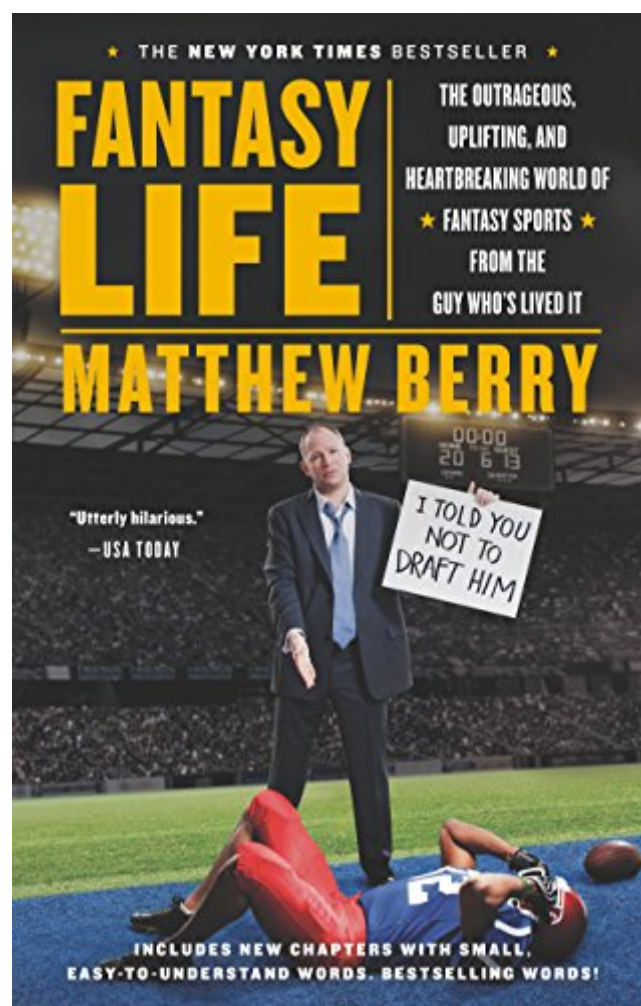




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Fantasy Life: The Outrageous, Uplifting, And Heartbreaking World Of Fantasy Sports From The Guy Who's Lived It



Synopsis

Includes new chapters with small, easy-to-understand words. Bestselling words! Fantasy football, fantasy baseball, fantasy basketball, even fantasy sumo wrestling: the world of fantasy sports is huge, and still growing. Today, more than 35 million people in the United States and Canada spend hours upon hours each week on their fantasy sports teams. And as the Senior Fantasy Sports Analyst for ESPN, Matthew Berry is on the front lines of what has grown from a niche subculture into a national pastime. In his *New York Times*-bestselling *Fantasy Life*, Berry celebrates every aspect of the fantasy sports world. Brilliant trash talk. Unbelievable trophies. Insane draft day locations. Shake-your-head-in-disbelief punishments. Ingenious attempts at cheating. And surprisingly uplifting stories that remind us why we play these games in the first place. Written with the same award-winning style that has made Berry one of the most popular columnists on ESPN.com, *Fantasy Life* is a book for both hard-core fantasy players and people who have never played before. Between tales of love and hate, birth and death, tattoos and furry animal costumes, the White House Situation Room and a 126-pound golden pelican, Matthew chronicles his journey from a fourteen-year-old fantasy player to the face of fantasy sports for the largest sports media company in the world. Fantasy will save your life. Fantasy will set you free. And fantasy life is most definitely better than real life. You'll see.

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Customer Reviews

This book was recommended to me by a friend since I was getting into fantasy sports, so I decided to give it a read. Now in full disclosure I got the audiobook version of this book. I believe the author Matthew Berry read this book and his voice was the perfect voice for this book. This book talks about fantasy sports and the stories that common people have when playing fantasy sports. This is not a book of tips about playing daily and/or season long fantasy sports, but about the successes, failures, and struggles that people have playing fantasy. Many of the stories are very funny while others are serious as well as some that are life threatening. The combination of the different stories reminded me of the show The League on FX. This book was a breath of fresh air to know that many people play fantasy sports and have stories about people coming together for an event. I highly recommend this book for fantasy sport lovers in your family. I will even recommend this for non fantasy sports lovers because of the brotherhood or sisterhood that it provides.

This book is not just about fantasy sports. It's about life. It's about a man and his perilous journey to change the face of the sports world permanently through fantasy. It's about victory and defeat. It's about bringing together the most unlikely of people to bond over imaginary teams; celebrating and trash talking for victors, moaning, griping, and girly tattoo's for the losers. (Click past the break). Berry weaves a wonderful web of stories that will reach deep into your soul and inspire you to grab your very first fantasy team. As he tells his own tale of climbing from the plains of Hollywood treachery to the mountain top of becoming the Senior Fantasy Analyst at ESPN he shares stories of average Joes that are instantly relate-able. Chapters like "The Top 20 Most Soul-Crushing Ways to Lose" and "No one Seems to Realize That Adrian Peterson Isn't a Parishioner" will have people staring at you as you laugh out loud from Berry's great wit and humor. To my friends who don't watch Rated-R movies: There are a few portions of the book that are sexual or derogatory. I wouldn't say this is a Rated-R book, but Berry isn't trying to offend anyone; he's simply sharing true stories from fantasy players across the globe. With that said, I need to go pre-order my own (hard) copy. Fantasy Baseball is mid-season and I am in 4th, just a few games out of first and Fantasy Football is right around the corner! Thanks Mr. Berry for this book, and for sharing all those great fantasy sports moments. I know I'll be a better player and commissioner because of it. Read this

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Mathew Berry TMR, is arguably one of the pioneers of fantasy sports in the mainstream. Admittedly, I purchased this book to get some fantasy advice and that is not really the purpose of the book. In fact, that is not the purpose of this book AT ALL. But after reading the first chapter you'll be hooked. Berry goes through different anecdotes both from his own life and other fantasy players from different walks of life. He takes you through the progression and evolution of fantasy sports. Great Read!

I really enjoyed reading Berry's book. You get a whole new view of his life that you don't get from ESPN tv or his podcasts. By the way if you don't listen to his podcast, Fantasy Football Now, do it. Now I take on the difficult task of trying to get my wife to read this book!

A must have for any fantasy sports player. I have listened to Matthew berry for years on his Fantasy Focus podcast and this book was a very light and fun read to add to my fantasy obsession. The stories in this book really show you how fantasy players come from all walks of life and this book sheds some light into the obsession that has started to sweep the nation in the past few years. This could be a great Christmas present to the fantasy player in your life or could help you to understand what fantasy sports are all about. The book is written as a collection of stories which all help to tell Matthew's extraordinary life and has plenty of humor throughout. Highly recommended.

I read Matthew Berry's columns every week of the fantasy football season and enjoy them thoroughly. I also follow him on twitter, check out many of his appearances on ESPN and listen to his 06010 Fantasy Focus Football podcast religiously. So I'm a little biased. While the book is by no means a great piece of literature its a strong and fun collection of storytelling about Mr. Berry's and others' experiences with fantasy sports. It's easy to read and especially nice over the summer (when I read it) as the fantasy football season is approaching. If you're someone who enjoys the TV show The League (which generated my interest in fantasy sports in the first place) you'll definitely enjoy this book. If you enjoy playing fantasy sports many of the stories will resonate with you. What I liked best about the book though was its autobiographical features. As someone who engages with a great deal of Mr. Berry's content (although admittedly for me it was kind of in reverse - I'd read his articles prior to buying the book but listened to his podcasts avidly only after) it was really nice to learn about his story and how he got into the business in the first place. It's really nice to know all

about where he's coming from when you read his stuff or listen to his commentary and humor on the 06010.

While there are lots of laughs in this book, I especially enjoyed that he was so open and honest with his life. It's never too late to start over. He proves it.

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