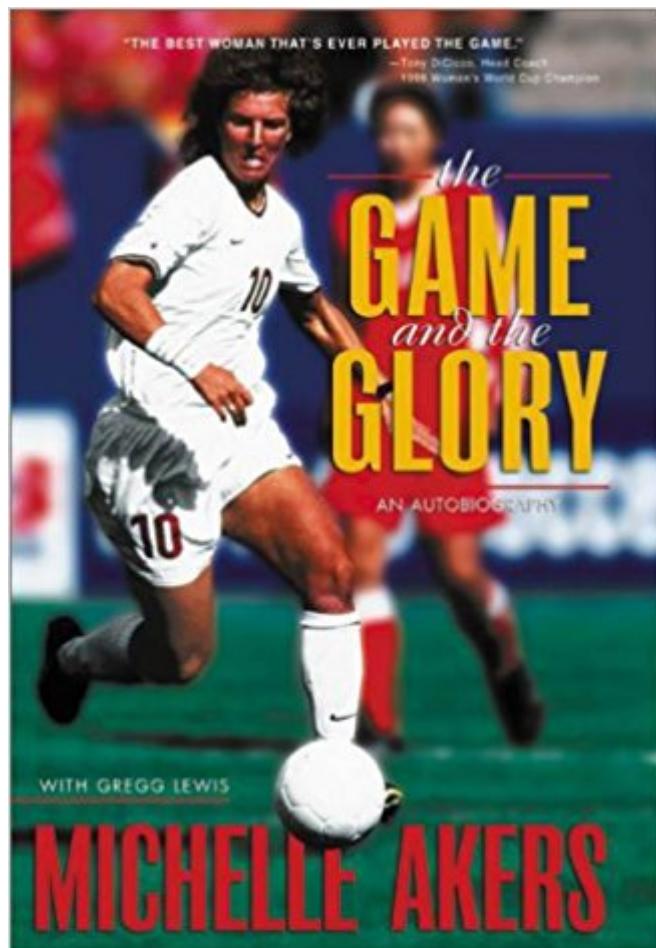


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# The Game And The Glory



## **Synopsis**

In addition to leading her teams to two World Cups and an Olympic Gold, Michelle Akers is a spokeswoman for the cause of soccer, women in general, and Jesus Christ. Her award-filled career, including the physical, personal, and spiritual struggles she has overcome, is the subject of this book.

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## **Customer Reviews**

As the world watched Brandi Chastain set up for her penalty kick, Michelle Akers lay on a training table beneath the Rose Bowl recovering from her efforts in the Women's World Cup final. She had been given two liters of fluid intravenously but was still woozy and it didn't register, at first, that Chastain had scored and the U.S. team had won. At her insistence, the doctor removed her IVs and she staggered out onto the field to join the celebration. As she stood in the center of the field, the capacity crowd began chanting "Aaa-kers! Aaa-kers! Aaa-kers!" U.S. Women's Team coach Tony DiCicco calls Akers "the best women who's ever played the game." Her fellow 1999 Women's World Cup champions describe her as "a true warrior" and "the heart and soul of this team." In *The Game and the Glory*, Akers tells the story of her life both on and off the field, and the faith and determination that keep her going--despite a troubled home life, countless injuries, and her battle against CFIDS (Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome). Akers's candor is refreshing; she doesn't paint herself as an angel or take a holier-than-thou attitude. Her Christian faith, simply put, is

what allows her to succeed. An inspirational book. --Sunny Delaney

Akers, a member of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team since its inception in 1985, was at 33 the oldest player when the team won the magical World Cup Final at the Rose Bowl in 1999. Along the way, she suffers her parents' divorce, 12 knee operations, and, most remarkably for an elite athlete, a diagnosis of CFIDS (chronic fatigue immune dysfunction syndrome). Sapping her energy and requiring post-game intravenous injections, this illness made it impossible for her to train and play at her usual "all-out" level. Much of the book deals with how she overcame CFIDS by combining her innate competitive focus and perseverance with Christian faith. She has founded a ministry to spread the Christian message through soccer. We see Akers the incredible athlete but also the ordinary person kidding around with teammates and afraid of public speaking. An excellent addition to public and academic libraries. (Photos not seen.)--Kathy Ruffle, formerly with Coll. of New Caledonia Lib., Prince George, BC Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Michelle Akers is embarrassingly underrated in the world of women's sports, and I don't know if its because of her outspoken Christian faith, or because some people don't think shes as pretty as Mia Hamm, but she is a BAD ASS. Everything she overcame in order to continue dominating in her sport is just awesome, in the true sense of the word. This book is rough-edged, real, and will make you feel like a total sissy if you're not pursuing your own dreams with everything you've got. I recommend this book WAY above anything else to come out of the US Women's National Soccer Team, except for Hope Solo's Book, which should really accompany it. Together, the books seem to get down into the honest experience of being on that team, being a woman playing a sport on any team, and just being a woman who will stand up strong for what she believes in, and what she wants out of herself, team or no. Michelle Akers is an incredible woman, and this book will really teach you something about conquering your limitations, and being the best you can be.

I really enjoyed this autobiography! Being an avid soccer player and fan, I was hooked. It's always cool having a glimpse into the behind the scenes life of such an incredible soccer player and role model. Her story is incredible...the struggles, the falls, and the victories that she shares both in her professional career as a soccer player and her personal story are inspirational.

Great book, love to see the midset of a top level athlete.

Michelle Akers is by far the greatest female soccer player ever! The US team did not get as much exposure to the public in her time but when you read all the health obstacles she endured especially during the championship game, it brings tears to my eyes.

Awesome book for girls who play soccer and their families. Great background into women's soccer history by one of the best women soccer stars. Reads well. Very happy with purchase and would like to find more books like this about female athletes.

Amazing woman. Worth the read. I don't know much about soccer, but I have a newfound respect for the game. Michelle Akers has done so much for women's sports.

Great for my 10 year old granddaughter whose goal is to be on the US National team. Very much appreciated the work ethic, values, and sacrifice that she wrote about.

The Game and the Glory is an outstanding book. The life of Michelle Akers is an incredible story of courage and faith. This autobiography shares intimate details of Michelle's life which allow you to feel the passion, the pain, the glory, and the love this special person has shared with so many. It was a pleasure to read and very gripping, you'll have a hard time putting it down. By reading this book you will clearly understand what makes an athlete - WORLD CLASS. You'll experience the training process, the playing field, the locker room, the awards ceremonies as well as the pain of CFIDS, multiple injuries, and some of her hard life experiences. There are many great players in the world but it takes something special to make it to the top. Michelle has that something and you'll be inspired when you experience her story first hand. She not only made it to the top but stayed! I also listened to the tapes which are read by Michelle (mainly) and it was just like she was riding along in my truck, sharing her life with me. The passion alone took me from tears to cheers - I HIGHLY recommend you read this one!

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