggle that maintains this day to offer dwell NFL games.) of the Giants assistant coaches went directly to develop into mythical head coaches of their personal correct (Vince Lombardi and Tom Landry.) a number of of the team of workers from this online game additionally had a job within the subsequent largest NFL video game each played, great Bowl III, the Jets disappointed victory over the Colts. Weeb Ewbank coached the Colts in 1958 and the Jets in 1969. Don Maynard and Johnny pattern have been function avid gamers within the 1958 online game yet key participants to the Jets disillusioned within the later game. And the 1958 game’s star, Johnny Unitas, was once introduced off the bench a decade later in a desperate, close to profitable try at rescuing the seriously preferred Colts. In 1958, the Colts received an heroic fit with plenty of drama and a number of other reversals of momentum. Bowden describes all of this very well, blending in anecdotes, history color, and transcripts from the radio broadcast of the game. It’s an exceptional learn for any soccer fan, rather for any Colts and Giants fans.

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