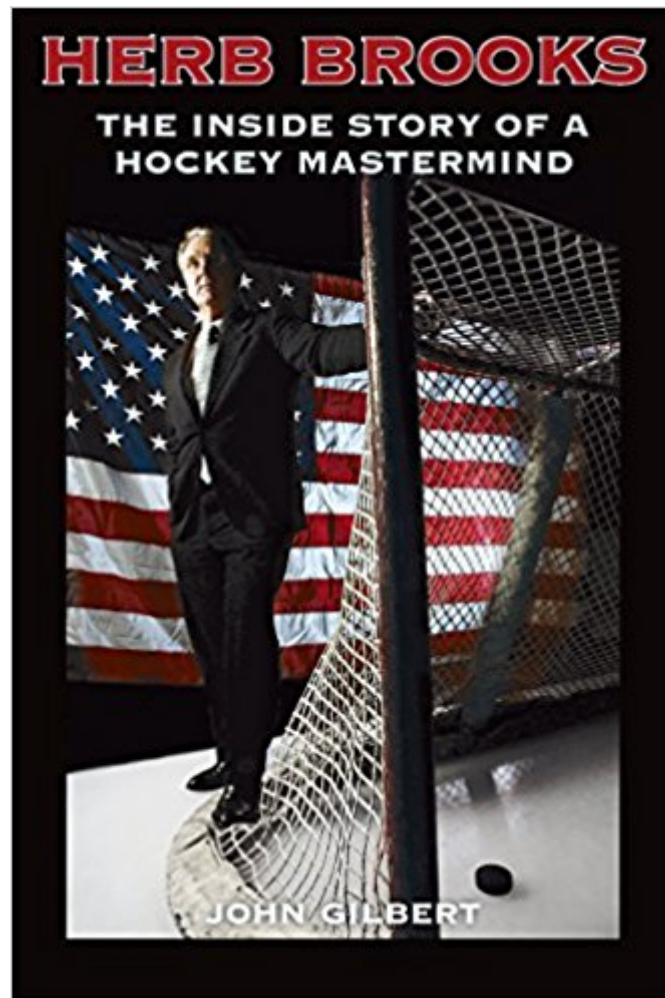




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Herb Brooks: The Inside Story Of A Hockey Mastermind



Synopsis

The U. S. hockey team's victory at the 1980 Olympics was a "Miracle on Ice"—a miracle largely brought about by Herb Brooks, the legendary coach who forged that invincible team. Famously antagonistic toward the press at Lake Placid, Brooks nonetheless turned to sportswriter John Gilbert after each game, giving his longtime friend and confidant what became the most comprehensive coverage of the 1980 team. This book is Gilbert's memoir of Brooks. Neither strictly biography or tell-all exposé, *Herb Brooks: The Inside Story of a Hockey Mastermind* is the story of an extraordinary man as it emerged in the course of a remarkable friendship.

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St. Paul Pioneer Press, December 6, 2008 (circ.: 184,500) "The book fans of Herb Brooks waited nearly 30 years for has finally reached bookstores | This book reminds us how much everyone in the hockey world misses Brooks, who died in a car accident on Aug. 11, 2003, on his way home from a hockey fundraising golf event on the Iron Range. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Herb Brooks, the legendary coach who forged the invincible 1980 "Miracle on Ice" team, was famously antagonistic toward the press. Nonetheless, he turned time and time again to sportswriter John Gilbert, giving his friend and confidant what became the most comprehensive coverage of the 1980 team. This book is Gilbert's memoir of Brooks's

entire coaching career – the story of an extraordinary man seen through the lens of a remarkable friendship. Gilbert became a friend of Brooks – and, at times, his most astute critic – while covering the coach's 1970s University of Minnesota teams. Now, for the first time, Gilbert relates rollicking anecdotes and memories from former players, illuminating Brooks' hard-nosed coaching methods and his incomparable character. Beginning with Brooks' youth hockey days in East St. Paul and his ill-fated stint with the 1960 gold medal-winning Olympic team, Gilbert goes on to dissect the coach's tenure with the Gophers and the Lake Placid story, from the selection process through the Games themselves. Throughout this and later chapters on Brooks' coaching turns with St. Cloud State, four NHL teams, and the 2002 U.S. Olympic squad, readers are treated to impossibly colorful quotes, rare photographs from Brooks' playing and coaching careers. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I was always a big fan of Herb's accomplishments, but not of the way I observed him interact with my broadcast partner, Bob Miller, years ago. Now I understand it better as part of Herb's rivalry with Badger Bob Johnson. Bob Miller had been the voice of the Badgers, and evidently was thought to be part of that camp, even though this happened 7 years after he had departed Madison for the career he still enjoys with the Los Angeles Kings. I am aware of other confrontations as well, particularly one attack on another broadcasting colleague of mine in a post-game rant, that were particularly distasteful. However, if you have read the biographies of Steven Jobs, you probably didn't walk away liking him, either. Gilbert's friendship with Brooks is the key to his insights, which are very strong, even down the philosophy of the x's and the o's. That understanding is what makes this book worthwhile!

A wonderful story when i was growing up in the Twin Cities, memories of watching many of those players in the Minnesota State Hockey tournament and then playing for the Gophers; A great era of Minnesota hockey. It was wonderful to read about the Herb Brooks that the public wasn't able to see. It's unfortunate, that we are still stuck with the "dump and chase" version of Canadian hockey, instead of a version that emphasizes creativity, fluidity, skill and puck possession. Amazing that the US v USSR game was not televised.

I grew up in Minnesota, played hockey up through high school, coached and refereed in my adult years. I have always been a huge Gopher fan, even though I no longer live in Minnesota. I was

fortunate enough to meet Herb a few times, and have great memories of the kind of person he was. He was one of those rare, gifted people, who just have this "aura" about them. My conversations with him left me feeling amazing afterwards. He saw something positive in every situation, and something good in everyone. I was saddened when he died. We lost an incredible man, and a true hero.

I thoroughly enjoyed and was considerably enlightened about Herb Brooks and his unique style of coaching and psychology; he used new techniques and his own individual style to groom a bunch of college kids to defeat the greatest of the world's professional hockey team at the '80 Olympics. He was very good; the book reflected this.

The book delves in to the stories behind the story. I was in the third grade when the Miracle on Ice happened. So I remember some things, but not a lot... This book (along with the movie "Miracle" of course) helps fill in the details. THE GREATEST TEAM UPSET IN HISTORY!!!

Look we all know about the Herbie Miracle on ice. But the author does a great job telling his background, some quiet insights before, and after the miracle game. Bought and loaded onto kindle. Great book. Her Brooks RIP American hockey misses you.

Inspiration and an outline for myself as a coach. The innovative mind he had makes me realize that something new is never wrong, until it doesn't work.

Great insight into the life and career of a great coach! Absolutely loved this book!

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